



President's Message

Welcome to the first edition of the HGH quarterly publication, The Q Report. You'll find news and information about our programs, the donors who support us, and our dedicated employees. You'll read heart touching stories about the people we serve, our Board members, the individuals who volunteer their time for us, and the generous organizations that help sustain our programs. And from time to time, we'll include legislative updates – what's working, what's not, and how you can help. We hope you'll enjoy the newsletter as much as we enjoy sharing our stories.

Mark Klaus
President & CEO

Our Mission:

To improve the lives of those we serve.

Our Vision:

To be recognized as the premier provider of a dynamic spectrum of individualized services supporting persons with special needs.



Our New Resource Center

In August of this year, Home of Guiding Hands officially opened it's doors to a new 23,409 square foot Resource Center in El Cajon. Our programs and support staff are now under one roof.

The direct services provided to clients at this location include, early childhood development, nursing, art therapy, counseling, behavioral services, and speech and language development.



Entrance to the original HGH Campus

HGH has come a long way in 50 years from the campus in Lakeside to a facility where new and innovative programs can be realized, people with developmental disabilities can be better supported, training for staff can be facilitated, and families can

gather in support of their loved ones.

Stop by for a tour at 1908 Friendship Drive, El Cajon, 92020. We're open from 8-4:30 and welcome all visitors.

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Adopt a Home for the Holidays

A tradition our clients look forward to every year is their annual holiday party. It's the charitable giving of people like you that make this possible.

Please take part in this wonderful tradition and adopt a home for the holiday.

For information contact Jessica Brandon at 619-938-2854 or visit our website at www.guidinghands.org.

2016 - Santa drops in to deliver gifts to Kevin and his housemates



Picking Apples

On a crisp autumn day in September, a group of eager HGH residents took a day trip to Julian. They visited Volcan Apple Orchard, where they enjoyed fresh mountain air, beautiful blue skies, and an apple picking adventure. They enjoyed a lovely lunch in the rustic Rongbranch Restaurant and topped off their day with apple pie a la mode at Mom's Pie House. It was a day they'll all remember.

Norine, Sandy, and Cindy from our Residential Program.

Volunteers at Work

HGH Board member, Rick Doremus, along with fellow members from San Carlos United Methodist Church, once again volunteered their time in helping HGH. Through their "labor for your neighbor" program, this group dedicates hundreds of hours assisting individuals and organizations in the community.

Rick and his group spent two days working on the front lawn of Ventana house, giving it a much needed makeover. The residents and staff are incredibly grateful for their time and energy in creating a beautiful landscape for the home. With 31 houses to maintain, HGH depends on community outreach programs like these to provide warm and inviting homes for our clients. Thank you to Rick and his team.



Saying Goodbye

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to a beloved man who gave so much to his community - Mr. Bill Verbeck.

Bill and his wife Norma, who passed five years ago, started giving to HGH in 1964, sponsoring events, attending holiday festivities, serving on the HGH Board of Directors, and generously supporting our programs and services.

Bill had a great sense of humor and a big heart. He brought so many smiles to our clients. He will be missed by all those who had the fortunate opportunity in knowing him.

HGH Conference Speakers

On August 8, 2017, Steve Grieger and Aimee Morrison attended the National Association of Qualified Developmental Disability Professionals conference in Cleveland, Ohio. This conference is the national gold standard of services and supports for people with special needs.

Their topic of presentation entitled *The Big Haul, The Long Picture: Perspectives on Long-Term Leadership*, entailed a humorous and candid panel discussion embracing years of jaw-dropping anecdotes, the struggles to stay motivated, person-centered success stories, and passing the torch to a new generation.



Steve and Aimee at the podium



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Upcoming Events

Randy Jones Run/Walk

Saturday, February 17, 2018
Crown Point Park

For more information contact Jessica Brandon at
619-938-2854 or jessica@guidinghands.org

Milestone Staff Anniversaries (Aug-Oct)

Thank you for your years of dedication

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AFHA - Adult Family Home Agency
Counseling

CLP - Community Living Program

ECD - Early Childhood Development

Life Planning

Residential

Respite

Transportation

Careers Opportunities

Join our team! We are hiring for a variety of positions and offer perks and benefits that include health coverage, accrued paid time off, 403b retirement plan, and discounted service at Verizon or Sprint. Apply online at www.guidinghands.org/careers.

Volunteer Opportunities

You can **play a valuable role in helping HGH** meet the needs of the people we serve. We are seeking individuals, groups, and service organizations to lend a helping hand with special events, small maintenance/repair projects for the homes, and/or in-office mailings.

For more information:

Jessica Brandon, Events Coordinator

619-938-2854 or jessica@guidinghands.org



Out of every dollar you give, .89 cents goes directly back to our programs and services.

HGH programs and services support more than 2,500 individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities each year. Be our partner in honoring, advocating for, and empowering these amazing individuals.

Make a donation at www.guidinghands.org