

Hello friends! WOW! What a couple of months it has been! Since coming on board in November, a lot has been happening around our office and Thrift Store! We've reinstated our sale days and inventory "dot" system in the Thrift Store. We donated a couple of couches and chairs (that had been in the store for a bit) to our friends at UCP Modesto and Turlock for their Day Program members. We also donated household hardware supplies to Habitat for Humanity's Restore because that's where people go for hardware! And we are bringing some hygiene items to our friends at the Shower Shuttle. So not only does our Thrift Store benefit Society's programs and services, our surplus also enables us to help other community organizations! Thanks for bringing donations in! We are in need of items all the time, so don't forget us when you're spring cleaning- spring is coming!



Snowfest 2019 was a success because of all of the support from our fundraisers, volunteers and participants. We've raised approx. \$40,000 and should have a solid total next week, as we have some pending donations that just came in to be processed! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Pacific Southwest Container generously donated 5 computers to our office staff- much appreciated! We also received a couple of grants over the last few months, so we are looking good!

Our 2019 Wild West Gala: Jeans and Jewels had to be moved up from our usual October slot because of conflicts with our venue. But we are all set for SATURDAY, SEPT 28th at the DURRER BARN! I can't wait for this year's Gala! Save the date and start thinking about what you might help us get for auction items- we always need your help.

We've presented to a few organizations; Salida Rotary Club, Gallo Winery Employee's enABLE group, Modesto City Schools CAC and the Central Valley Special Needs Network meeting. ModestoFlex Rotary Club also helped us clean out the Thrift Store as a service project this month. Things are happening! Our newest program, BUDDY CLUB, in partnership with UCP takes place on Friday, March 22nd at UCP in Modesto from 4-7pm. This is a socialization and "hang out" opportunity for our friends with disABILITIES to come together and have some fun. This is something I have wanted to do for a long time, provide a spot for friends to hang out, without parents (you know what I mean) and just be with friends! We are very excited about this partnership! We are having snacks, crafts, karaoke, dancing, movies and more! More info on our website at www.societyfordisabilities.org

Society would also like to offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Donn Fassero. Dr. Fassero was a Warren Miller film fan and supported the Society through the event with his family. Dr. Fassero's family chose to have remembrances made in honor of Dr. Fassero to Society for disABILITIES to further his legacy of creating opportunities and working with those with disABILITIES. Dr. Fassero was a very well-known and well respected Orthopedic Surgeon in Modesto for many years. Thank you for all you did for your patients, Dr. Fassero. You are sorely missed. Our prayers and well wishes continue to go out to his family and friends in our community. Thank you for your donations.

Until next time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Allen".

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