Dear Reader

The theme of DRC’s Fall Newsletter is “We are Community.” This is taken from our GO LBC Program pictures on page 3 and talked about in my article below. Hence, all the united hands and pictures of our beloved community.

Our sense of community was evident at “Reaching for the Stars,” our 42nd Annual Awards Dinner. Thank you, Board President and Dinner Chair, Aida B. Douglas, plus our entire Board of Directors, along with our Staff and Volunteers, for all of their hard work in making the Dinner such a fun and successful evening, in more ways than one.

We made more money than at any other previous Dinner. Additionally, the event included a full house, a beautiful new venue—The Grand Event Center—and outstanding awardees, including the Honorable Dr. Robert Garcia, Mayor of Long Beach, recipient of DRC’s Civic Leadership Award. See page 2 for pictures of the Dinner.

See the Goldenrod insert for a list of our awesome Dinner Sponsors and Supporters, as well as Contributors throughout the year. Because of all of your sense of community and generous spirit, DRC’s important Mission has helped to reach thousands of children, men, women, and families.

Another summer achievement involved the “Get Organized—Leadership Beyond the Classroom” (GO LBC) session, held in June and July at Millikan High School. Congratulations to Gino Elliot and his Team for this successful Transitional Youth Summer Program, pictured on page 3. GO LBC starts up again in September, with our staff working with LBUSD students at Tucker School.

We have also started a new monthly Smart Device Training. See article on page 3.

I am so proud of DRC’s Job Developers, for motivating and working to find employment for two of DOR’s most challenging consumers. First was a consumer with a disability, that had tried for 3 years unsuccessfully to get employed. Congratulations, DRC’s Job Developers, and the newly employed consumer, who has found a job that he loves!

Additionally, there was a 30-year DOR consumer with a disability, who had almost given up hope of ever finding employment. DRC’s Job Developers took over and assisted in finding employment for this lucky consumer.

We have had some great site visits over the summer, such as: Carmen Varela, new Director, CSULB Disabled Student Services; Herlinda Chico, Field Deputy to Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District; Francisco Carrillo, District Director to Congresswoman Nannette Barragan, 44th District; Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, 2nd District, Long Beach; Lisa Hayes. DRC’s SILC Liaison; Compton DOR; Deborah Miller, new President, Molina Healthcare; Yolanda Tenorio. Care 1st/Blue Shield; and Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, for training. Check out some of the pictures on page 2.

We love visitors, and would like to invite you to come and see what’s new at DRC. You’ll be amazed at the 75-inch screen in our large conference room, which we use for frequent trainings. (Wish I had one at home to watch movies.)

Just call us to let us know when you want to come visit, and we’ll be waiting for you with open arms and a warm handshake!

Gratefully,

Dolores Nason,
Executive Director
At California State University Long Beach (CSULB), enjoying lunch and each other’s company, left to right: Kate Adamson, DRC Job Developer/ Community Liaison; Carmen Varela, Director, CSULB Disabled Student Services; Dolores Nason, DRC’s Executive Director.

Volunteer Greg, 2nd District Council Member Jeannine Pearce, Executive Director Dolores, and Job Developer Kate
Participants in DRC’s “GO LBC” Transitional Youth Summer Program, presented in partnership with LBUSD at Millikan High School.

CONSUMER COMMENTS

Tichenor Clinic for Children

Keeping Adelaide’s Vision

Dear Richard,

Thanks to YOU, our Super Hero Carnival was a HUGE success! You gave our SUPER HEROES valuable resource information connecting them to a bigger community!

“The Heart of a VOLUNTEER is not measured in size but by the depth of their commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.”

Thank you for sharing your time and resources on our special day to celebrate our SUPER HEROES - the children at Tichenor Clinic for Children. No matter who they are or where they are on their life’s journey, you are making sure that SUPER HEROES are welcome in our community. You helped us celebrate our SUPER HEROES today and honor the hard work they do to reach their potential.

In keeping with the vision of Adelaide Tichenor, the Clinic has been providing various rehabilitative services for children for over 90 years. We believe that every child eligible for services should have access to them regardless of their family’s ability to cover the cost of care. And, although we serve hundreds of children in our community each year, the need for our services continues to rise. We are grateful for your support of the SUPER HEROES in our community.

Warm regards,

Lori DeLaaney, PT, DPT, MHA Executive Director

June 5, 2018

Disabled Resource Center
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Via Email r.hernandez@drcinc.org

Students develop resiliency skills through their participation in the varied activities, demonstrate positive attitudinal change regarding school, their peers, and parents, and have increased self-esteem. Students engage in all activities and reflect on their learning experiences. They abide by the rules and meet the expectations as future leaders.
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Mission Statement:
To empower people with disabilities to live independently in the community, to make their own decisions about their lives and to advocate on their own behalf.

September 2018

3rd – Labor Day Holiday (Center Closed)
5th – Homeless Coalition Meeting @ Goodwill Industries @ 9:00am
7th – GO LBC Transitional Youth Program starts @ Tucker School LBUSD
10th – PASC Board Meeting @ 1:00pm
10th – Computer Job Searching Lab @ 9:00am-11:30am

October 2018

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)
1st – Beginning of DRC’s New Fiscal Year
1st – PASC Board Meeting @ 1:00pm
3rd – Homeless Coalition Meeting @ Goodwill Industries @ 9:00am
8th – Computer Job Searching Lab @ 9:00am-11:30am
12th – DRC Advocacy Group Meeting @ NRC @ 2:30
18th – The Great California Shakeout Earthquake Drill
18th – LB Transit Paratransit Advisory Committee Meeting
22nd – Access Board of Directors Meeting @ LA Metro
22nd – Last day to register to vote in next Election
24th & 26th – Job Club @ DRC @ 8:30am-11:30am
25th – DRC Board Meeting @ 5:30pm @ DRC
29th – PC/SSE Class Graduation @ DRC @ 1:00pm
30th – LA Care Patient Advocacy Committee @ 1:00pm
31st – Happy Halloween (BOO)

November 2018

5th – PASC Board Meeting @ 1:00pm
6th – Election Day—Remember to Vote!
7th – Homeless Coalition Meeting @ Goodwill Industries @ 9:00am
9th – DRC Advocacy Group Meeting @ NRC @ 2:30
12th – Veterans Day Holiday (Observed) (Center Closed)
14th & 16th – Job Club @ DRC @ 8:30am-11:30am
22nd – Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Center Closed)
23rd – Day After Thanksgiving Holiday (Center Closed)
28th – Access Board of Directors Annual Meeting @ California Endowment Center