

HIGHLIGHTS

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A Children & Youth Services Newsletter for Volunteers & Mentors of CYS-Project Together

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For Your Information...

The date for the CYS-Project Together annual mentor/match picnic has been set for Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, at Mile Square Park. There are rumblings that this might be a howling Halloween Brouhaha, but for now, the secrets are still with the skeletons in the closet. Regardless, put it on your calendar with a note to wear comfortable clothes and a happy face because, as always, we are going to have fun...

Be prepared for a full fall line up of CYS-Project Together activities. Mark your calendars: In addition to the picnic, a mentor training about "How to Cope with Difficult Situations by South/Costa Mesa Regional Volunteer Coordinator, Jonathan Schiesel, is on the schedule for Oct. 8, 10, 15, 17 and 22. For our mentors' convenience, each session will be held in a different region of the county. The annual CYS-PT Holiday BouTEAque is slated for mid-November, and will be marked by some exciting changes. CYS-Project Together staff members are conducting a series of Santa's Workshops to get ready for this event. Watch the newsletter for further details...

Thank you to all who have generously shared their favorite recipes, including some family secret treasures with CYS-Project Together for our soon-to-be-released "Sweet, Savory & Sassy" cookbook. This is a collaborative effort with our community partner, the Mental Health Association (MHA), and features recipes from staff, volunteers

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Therapist Spotlight

Therapist Lynda Akiyama Loves Working With Children



Lynda Akiyama, MSW, Clinical Social Worker at the Child Guidance Center in Fullerton, has always enjoyed working with children.

When she joined the team at the Fullerton location in 1998, it was her first experience providing therapy to children. "I found that the newness of being a therapist was a challenge, but it felt good to be providing direct services to youth," says Lynda. She enjoys having the opportunity to work with children and their families, as well as being able to collaborate with other county programs and utilize their resources for the benefit of her clients.

Recently, Lynda began using CYS-Project Together (CYS-PT) mentors as a resource for her clients after hearing about the program from other therapists. She is excited about this type of partnership which allows volunteers from the community to support the therapeutic process by becoming involved one-on-one with a child.

As a matter of fact, she feels that all of her clients could benefit from having a mentor because everyone could use a positive role model in his/her life. She has been able to track first hand

the impact CYS-PT mentors have had on her clients. One mentor, who has worked consistently with one of Lynda's clients for a year, has provided the client with constructive activities and has broadened the child's exposure to the community. The child looks forward to the weekly outings with the mentor and has become happier, more optimistic, more trusting and more interested in outside activities as a result.

"This mentor and client have been a successful match. They hold similar interests, spend time sharing these interests and have learned new things from one another," according to Lynda's assessment. She has found the CYS-Project Together mentoring program to be valuable in helping her clients develop a constructive approach to life by exposing them to new experiences and challenges and by helping them develop relationships of trust.

When Lynda was exploring her career options, she chose social work. It seemed like "a good fit" because she knew from an early age that she wanted to work with children. Subsequently, she obtained her B.A. degree in Psychology from the University of California at Irvine and her Master's in Social Work

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Volunteers Are Special!

Working With Youth Is Best Way to Spend Time

Chuck Blanford's philosophy is to "jump in with both feet" and be committed to the task of making a connection to make a difference.

Chuck has been a CYS-Project Together mentor in South Region/Laguna since May, but has been successfully mentoring youth in one way or another most of his adult life.

"What better way to spend your spare time, than working with youth in Southern California?" according to Chuck. "I found a great opportunity through CYS-Project Together. After my initial meeting with Lee Boon, (Volunteer Coordinator, South/Laguna), I was firmly convinced that this project was just right for me," he said.

"I found a great opportunity through CYS-Project Together."

Chuck is mentoring a 10-year-old boy with whom he has shared time and activities at local parks, at the beach skimming rocks, going to the movies, and even attending a baseball game and barbecue with other mentors. Chuck was delighted with the chance to meet other adults serving as mentors with CYS-Project Together and to realize how devoted they are. He plans a trip to the zoo and several more trips to the beach, a favorite of his mentee, before the end of summer.

Mentoring and working with youth comes naturally to Chuck. He has had extensive experience working with children and teenagers in various capacities. He spent four years as a scout master, helping the troop grow from 10 boys to 60. He and his wife, Pat, keep in contact with the boys from the troop who are now grown. He also has served as a volunteer with Match-2



Prisoner Outreach Program at the California Youth Authority (CYA) and has maintained contact with his match through regular letters and phone calls every other week. Chuck and his fellow employees at Parker Hannifin Corp. have donated 2,500 books, magazines and videotapes to the CYA program.

Chuck has also served over the years as the "mentor next door" for the youth in his neighborhood and the children of co-workers. His efforts included helping boys and young men with their school work; listening to the teenager with drug and family problems; and providing direction to the 16-year-old, who at one time lived in a van. He still maintains contact with those he has mentored. Two even ended up working for him for several years.

Manager of Materials & Processing Engineering for Parker Hannifin Corp.'s Irvine, CA, and Ogden, Utah, locations for the past 25 years, Chuck holds a degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He has been married to his wife for 38 years, and has a daughter, Teri, a son-in-law John, and two grandsons, Tyler and Spencer. Chuck attributes his successes in his volunteer work to the support and long-time assistance of his wife, who he says has spent many an anniversary at a scout meeting or helping to collect papers for

a fund-raiser. Both look forward to spending their retirement years volunteering and helping others.

"Success in any endeavor requires 'jumping in with both feet', being fully committed and never losing contact with these individuals as the years progress," says Chuck.

—Information for this article was contributed by Lee Boon, Volunteer Coordinator, South Region/Laguna

Quotable Quote

"Every child is born a genius."

—Richard Buckminster Fuller

Therapist Spotlight

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from California State University at Long Beach. Lynda's career experiences include working as a case manager in a foster care agency, serving as a foster care program coordinator and providing development and psychotherapy for teenage pregnancy prevention. However, she attained her lifelong goal of becoming a therapist for children, when she joined the team at the Child Guidance Center.

—Information for this article was contributed by Sunney Shin, Volunteer Coordinator, North Region

SEPTEMBER 2002

Calendar of Events

The CYS-Project Together Calendar is a collection of affordable, fun, wholesome and interesting events that can be enjoyed by children, teens and adults. To submit an item for the calendar, please call (714)796-0100.

Monday, Sept. 2 **Labor Day Family Funfest**

Nixon Library
18001 Yorba Linda Blvd.
Yorba Linda
(714)993-3393

Square dancing, sing-along concert and exhibits will be featured on this day. Hot dogs and cold drinks will be sold by Boy Scouts as a camp fund-raiser.

Time: 2 p.m.
Cost: Free

Monday, Sept. 2 **Cruz Night Car Show**

Las Flores Hand Car Wash
28622 Oso Parkway
Las Flores
(949)888-6581

This is a hot rod cruz with cool cars, give aways and opportunity drawing.

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Cost: Free

Wednesday, Sept. 4 **"Spice"**

Concert in the Park

Hart Park Band Shell
701 Glassell
Orange
(714)744-7278

Time: 7 p.m.
Cost: Free

Friday to Sunday **Sept. 6-8**

Annual Greek Celebration

St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church
4949 Alton Prkway
Irvine
(949)733-3102

Free Greek dance lessons and cooking demonstrations are only part of this event, which is famous for its Aegean Café with homemade pastries and traditional foods, specialty boutiques and folk

dancing. Live music will be by Levendia and John Bilesikjian.

Time: Friday 5-10 p.m.
Saturday Noon-10 p.m.
Sunday Noon-9 p.m.
Cost: Children under 12 and seniors Free
Admission \$2

Saturday & Sunday **Sept. 7 & 8**

Sand Castle Festival

First Street and Pacific Ocean
Seal Beach
(562)799-0179

Dating back to the 1960s, this event draws crowds to the beach where team sand castle building takes place. The divisions to enter are corporate, club and family. This event benefits Save Our Beach, dedicated to improving water quality along the Southern California coastline. Volunteers to perform various duties are welcome and may call Kim Masoner at (562)799-0179.

Time: Contest—10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday
Cost: Entry Fee
Family \$10
Organization \$25

Attendance: Free

Saturday, Sept. 7 **Open House**

Orange County Therapeutic Art Center
208 N. Broadway
Santa Ana
(714)547-5468

Drop by on Saturday evening and participate in creating an art project, creating music or learning a dance step or two. The center holds open house the first Saturday of every month in collaboration with the Artists Village Open House, during which some 50 galleries, studios and restaurants that make up this art colony light up downtown Santa Ana. Music and food are standard fare and the art, if not exquisite, is thought-provoking.

Time: 7-10 p.m.
Cost: Free

Saturday, Sept. 7 **Craft & Sewing Festival**

Orange County Fair & Exposition Center
88 Fair Drive, Bldg. # 10
Costa Mesa
(714)751-3247
www.ocfair.com

Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cost: Adults \$8
Under 12 Free

Saturday, Sept. 7 **Quilt Show**

Orange County Fair & Exposition Center
88 Fair Dr., Bldg. # 14
Costa Mesa
(714)751-3247
www.ocfair.com

Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cost: Adults \$5
Under 10 Free

Saturday, Sept. 7 **Whodunit?**

Discovery Science Center
2500 N. Main
Santa Ana
(714)542-2823

Solve the crime! Everyone from age 5 to 102 may participate in collecting clues and evidence to unravel the mystery.

Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cost: Adults \$11
3 to 17 \$8.50

Saturday, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 **Mornings with the Ranger**

O'Neill Regional Park
Santiago Canyon Road @Live Oak Canyon Road
Mission Viejo
(949)858-9365

Hike with the ranger who will point out the fascinating changes that take place during the seasons and change of seasons. This is a wilderness area, so wear closed shoes with socks and long pants.

Time: 9-10 a.m.
Cost: Parking \$4

**Sunday, Sept. 8
Engine & Boiler Room Tour
Queen Mary**

Long Beach Harbor
Long Beach
Time: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Cost: Kids under 12 Free

**Sunday, Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29
Historical Park Walk**

Heritage Hill Historical Park
25151 Serrano Rd.
Lake Forest
(949)855-2028
Join the volunteer tour guide, dressed in a turn-of-the-century costume, for a guided tour of the park's four historical buildings, including the original adobe built in 1863.
Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cost: Free

**Sunday, Sept. 8
Grandparents Family Festival**

Kidseum
1801 Main St.
Santa Ana
(714)567-3600
Re-create yesteryear on this day of learning from the grandparents. Learn how to make corn husk dolls, how to create a crazy quilt to add on to as you grow older, make your own barn hex symbols and join Sandii Castleberry and learn how to play the spoons, washboard and other homemade instruments.
Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cost: \$5

**Sept. 7
Sunday, Sept. 15
Orange County Bird Fair**

Orange County Fair & Exposition Center
88 Fair Dr., Bldg. # 10
Costa Mesa
(714)751-3247
www.ocfair.com
Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cost: Adults \$5
Ages 5-12 \$1

**Sunday, Sept. 15
Exotic Pet Faire**

Orange County Fair & Exposition Center
88 Fair Dr., Bldg. # 14
Costa Mesa
(714)751-3247
www.ocfair.com
Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cost: Adults \$5
Ages 5-12 \$1

**Saturday, Sept. 21
Cave Painting**

The Very Special Arts Gallery
Main Place Mall
2800 N. Main, Suite 2050
Santa Ana
(714)835-8867
This is a class designed for people with special needs and the classes are opened to all. An adult must accompany all children. Supplies are provided at no charge. Remember not to wear your best clothes.
Time: 1-3 p.m.
Cost: Free

**Saturday, Sept. 21
Fossil Day**

Clark Regional Park
8800 Rosecrans Ave.
Buena Park
(714)670-8045
This is an all age event. So grab a friend or family member and go dig for real fossils. Bring water and a picnic.
Time: 9 a.m.
Cost: Parking \$4

**Saturday, Sept. 21
Unicorns and Magic Tea Party**

Kidseum
1802 Main St.
Santa Ana
(714)480-1520
South Coast Master Story Tellers will serve tea, cookies and some great stories consistent with the theme of unicorns and magic. Call to register.
Time: 10:30 a.m.-Noon
Cost: Children and Adults \$5

**Saturday, Sept. 21
Saturday at the Mission**

Mission San Juan Capistrano
Camino Capistrano and Ortega Highway
San Juan Capistrano
(949)234-1300
This is a hands-on program to involve children in the mission's early history. There will be four different classes offered during the year. Enjoy an historically appropriate snack and take home a craft project and achievement certificate.
Time: 9-11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$15

**Saturday, Sept. 21
Kidnap Prevention
Self-Defense**

Learning Tree University
265 McCormick Ave.
Costa Mesa
(714)427-0588
This is a workshop specifically designed for children and their parents or guardians as a public service to the community and to increase public awareness of how to prevent child abduction. David A. Bellman, a specialist in kidnap prevention for the past 34 years, will teach participants how to identify a stranger, not talk to a stranger, not get into a vehicle and how to run away from a dangerous situation. Participants also will come away with tips to help them cope with school ground situations, internet safety and how to develop awareness skills.
Time: 3-5 p.m.
Cost: Free

**Saturday & Sunday,
Sept. 21 & 22
Toshiba Tallships**

Ocean Institute
24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr.
Dana Point
(949)496-2274
The tallships will parade into Dana Point Harbor at sunset on Friday, Sept. 20 and the celebration of Southern California's rich maritime history begins on Saturday morning. Tour the tallships, hop a tallship for a sunset cannon battle cruise, observe a pirate encampment, take a try at knot tying, have some great food and then visit the new Ocean Education Center.
Time: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cost: Free
Ship tours for small fee

**Sunday, Sept. 22
Victorian Market Day & Faire**

Discovery Museum of Orange County
3101 W. Harvard St.
Santa Ana
(714)540-0404
The Victorian Tea Society will present the 6th annual 1890's market and fair featuring genre vendors, an elegant former century atmosphere and wonderful food. If you come in a Victorian costume, admission cost will be reduced by \$1.

Time: Noon-5 p.m.
 Cost: Adults \$5
 Children \$4

Sunday, Sept. 22 & 28 Caspers Wilderness Hike

3340 Ortega Highway
 San Juan Capistrano
 (949)728-0235

This is a 1-mile hike led by volunteer guide through the oak and sycamore woodlands. Discover the native plants, their uses and types of wildlife found in the area. This is a peaceful, but invigorating Sunday outing.

Time: 8:30 a.m.
 Cost: Parking \$4

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 28 & 29 Horse Show

Orange County Fair & Exposition Center
 88 Fair Dr., Bldg. 10
 Costa Mesa
 (714)751-3247
 www.ocfair.com

Time: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Cost: Free

Saturday, Sept. 28 Campfire Night

O'Neill Regional Park
 Santiago Canyon Road @ Live Oak
 Canyon Road
 Mission Viejo
 (949)858-9365

Get out of the house and join the ranger for an evening of stories around the campfire.

Time: 8:30 p.m.
 Cost: Parking \$4

Saturday, Sept. 28 Huntington Beach Funroll

Huntington Beach Pier Amphitheater
 Pacific Coast Highway & Main
 Huntington Beach

Skaters of all ages may join the funroll group skate, which is a 16-mile round-trip easy trip. Bikes are also welcome. There are several stops along the way. Wear your protective gear, including wrist gear and helmet. Participants may also gather for lunch afterward in downtown Huntington Beach.

Time: 10:30 a.m.
 Cost: Free

Saturday, Sept. 28 "Unsigned Indies"

Orange Eclectic Festival 2002
 Town Center Park
 (at South Coast Plaza)
 Newport Mesa
 (949)553-2422

This all ages outdoor concert features the "Unsigned Indies," which drew a capacity crowd at The Getty and stopping traffic on the 405 freeway last year. The event kicks off the festival, which features performances by local, independent musicians who have not signed with a record label. All artists have been hand-picked by Nic Harcourt, host of KCRW's signature music show, "Morning Becomes Eclectic." Bring a picnic to enjoy on the grass or enjoy the fare of local restaurants.

Time: 5-7 p.m.
 Cost: Free

Saturday, Sept. 28 Little Safety Officer Program

University of California Irvine Medical
 Center, Building # 55
 101 The City Drive South
 Orange
 (714)456-7890

This is one in a series of programs designed for youngsters about safety. This particular one deals with medical air flight safety.

Time: Noon
 Cost: Free

Mark Your Calendars

October 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 Mentor Workshops

How to Cope with Difficult Situations
 (714)796-0100

Workshops, conducted by CYS-Project Together Volunteer Coordinator Jonathan Schiesel, will be held at a different location on each date so all mentors may easily access a training closest to their home or work. Watch for the announcement in the mail.

Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
 Cost: Free

Daily Old Fashioned Roller Skating

Fountain Valley Skating Center
 9105 Recreation Circle
 Fountain Valley
 (714)847-6300

This is roller skating in an old-fashioned wooden rink and this floor has been newly refurbished. Rent some skates or bring your own, if you have the right wheels. They have special games for kids and skate dance competitions for teenagers on weekends. And, if you are a beginner, others will help "baby step" you along the wall, or at least pick you up off the floor. Due to special events schedule, call to confirm rink availability.

Time: 10 a.m.
 Cost: Admission \$5
 Skate rental \$2

Singing Hen Farm

9731 Walker St.
 Cypress
 (714)826-9494

Cypress was a rural town until the 1960's and Singing Hen Farm owner Calvin Meekhof raised chickens. After he moved the operation to Riverside, he still kept two rows of chickens and black rabbits on the property and put them in front of Singing Hen Farm, which is a small dairy grocery placed on the family's egg ranch location.

Time: Monday-Friday
 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Cost: Free

Asian Garden Mall

9200 Bolsa Ave.
 Westminster
 (714)894-3854

Located in the heart of Little Saigon, this Asian style façade has become a Southern California landmark graced by the life-size Happy Buddha and images of fortune, longevity and prosperity. Step inside and cool down by enjoying a sugarcane drink or papaya salad. Browse to find a blend of American and Vietnamese products, including blankets, herbs, shoes, clothing and jewelry, reflecting life in the Vietnamese community.

Time: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Cost: Free

Projects Corner

Go Back to School 'On the Cheap'

While many schools have year-round sessions, September is still the month when most think of getting ready to "go back" to school.



It's a good time to clean out the drawers and closets of clothing that has been outgrown or is no longer "parent or peer approved."

Or perhaps a child or teenager you know has limited resources, but still needs clothing for school. Here's how you can help him or her achieve success with a small amount of money.

Have the child make a list of his or her needs, including absolute necessities, basics and "I would love to have" categories. Go over it together. First go window shopping at a mall, to get an idea of what's in fashion and the price of clothes. Then pay a visit to your local thrift shops to do some comparison shopping. Make up a budget and go over it together.

Many of the local thrift shops have a bounty of clothing, new and used, that makes it possible to put together a decent wardrobe for \$15-\$25.

For instance, at the CHOC Thrift Shop at 2025 W. First in Santa Ana, a 17-

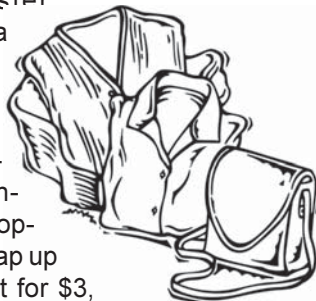
year-old boy can purchase a pair of nice slacks for between \$2.50 and \$5.50 or a pair of jeans for \$1 and a matching shirt for 75 cents, according to their General Manager Dan Miller. One outfit can cost between \$1.75 and \$8. Add a pair of new socks,



which are selling two pairs for \$1.95, and a pair of shoes at \$5.50, and the tally is \$9.20 to \$15.50. They also carry sweaters and jackets beginning at \$5.50. Dan urges his shoppers to check out the sale table, which is 50 percent off the prices listed above. For information, call (714)543-9280.

A teenage girl might want to drop by Deseret Industries, 3132 Westminister

Ave., Santa Ana. This store carries size 6 to over-sized clothing. A shopper can snap up a nice skirt for \$3,



a matching blouse for another \$3, a dress for \$4 and new name brand pantyhose and tights for \$1 a pair. New underpants can be purchased three for \$1 and a new name brand bra for \$3. These might be available in ecru color only, but they are a bargain. Deseret has a selection of make up from time to time. This shop also has a dressing room, which assures a good fit before leaving the store.

Deseret currently has a great selection of over-sized clothing for boys, but this is not always the case. Stock changes weekly due to high volume turn over, so call ahead at (714)554-3722.

If top quality is your preference in thrift shops, try the Strawberry Patch, which is operated by the Assistance League, at 10932 Trask Ave. at Euclid in Garden Grove. Blouses are \$3, T-shirts are 50 cents, jeans from \$1-4 and dresses with name labels are between \$3 and \$5. There is a beautiful selection of clothing for children infant to 12 years of age. Their hours are limited from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, but it's well worth the trip. Call (714)530-2340.



School Supplies "On the Cheap"

In addition to clothing, the CHOC Thrift Shop carries school supplies for young children priced from 95 cents to \$1.95 per item. There is also a youth section in this store with games priced \$1.50 to \$1.95. According to Dan at CHOC, the best places to purchase electronic school supplies such as calculators required for math classes, is at one of the discount or dollar stores, which sell them beginning at \$2.

The discount stores also have the best prices on basic school supplies, such as n books and paper, but they sell out early. Also watch for half price sales beginning in mid-September at the retail office supply outlets. There are some real bargains to be found here.



For computer equipment, check out the Goodwill Computer Works, next to the Goodwill Thrift Store, at 2702 W. 5th St. in Santa Ana. If the child or teenager you know is putting together a computer system on his own with some scavenged equipment, this is the place to go for cables, connectors and second hand parts or systems. You can purchase a hard drive beginning at \$10 and pick up new copies of software at a bargain. This store also has a school resource center. Call (714)543-9272 for a list of their inventory.

Mentoring Matters

WELCOME NEW MENTORS

North	Michael Coffey Samantha Mun (Rematch) Cesar Santa Ana
South/ Costa Mesa	Donna Goodman (Rematch) Christopher Looney Molly Powell
South/Laguna	Ernesto Puchades
West	Gina Hernandez Young Joon Kim David Minna Naomi Nguyen (Re-match) Emanuela Sofroni Barry Sohl
Aspen/ Santa Ana	Ben Boyer

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE MOVED ON

North	Sofia Martinez
South/ Costa Mesa	Debbie Hsieh Kent Noguchi Ami Redman
South/ Laguna	Bob Baker Lorrie Grumbling Cami Levin Azrina Spigner Mike Sweenie
Aspen/ Santa Ana	Maria Albergo

There's More Than One Way to Hug a Child...

The staff and clients of Children & Youth Services (CYS) and CYS-Project Together deeply appreciate the wonderful support provided by many local businesses and organizations. Our affiliation with the Mental Health Association of Orange County allows us to accept and distribute community resources that are an important asset in the therapeutic process for all the children we serve. Each month, we extend our thanks and give recognition to our caring donors.

Anaheim Pond
Anaheim

**Aspen Community Services,
Corporate**
Cerritos

Build-A-Bear Corporate
St. Louis, MO

Billie Cline
Garden Grove

CM School Supply
Anaheim

Phyllis Crane
West Region Clinic

Northrop Grumman

Ralphs
Irvine

Regal Lanes
Orange

Statek Corp.
Orange

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and friends of the Health Care Agency (HCA) and MHA. Anyone who has ever attended an HCA retirement, birthday or holiday celebration knows we have some of the best cooks in the world. You may obtain a copy of this cookbook for a donation of \$10. Watch for the order forms, which will be out soon. This would make a great holiday gift for your friends and help us provide resources for Children & Youth Services clients at the same time. For more information, please call Curtis Livingston at (714)796-0100...

Great news from Orange County Therapeutic Arts Center in Santa Ana. There are 40 scholarships available for children interested in learning to play classical music, courtesy of a grant from the Orange County Community Foundation. The program is specifically for string or woodwind instruments and classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. No

musical experience is required. If the child or teenager is unsure of his or her interest in classical music, please have them attend a free workshop at the center, located at 208 N. Broadway in Santa Ana, either from 7 to 10 p.m. on first Saturdays or 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on last Saturdays of the month. All children or teens who are awarded scholarships must be able to attend classes at the center regularly. For more information or to apply for a scholarship, please call Martha Murphy at (714)796-0121...

Quotable Quote

*"The soul is healed
by being with children."*

—Fyodor Dostoevsky

The Back Page



Go Back To School In Full Swing

The third annual CYS-Project Together (CYS-PT) Back to School Drive provided 335 Children and Youth Services clients with brand new backpacks filled with school supplies. In cooperation with JanSport, and through donations from Aspen Community Services, Office Depot, Mead Paper and Boise Cascade, the children will start school prepared to learn. Volunteer Coordinators (left to right) Adrienne Davalos of Aspen Community Services and Diane Prescott of West Region, were excited as the full packs stacked up on CYS-PT "Backpack Stuffing Day."

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Aspen/Santa Ana Adrienne Davalos (714)565-2830

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The Health Care Agency/Behavioral Health Services/Children and Youth Services provides mental health treatment for emotionally and behaviorally disturbed youth and their families throughout Orange County. CYS- Project Together is a volunteer mentor program for CYS children and teens. The program also offers supportive resources to clients and families to assist them in achieving treatment goals. The program operates cooperatively with its community partner, the Mental Health Association of Orange County.



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CYS-Project Together *Highlights*

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