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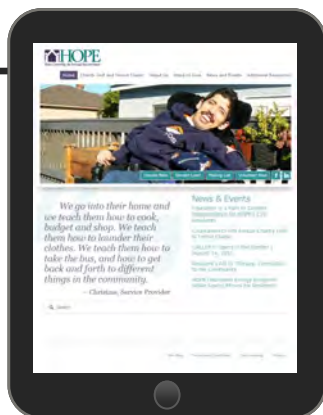
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Letter from the Board President

WELCOME to the latest edition of HOPE's *Annual Journal and Tournament Guide*. As you will see by the material following this message, this has been a banner year for HOPE. Under the leadership of HOPE's Board of Trustees, its Executive Director, Kristin Martin, and an expanded senior staff, HOPE has aggressively enhanced its position as a leader in providing affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and partnerships with multiple Regional Centers and cities within Los Angeles County we have been able to acquire funds necessary to enhance the pursuit of our mission.



Bob speaking at Casino Speedway fundraising event

HOPE provides stability. HOPE provides safety. HOPE provides growth. HOPE provides opportunity. Every year, we on the Board of Directors get an opportunity to meet with HOPE residents and hear their stories about how moving into HOPE housing has enriched their living experience and created greater independence. This rejuvenates our commitment to continue to pursue new and challenging goals.

So I urge you to get involved: anyone with contacts, with spare time, with a desire to really make a difference. If you want to feel the satisfaction of seeing those individuals that HOPE serves living and taking pride in their homes, gaining greater self-sufficiency, doing their own cooking, cleaning their own homes, shopping and doing laundry independently.....if that gives you satisfaction, you can gain an awful lot by becoming involved with this organization.

Thank you again to those who have provided past support and we look forward to your continued involvement as we move forward with our mission of fulfilling the dreams of the many developmentally disabled people who are still seeking a safe and affordable home.

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OUR HISTORY

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OUR MISSION

Create stable, affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities.

OUR VISION

HOPE envisions a future in which all people with disabilities can live where and with whom they choose in safe neighborhoods at affordable rents.



SOCIAL IMPACT

The value of empowering individuals to live as active and contributing members of their community is at the very heart of HOPE. And there is no doubt—living a life as independently as possible, and having a place to call home, changes people's lives.

HOPE partners with Regional Centers to offer a variety of housing programs. Regional Centers are private, nonprofit corporations that contract with the State Department of Developmental Services to provide or coordinate services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities that include autism, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, and epilepsy.

Since 1995 HOPE's programs have been allowing people with developmental disabilities to live a life they may have only dreamed about. Whether living in affordable housing, state-licensed group homes, or in a college dorm setting, HOPE's tenants are making their dreams come true.

HOPE Facts

- HOPE's client base is extremely diverse with 9% African American; 6% Asian American; 35% Caucasian; 36% Latino; and 14% Other.



- HOPE owns 120+ homes that serve Long Beach, South Bay, South Los Angeles, San Gabriel Valley, the San Fernando Valley, and West Los Angeles.

Our Programs

Affordable Rental Housing empowers developmentally disabled adults to live independently without the threat of social isolation or rising rents. Residents pay no more than 30% of their income toward rent that translates to around \$300 per month.

State-Licensed Residential Homes serve clients with more intensive medical and behavioral needs. Developed in partnership with area Regional Centers, these homes are leased to select service providers. Here, residents receive 24/7 care in a safe, comfortable home environment.

College to Career (C2C) program provides housing for developmentally disabled adults attending a local Community College in pursuit of a certificate or associates degree. HOPE currently owns four C2C properties, a five-unit apartment building, a single family home, and two new locations under renovation just blocks from a community college, housing a total of 28 C2C students. Services for C2C are provided in partnership with Harbor Regional Center, California Mentor, and Long Beach City College.



Vernon Andrews: Affordable Housing Creates Independence and Adventure.



Vernon Andrews lives in a HOPE home on a sleepy street in the Stearns Park community of Long Beach. His kindly, calm demeanor seems an appropriate fit for this quiet suburban neighborhood.

At 53 years of age, Vernon is proud to disclose that he has lived independently for 26 years. Early in 2016 though, prior to moving into his current HOPE home, this independence was at risk. Vernon found himself in a situation where he could no longer afford his market-rate apartment in Bellflower. "I needed to move because I couldn't afford to pay rent over there," he says.

For many years Vernon's mother helped him pay rent each month. Continued increases though put greater and greater pressure on his aging parent's fixed income. According to the *National Low Income Housing Coalition*, a medium priced 1-bedroom apartment in Los Angeles County is \$1,154 per month. In order to afford this rent, an income earner must make \$22.19 an hour. As time went by, Vernon's rent finally hit a point where his mother could no longer financially support him to remain in his home.

With limited options in finding a decent, affordable place to live on his own, Vernon turned to HOPE Inc. In May of 2016 an opening became available for Vernon to move into the two-bedroom house where he lives today with one other HOPE resident. The best part -- he pays \$232 on rent. This falls within 1/3 of his income.

The stability of this housing empowers Vernon to continue to learn, grow, and develop to the fullest of his capabilities.


A first impression of Vernon is misleading; because his gentle manner hides an inquisitive and adventurous spirit. After moving to his new home in Long Beach he wasted little time in venturing outdoors to explore. "My favorite place to go is the library," Vernon says. He adds that he found the library, grocery store, and mall all on his own. He likes walking, bicycling, and riding the bus to find new places.

Vernon had to start over learning about his new community since moving from his longtime neighborhood in Bellflower. His positive attitude viewed this challenge as an adventure.

"I needed to move because I couldn't afford to pay rent over there."

Vernon loves his new home though, and says his favorite places are his bedroom and garden. He knows he doesn't have a green thumb, so he doesn't have any plants inside, but he enjoys looking at the beautiful plants in the front yard.

Vernon of course misses his old home, but feels he is settling in nicely and is appreciative of Harbor Regional Center for referring him to HOPE, his service providers at Life Steps Foundation for assisting with the move, and HOPE for providing him with this opportunity to continue to live independently.

What's next to explore for Vernon? He says now that he has stable housing, he wants to once again find a job as a maintenance worker in his new city. His goal is to be a fully participating member of society, and HOPE is excited to support Vernon in reaching his full potential. 

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STUDENT LIFE

Education Is a Path to Greater Independence for HOPE's C2C Residents



Plato famously said, “The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life.” At HOPE we could not agree more. We believe that education is an important contributor to our resident’s ability to become increasingly self-reliant.

Beyond the philosophic, there is abundant economic evidence that points to education being key to financial stability and greater independence. According to the *Economic Report of the President*, published in 2015, “College graduates make about twice as much every year as high school grads.” At HOPE we recognize the unique challenges that those we serve face when entering the job market. In turn, we are proud to be part of a partnership that strives to remove as many of these barriers as possible and puts in place supports to give our residents the very best chances at success.

That is why in 2010, with the vision and direction of Harbor Regional Center and California MENTOR, HOPE helped to develop our *College to Career* (C2C) program that offers dorm-like housing near the campus of Long Beach City College. Students receive a full range of both on-campus and residential supports by service providers who offer both academic counseling and also assistance with independent living skills.

Of course our residents are no different from any student; each person brings their unique inspiration to why they are pursuing education as a pathway to independence. For Taylor Smith, a C2C enrollee, it was his interest in public safety that started him down the path to hopefully one day becoming a peace officer. He is currently studying administrative justice due to his strong impulse to protect and serve his community.

He admits that moving to his HOPE home was a big first step toward independent living. He is up for the challenge, and knows it will be hard work. But Taylor is also still a college student who just enjoys the opportunity the C2C program provides to socialize with his peers in a nonjudgmental environment. In the end, he is glad that this program has given him the chance to make the people he loves proud.

His dorm mate, Morris Mordado, also sees his time in the program as instrumental to learning how to become independent and take better care of himself. "Living on my own is a big difference, cooking for myself is completely new. Before I moved out I lived with my family," he shares.

Currently Morris is majoring in graphic design and radio / television production. After he graduates he wants to work in a production studio. He has a clear goal to one day be employed in the entertainment industry where he will hopefully do design, art, editing, or cinematography.

Lastly, Javier Reyes Jr. echoes a similar sentiment about living on his own for the first time. "I have to shop for myself, clean for myself, and do laundry." He says that this transition process has been aided by observing his friends in order

though that it isn't always easy for C2C students to find the major that interests them and leads to academic



Resident Morris Mordado sharing his art

"Living on my own is a big difference, cooking for myself is completely new. Before I moved out I lived with my family,"

success. Javier, she shares, was not doing well early in the program as an art major. Things turned around after his counselor dug deeper and helped him to identify what he was really most passionate about studying: he did enjoy drawing, but he really loved creating images of plants. From those conversations, they discovered that he also had a knack for science. From that point on Javier found greater success after switching to become a horticulture major.



Student Javier Reyes

to learn their routines. He is currently studying horticulture and hopes to get a job in that industry after graduating.

California MENTOR director, Roxanne Carter, tells us

So now he is working on combining his passion for horticulture and art. Javier is really excited about a suggestion made by one C2C service provider to consider creating children's books based on plants. He hopes to one day work on cartoons and video games that contain characters that are fruits & vegetables. At the moment he says, he is just focusing on living independently and getting his homework done.

HOPE is inspired everyday by the will-power of our residents to continually strive for more full, involved, and impactful lives. Education is essential to each of their journeys toward greater independence, and with the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and advocates, HOPE and our partners will be there to support them every step of the way. 🏠🏡🏘️

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LETTER FROM THE TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Dear Friends:

As Chairman of HOPE's *9th Annual Charity Golf & Tennis Classic*, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for participating, and for making our event a perennial success. Because of the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and advertisers we have been sold out for the 9th year in a row. Pre-sales at this year's Tournament will set a new fundraising record for HOPE, and I know that the final tally will make this the most supported event to date.

It is a tribute to all of you that HOPE is able to continue its efforts to help those most vulnerable among us, and I am proud that the community has come together to support this year's theme of "Creating Independence" for those we serve. I want to especially thank the HOPE Board of Directors and the HOPE staff and volunteers, without whom this tournament would not be a success. Special thanks are extended to Peninsula Racquet Club and Ocean Trails at Trump National, which has provided HOPE with two wonderful locations to hold our tournament.

Please have a wonderful day and thank you again for making HOPE one of the premier charity golf and tennis tournaments in Southern California.

Sincerely,

James Artiano
Tournament Chair

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9:00 AM

- Golf Player Registration Begins
- Opportunity Drawing and Raffle Tickets on Sale
- Driving Range Open

10:45 AM

- Golf Tournament Kick-off: Rob Fukuzaki, Weekday Sports Anchor for ABC7 Eyewitness News & Host of Sports Zone

11:00 AM

- Shotgun Start for Golf
- Lunch Served on the Cart for Golf
- Tennis Player Registration Begins
- Open Tennis Courts

11:30 AM

- Round-Robin Tennis Doubles Starts

1:00 PM

- Lunch Served at Tennis Tournament

4:00 PM

- Tournament Play Concludes
- Cocktail Lounge Open, Jazz Band, and Hors d'oeuvres

5:30 PM

- Tournament Dinner and "Creating Independence Program" with Master of Ceremonies Rob Fukuzaki
- Program Speakers
- Tournament Winners Announced and Awards Presented
- Winners of Raffles and Opportunity Drawings for Orlando, New York and Pebble Beach Trips Are Announced

7:30 PM

- Tournament Dinner Concludes



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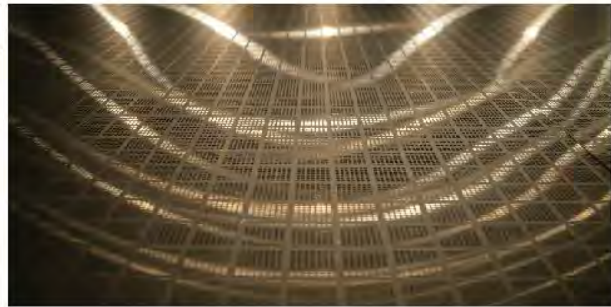
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HOPE is once again delighted to welcome Rob Fukuzaki as our emcee for this year's event.



Rob Fukuzaki is the weekday sports anchor for ABC7 Eyewitness News and hosts an NBA post game show, Sports Zone, and is a co-host on the new Rams Primetime Saturday night with Jay Mohr.

Rob was born on July 4th in Torrance, California. He was raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, where his family relocated when he was three years old. Rob attended Mid-Pacific Institute, a private high school in Honolulu, and graduated in 1984. He attended the University of La Verne in Southern California and earned a B.A. in Broadcast Journalism with an emphasis in radio and television in 1988. While at La Verne, Rob was chosen the university's Broadcaster of the Year in 1986, 1987 and 1988. He also won several awards from the Southern California Broadcast Journalism Society.

Rob worked for the Top 40 radio station KXPW in Hawaii. In 1989, Rob began working part-time for KITV in Honolulu doing sports reporting. He eventually got a full-time slot in late 1989, working as the station's weekday sports reporter and weekend anchor. One of his more memorable assignments at KITV was an award-winning hour-long special on Sumo in Japan. The broadcast featured the three top-ranked wrestlers from Hawaii, including Grand Champion Akebono and Grand Champion Musashimaru.

Rob joined ABC7 in 1994. He was the first male Japanese-American TV anchor in Los Angeles local TV News.

Since joining ABC7, Rob has done a great deal of work for the community, hosting charity events and emceeing benefit dinners. In 1997, Rob - along with his friends and family - founded the Heads Up Youth Foundation, of which Rob is the chairman and his wife Sharil is the Executive Director. The mission of his non-profit is to help disadvantaged and underserved youth in Southern California. For more info visit their website at www.headsupyouthfoundation.org

Rob's interests include golfing, music and singing, and he often uses that passion in his work. He has written and recorded tributes for legendary Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda and former Dodgers star Raul Mondesi.



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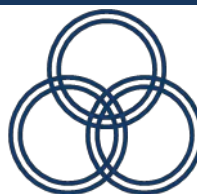
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IMPACT REPORT

PROVIDING INDEPENDENCE,
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WELCOME

Dear Friends,

It's been another banner year at HOPE thanks to the generosity of our friends and supporters, business partners and funders, and our hard working Board and staff. We've seen our portfolios grow across all of our programs thanks to new funding sources, new fund development initiatives, and the continued support of those who have always been there for us. We are truly grateful for the support we have received.

Our 80 by '18 campaign is well under way: this is our goal of doubling our capacity in our affordable housing program to serve 80 additional people by 2018. When we started this effort HOPE was already providing affordable housing to approximately 80 people. Our development efforts with the cities of Norwalk and Long Beach have worked to get us half way to our goal: we are now able to provide housing to 120 people! There is still much work to be done.

This past year saw the start of two new versions of our affordable housing program. Our two new 8-unit buildings in Long Beach will provide increased on-site supports to people who are living independently for the first time. Some of these new tenants are moving from a State Developmental Center, while others are moving out from the family home. We are thrilled to be able to offer this kind of housing--as a partnership with the city, the regional center, and providers--which not only creates independence, but also helps to ensure the success of our tenants.

We know that we can not meet the housing need alone, so we have invested a lot of time and energy this past year in forming partnerships with other area housing developers, to not only spread the word about the housing needs of the popula-

tion we serve, but also to learn about new funding sources and additional ways of developing housing. Already we are laying the groundwork for the creation of additional housing units all across Southern California with these new partners.

As we look to the months ahead we will continue to strengthen existing partnerships and forge new ones. We will seek out new funding sources, and work to create additional cost efficiencies. We will also continue to look to make sure the quality of the housing we already provide is the best that it can be, and that our tenants continue to engage in rich life experiences, largely due to the opportunity of having safe, stable, and affordable housing.

We will continue to provide our supporters with ways to help further HOPE's mission and also to get to know us better: through social media, our on-line presence, volunteer opportunities, and so much more. We ask that you continue to stay involved in HOPE, and to share our successes with your family, friends, and colleagues. Our mission is an important one and we are all in this together.

Thank you for your continued support and for spreading the word. Enjoy this year's *Impact Report*!

Sincerely,

Kristin Martin
Executive Director

RESIDENT STORY: ROBERT

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RESIDENT STORY: DEAKA

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RESIDENT'S ART IS THERAPY, CONNECTION TO HIS COMMUNITY

Roberto Santos admits that he was not always artistic; in fact, he couldn't draw growing up prior to a car accident that put him in a coma and left him with a traumatic brain injury.

"I don't know what it was," he says, "but all of a sudden I could recreate pictures that I saw."

Roberto lives in a HOPE home in South Gate. He is a tall, young man with kind eyes, and he speaks in a deliberate, thoughtful manner.

On most afternoons you will find him huddled over his sketch book, drawing images of his favorite animals, cartoon characters, and sports teams.

Living with traumatic brain injury means living with physical, cognitive, or behavioral symptoms that can include confusion, anxiety, fatigue, irritability, and headaches, just to name a few. Roberto shares that he turns to his art when he is uneasy or frustrated.

"When I finish a drawing it actually makes me feel better...that I was able to take the time and effort to do something positive."

Currently his art work is spread out on a table in his kitchen. This room is his favorite place to draw and where he creates most of his work. The space is clutter free with wide windows, and an abundance of natural light. Roberto takes a seat and opens a large portfolio. He begins to methodically finger through drawings, periodically pausing to show his renderings of the iconic cartoon characters Mario, Yoshi, and Pikachu. Next up are the characters of the show *Family Guy*, then Dracula and a few unfinished pieces he is still working to complete.

His excitement grows as he comes across the drawings he created for HOPE. A few months back Roberto was asked to consider what having safe, stable housing meant to him, and if he wouldn't mind creating a few "Home" themed drawings that represent those feelings. He graciously agreed and was excited about the idea that his work might be used by HOPE to raise awareness of our cause.

The drawings are idyllic depictions of homes-- some on quaint neighborhood streets, while others stand alone with strong roofs and mosaic shaped walls. His drawing style is warm, charming, and containing whimsical tones that might leave a viewer nostalgic for his or her childhood home.

He sees himself continuing to pursue art well into the future because he



Roberto shares that he turns to his art when he is uneasy or frustrated.

also believes it is a way to connect with people in his life. He enjoys creating drawings as gifts for friends, but then breaks with this chain of thought to share how art also creates a bridge to cherished family memories. Roberto brings out a drawing of

a long, pink flamingo. He tells of how it represents his grandmother who passed away several years ago. "We spread her ashes at the *Flamingo* hotel in Las Vegas. She loved it there, so I made this to honor her."

To Roberto, art is therapeutic. It calms his irritability, it is an outlet for his memories, a way to show respect to his family, and an opportunity to contribute something beautiful to his community. His talent and motivations are inspiring to HOPE, and they perfectly demonstrate how providing stable, affordable housing can play a role in empowering people with developmental disabilities to use their many *abilities* to reach their full potential.

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In a year with so much activity taking place and progress being made toward our objectives, it is difficult to pick our favorites to share. Foremost on all of our minds is that it is because of our donors, colleagues, volunteers and corporate partners that we are even able to announce our accomplishments. So thank you for enabling our mission!



HOPE purchased properties for its affordable housing program providing homes for 25 new residents: 10 in Norwalk and 15 in Long Beach.

HOPE purchased and began renovation on two buildings just a ½ mile from the Long Beach City College to provide dorm-like housing for 14 new students in our College-to-Career Program.

For our residents that need more medical attention, HOPE purchased three new licensed homes, and negotiated the purchase of three more existing homes, to serve up to 24 new residents.

HOPE installed solar panels at 17 properties to support environmental sustainability and increase energy efficiency.

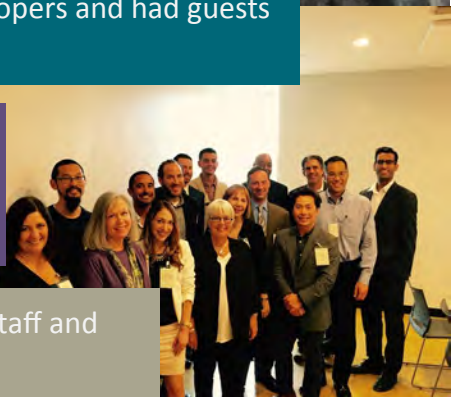
HOPE coordinated three successful Lawn to Garden events in partnership with Re-building Together Long Beach that raised awareness of HOPE's mission, engaged 100+ volunteers, and received \$12,500 in city funded support, \$1,500 in service day fees, and \$3,000 in in-kind plant donations.

HOPE provided 15 properties with upgrades and renovations.

HOPE partnered to launch the Long Beach Affordable Housing Developers' Roundtable which has included more than a dozen local non- and for-profit affordable housing developers and had guests from local government including city officials and staffers.

HOPE received a \$100,000 grant from the Rose Hills Foundation and \$35,000 from the Del Harbor Foundation for renovations at the newly purchased triplex in Norwalk.

The Mission Makers Program for recurring gift givers was launched with HRC staff and our local business partners.



FINANCIALS & STATS AT A GLANCE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FYE 2015

Total Revenue	\$	3,574,303
Total Expense	\$	3,473,729
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$	100,574

Statement of Financial Position

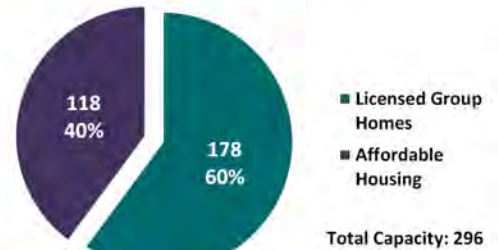
Current Assets	\$	1,805,694
Land Building & Equipment Net of Depreciation	\$	33,771,642
OTHER LONG TERM ASSETS	\$	982,451

TOTAL ASSETS	\$	36,559,787
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Current liabilities	\$	644,028
Long-Term Liabilities	\$	18,484,512
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	19,128,540

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	17,431,247
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Resident Capacity



Properties Loan to Value



GROWTH IN FIXED ASSETS (PROPERTIES)



Properties Estimated Value



HOPE added two new staff positions to assist with our fund-development efforts and to grow our outreach initiatives.

HOPE staff are proud to be part of the Lanterman Housing Alliance, a consortium of housing developers across the state that work with Regional Centers to address the housing needs of people with a developmental disabilities.

MEET THE BOARD | PROFILES

Robert Irlen, President

Bob currently serves the Board as its President. He has worked extensively with the Harbor Regional Center (HRC) Board, also having served as its President, and currently serves as a HRC Board Advisor. Bob lives in Long Beach with his family, including his wife Helen and son David, and he works as the CFO and corporate counsel for the Irlen Institute which treats a visual perceptual dysfunction for people with learning disabilities, light sensitivity, and migraines among other conditions. More information about the Irlen institute can be found at www.irlen.com.



Barbara Robinson, Vice President

Barbara has a long history with HOPE and the developmental disabilities services system, and she currently serves as HOPE's Board Vice President. Barbara is very familiar with our resident population, having worked in a developmental center, various regional centers, and as a consultant to regional centers in a variety of capacities--from client fiscal management to the creation of various training modules. Barbara lives with her husband in Huntington Beach and enjoys retirement for a variety of community and international nonprofit organizations.



Nori Dempsey, Secretary

Nori currently serves the Board as its Secretary. She is an active participant and volunteer for the HOPE Tournament. A graduate of Cornell University, Nori lives with her husband and three children in Rolling Hills Estates. Nori is very active with the South Bay Down Syndrome Association and hosts fundraising events on a regular basis at their business Pelican Parts. Nori enjoys playing tennis and spending time with her busy family. To learn more about the South Bay Down Syndrome Association visit www.SBDSA.org and to learn more about Pelican Parts visit www.PelicanParts.com.



Robert Babek, Treasurer

Rob currently serves the Board as its Treasurer. He lives in Rancho Palos Verdes with his wife of over 30 years and his 4 children. As the Partner-In-Charge at Marcum LLP's Los Angeles office, he brings invaluable finance guidance to HOPE. Rob has been with Marcum for nearly 30 years where he provides tax consulting, compliance, assurance, and accounting services for individuals and corporations. He is also a member of the Marcum Family Office, High-Net-Worth Individuals and Trusts and Estates practice groups. More information about Marcum's services can be found at www.marcumllp.com. Rob has his Masters in Business Taxation from Golden Gate University and in his free time enjoys coaching youth basketball.



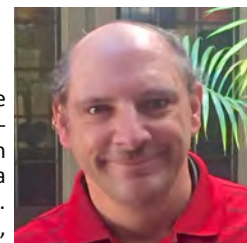
Rita Teodoro, Member

Rita is a long time Board Member and HOPE resident who lives with her housemate in HOPE's Bellflower triplex. Rita has been living in her current HOPE residence for 6 years. Rita is self-described as a very social person. She has been working with the same Life Steps SLS (supportive living service) provider for nearly 20 years now, and she is very proud of her independence. Rita has two adult daughters and one grandson with whom she enjoys spending time. Rita also enjoys time with her long-time boyfriend engaging in activities like dining out, shopping, and sightseeing.



Mead Duley, Member

Mead has been with the HOPE Board for more than 3 years and is a resident of Torrance. Currently Mead is employed at American Honda Motor Company where he has worked as a shipping and receiving clerk for several years. Mead has a love for sports, including bowling, basketball, baseball, and track among others. He participates as an athlete in Special Olympics events on a regular basis.



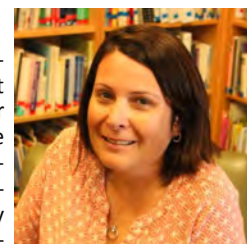
James Artiano, Esq., Member

Jim is a Board Member and currently is the Chair of the Tournament Committee which spearheads HOPE's increasingly successful annual Charity Golf and Tennis Classic. HOPE's Tournaments have grossed close to a million dollars for our housing programs over the past nine years, in large part thanks to him. He lives in the South Bay and enjoys spending time with his family. Jim is Principal at Artiano and Associates in Torrance where he works alongside his wife Linda. Artiano and Associates is one of the South Bay's largest firms and since 1984 they have provided a range of law services including business, real estate, general litigation, estate planning, and family law. More information about Artiano and Associates can be found at www.artianolaw.com.



Kelly Sutton, Member

Kelly is a member of HOPE's Board and has participated at a variety of HOPE events over the past several years. Currently she works at the Harbor Regional Center as the Client Advocate where she assists both clients and families in finding appropriate resources and information at the HRC Resource and Assistive Technology Center. Kelly participates in regular meetings of the Client Advisory Committee and notes that she truly enjoys her role at HRC and appreciates the opportunities she has to assist HRC clients and families. Prior to working at HRC Kelly worked as a teacher's assistant at a local preschool. Kelly lives with her husband, Chris, in San Pedro. She enjoys spending time with family, and also enjoys outdoor activities such as biking and swimming.



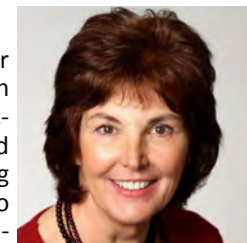
Robert Wasserman, Member

Robert is a HOPE Board Member who brings incredible real estate expertise to HOPE as the President and CEO of Wasserman Commercial Real Estate which specializes in commercial real estate services, office, and industrial consulting services, investment sales, and investment sales consulting services. More information about Wasserman Commercial Real Estate can be found at www.wassermancre.com.



Rhiannon Acree, Member

As a long time donor and committee member at HOPE, we are proud to welcome Rhiannon as the newest member of our Board of Directors. She is an individual with an unparalleled passion for service, a unique understanding of our industry, and an ardent dedication to the betterment of her community. She founded Cambrian Homecare, an agency with more than 1,000 employees who provide assistance to people who have developmental disabilities, HIV/AIDS, or are seniors or veterans who chose to have help at home. The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce recently recognized her as the 2015 Entrepreneur of the Year.



READY TO GIVE BACK

*Affordable Housing Leads to a
Life of Civic Engagement for
Deaka McLain*



Deaka McClain aspires to a career in public service. So when she heard about a community forum in her neighborhood that featured two leading political candidates speaking on an issue she cares about-- the pressing need for affordable housing-- she was eager to register. The morning of the event though, Deaka felt under the weather and reluctantly called her contact at HOPE to tell them she most likely would miss the event.

For many years now Deaka has used her strengths and passion for public service to tirelessly advocate on behalf of vulnerable populations in her community. But maybe a break from her activism for one night was in order.

Deaka has lived in a HOPE home since 2001, and that evening she wanted to continue to show her support for this issue that is close to her heart. "For me to have my own place means peace of mind and independence," Deaka says.

"I sit on the Client Advisory Committee at Harbor Regional Center, and recently we talked about the challenges that people with disabilities are facing in finding affordable housing...that if you are not with HOPE, the rent is too expensive. You know we have some clients that are homeless because they can't afford market rent?"

It is trademark Deaka that even though she has access to affordable housing through HOPE, her concern is with others who do not. That is because she knows how challenging the issue has been in her own life.

"When we were having this discussion," she continued, "It made me think about how fortunate I am to say that I live in a HOPE home. Everyone doesn't have that opportunity, and I realize that actually, HOPE saved my life."

Prior to moving in with HOPE, Deaka bounced between different family members' homes. She stayed for a while with in-laws during her marriage. Unfortunately that living situation deteriorated and became unhealthy. After her divorce, Deaka was forced to look for other options. She quickly became discouraged as it was all too apparent that someone with her resources had few options in finding a safe, stable, and affordable home.

She is grateful that around that time Harbor Regional Center introduced her to HOPE. In a matter of six months Deaka was given the chance to move into a HOPE home. She said, "If I hadn't been given that opportunity, I know I wouldn't have the life I have today."

She feels that because she received stable, affordable housing she no

longer stressed about where she would sleep each night. For the first time in many years this allowed her to focus on her education.

"Before I moved into a HOPE home, I couldn't even think about school," she said. "I was so worried about my home life. That all changed. I was now free to go to class and get my work done."

Just last May Deaka received her master's degree in public policy and administration from CSULB. Though her education is a reward in and of itself, she has parlayed this achievement into advocacy work in the community. Deaka has now sat on the boards

and committees of many public service organizations.

She has been a member of the Harbor Regional Center's Client Advisory Committee, Client Services Committee, and Self Determination Committee. She has also sat on the City of Long

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Beach's Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities, LA CARE's Health Care Advisory Committee, Disability Rights of California's Program and Planning Committee, and California State University's System Wide Advisory Committee on Services for Students with Disabilities.

"It worked out for me," Deaka admitted, "but everyone isn't fortunate like that. HOPE provided me a place to stay, but it also provides me a place to stay *within* the means of my income. If I was to move today, I couldn't afford to live in a regular studio."

True to her character, Deaka ended up attending the community forum after all that evening. She sat toward the front of the auditorium and listened as the candidates presented their visions of a Los Angeles County that is moving toward an end to homelessness and creating greater access to affordable housing.

When asked about her attendance at the event, in spite of being sick? All she could say was, "This is where I need to be." 🏠

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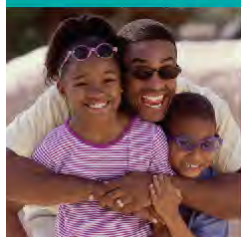
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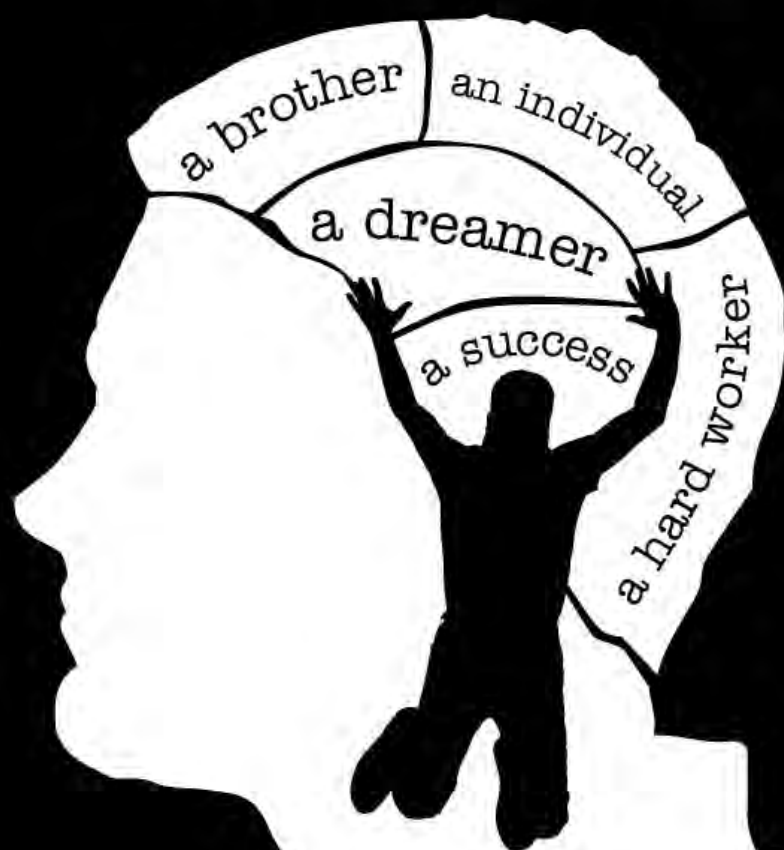


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