Duvall Homes 2017 Fall Newsletter
Special Thanksgiving Issue

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Dear Friends of Duvall Homes,

Inside this special Thanksgiving Issue of our 2017 Fall Newsletter, we recognize you, our friends, family and community partners and the importance of your interest, your involvement and your investment in empowering the people in our community living with developmental disabilities. You have affected the lives of so many at Duvall Homes who need your help, and you inspire us with your generosity and compassion.

We give thanks to all those who helped us weather the effects of Hurricane Irma this past September. We are thankful for the dedicated frontline staff and caregivers and our facilities crew who helped keep our residents protected during the storm and through its aftermath. Their diligence and dedication kept our residents safe and sound, despite the lengthy power outages at several of our group homes and main campus. Thank you to the community members and neighbors who helped clear debris and reposition supplies and generators for us. Special thanks also goes to DaVita Labs in DeLand. They opened up their business to host 60 of our residents and staff during one of the hottest days before power was restored. The cafeteria in their newest building offered a haven, a comfortable respite space and the most gracious DaVita hospitality.

Not only through inclement weather, but all throughout the year, you have stood by us. Your commitment and support have helped in countless ways, as we work together to improve the lives of others.

As the holiday season approaches, and we are reminded of all our blessings, please accept our humble thanks for all you do.

Best wishes,

Steven C. DeVane
Chief Executive Officer

Duvall Homes’ CEO, Steven DeVane
Thank you art created by our Adult Day Training artists.

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DeLand Breakfast Rotary Gives

For the second year, Duvall Homes was awarded a grant from the DeLand Breakfast Rotary Club. The grant of $3,000 will be used for continued enhancement to Duvall’s Art For Everyone Program, including art supplies and display panels (below) that can be used for exhibiting art in the community, at special events and on campus.

ADT Gets New Chairs

Last spring a special appeal went out in Duvall’s 2017 Spring Newsletter for much needed indoor and outdoor chairs in the Opportunities Enrichment Center. $7,259 was raised by inserting remittance envelopes into the newsletter and by testing the popular Go Fund Me crowdsourcing platform. No ads were purchased for this test and new first-time donors were motivated to give. Names of all participants were placed into a drawing for a small basket of Art For Everyone limited edition items. Winners of the drawing were new donors Nancy and Woody Keck from Ormond Beach.

2017 Greatest Need Fulfilled

Following Hurricane Matthew in 2016, efforts began to raise funds for purchasing whole house, hardwired generators. “It was determined that we needed generators that automatically turn on when power is lost to support many things essential to comfortable living for the fragile folks in our care,” said Marsha Shankleton, Duvall’s Chief Operating Officer. “In addition to maintaining power for refrigeration, laundry and lighting, maintaining the group homes at certain temperatures is most important, not just for comfort and sustaining routine, but for avoiding serious problems.” An escalation in temperature can sometimes trigger seizures in some of our residents, among other medical complications, and so well before Hurricane Irma arrived, enough funds had been raised to purchase six of 16 generators. Following the challenges that came with Irma, Florida’s Department of Elder Affairs ruled that Nursing Homes and Adult Living Facilities must have generators, and so the goal to secure more than $250K to purchase and install 16 generators intensified. “It’s been a long process, and thanks to the generosity of parents, guardians, family members and friends in the community, we have reached our goal,” added Shankleton. Following the necessary research, ordering procedures, securing of proper city and county surveys and permits, underground propane tank installations and quality assurance checks, Duvall is moving forward and is now in the early stages of installing the generators.

Central Florida Church Gets Involved

Thank you to Graceway Church in Leesburg for hosting their 2017 fall fundraiser to benefit Duvall last month. The event was spearheaded by Sharon Demuth-Womble, Barbara Mittermaier, and several other hardworking women! Read full story at DuvallHomes.org/News-Events.

Top Facebook Post This Quarter

Bob Hanky holds a 7’ banner of his daughter Meg, which previously hung downtown DeLand along Woodland Blvd. with 15 other banners (August 1 - 28) and at this year’s Inspiration Gala (September 29) at the Sanborn Center. View, and share, other great posts at Facebook.com/DuvallHome.
THE DUVALL DIFFERENCE

CARE & COMPASSION ✤ TRUST & CONFIDENCE ✤ EXPLORATION, CREATIVITY & HAPPINESS ✤
DETERMINATION & DEDICATION ✤ HOPE & UNDERSTANDING ✤ INDEPENDENCE & INTEGRATION

It can take a great deal of time, repetition and patience for people with developmental disabilities to develop trust and a sense of self-confidence to let others guide or assist with activities of daily living. With persistence, care and the collaborative work of Duvall’s Group Home Managers, Director Support Professionals and Adult Day Training (ADT) Staff, people like Maggie thrive. “We understand that each person is unique and success means something different to everyone,” said ADT Specialist Bobbie Stephens. After developing trust, Maggie, once apprehensive, now allows staff to assist in routine tasks that help her have a more productive day. ✦

Many people have been residents of Duvall for more than 50 years, receiving a lifetime of care, services and life-skills training. Through years of expert support, compassion and an understanding for the personal goals set for each individual, staff and community have great impact on the lives of those in our care. Routine is important for people like Eddie. “Whether it’s relaxing with a coffee in the morning in his favorite armchair, helping with household responsibilities or packing his lunch, we provide necessary structure and a sense of security essential to promoting self-esteem, independence and happiness,” said Group Home Manager Danisa Taska. ✦

To help verbal and nonverbal participants in Duvall’s Adult Day Training program grow and learn, Support Specialists in our Opportunities Enrichment Center explore effective tools to identify new activities for them. People like Natalia (l) and Vanessa (r) flourish in the co-curricular programming at ADT, which includes painting and other expressive activities. “I’m very proud of all of our ADT participants. We encourage each individual to advocate their personal preferences and creative ideas in regular group discussions and one-on-one meetings,” said ADT Specialist Cindy Jakobowski (c). ✦
Even adults can make gains from Duvall’s residential services and adult day training. They determine the goals set in their care plans. With guidance, redirection and positive reinforcement from group home and day program team members, people like Elizabeth blossom. “Elizabeth is now a social butterfly and a joyful helper wherever she goes. She recently became a Publix volunteer and participates in special events in the community throughout the year. She looks forward to getting ready just as much as the event itself,” said Group Home Manager Sherrie Moore.

It’s very reassuring to the family members of Duvall residents when they learn their loved one overcomes personal challenges. People like Olivia learn accepted forms of communication - like listening and speaking politely. She now takes initiative to greet everyone she sees each morning. “With patience and continued positive feedback we often see dramatic improvements in our individuals and their care plans,” said ADT Specialist Dawn Shenk.

It’s not uncommon for people to be withdrawn and shy when they first come to Duvall. Individual goals are determined by the client and their dedicated support team members, which can also include the clients’ family. With time, people like Tony become very active in social settings. This is a testament to the Duvall Difference and the work we do independently and integrated in the community. “My little brother is blossoming like never before,” said sister Tania. “His communication and socialization skills have improved, and since volunteering at Publix his self-esteem and attitude have improved. He is happier and more energetic.”

WE’RE INVOLVED BECAUSE YOU’RE INVOLVED

When people are informed about the achievements made by the individuals in our care, and learn about the Duvall team members who are promoting their success every step of the way, they become more interested, inspired, involved and invested in our mission. Thank you... we’re glad you’re in! Visit I’mInspired.org.
The Inspiring Talents Of People We Serve
Based on its success in 2015 and 2016, artworks created in Duvall Homes’ Art For Everyone Program, exhibited at the 2017 Inspiration Gala, was a testament to the circle of inspiration. In a variety of presentations, inspired by global and local events, Duvall artists constructed a new body of work that was enjoyed by more than 200 Gala attendees. Created individually and collaboratively, the works displayed were inspired through the observation of other art done by professional painters and photographers, by learning about and viewing images associated with current events in the news and in publications, and also by repurposing artworks from past years to create something new.

STEM And The Creative Process
The art in this year’s exhibition is just a sampling of how the Opportunities Enrichment Center at Duvall Homes incorporates the cultural arts into its regular curriculum. Selected artworks for the Gallery at the Inspiration Gala were influenced by STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) subjects. Using books, personal iPads, and video guides, the epic solar eclipse that passed over the U.S. this past August, and eagle nesting at Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge just five minutes from Duvall’s campus, were only two of many events studied. With only modified assistance when needed, Duvall artists incorporated designs, figures and shapes to fit canvases of all types and measurements, creating an impressive collection of masterpieces worthy of inspiring every individual privileged to view them. Mediums of all types were used from pastels, acrylics, charcoal, chalk and ink, to rocks, twigs and recycled wood, cardboard and aluminum.

2017 Limited Edition Art Items
All works of art are a form of communication and self expression, and this is especially true for many of the Duvall artists with little or no verbal capability. While our Art Gallery unveiled an abundance of artistic talent this year, only a select few pieces were reproduced as limited edition keepsakes. Visit DuvallHomes.org/DeLand-Art-Gallery to view many other works of art and limited edition items created during the past two years.

INSPRATIONS OF FLORA & FAUNA
SOLAR ECLIPSE INSPIRED ART

COLLABORATIVE GEOMETRIC ABSTRACTS
Central Florida Comes Together
In Support of Duvall Homes

The Board of Regents and Staff of Duvall Homes would like to thank friends, families and community members for their support of this year’s Inspiration Gala, which took place at the Sanborn Center in DeLand, September 29, 2017. Since the Gala’s inception, three years ago, the organization’s annual fundraiser continues to reach new milestones, this year, raising more than $85,000.

Of the more than 200 guests who attended, sponsors included Reames Employee Benefits Solutions, DaVita Labs, Florida Hospital, Florida Public Utilities, Park Shore Pharmacon, and numerous others who contributed to the event’s success.

"Supporting Duvall Homes is easy to do," said honored guest John S. Olivari of Olivari & Associates. “The more I see the happy faces of people who call Duvall home, you just know they are doing it all right. I’m inspired.” Olivari was this year’s recipient of The Alanson and Thelma Duvall Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Highlights from the evening included an exhibit of STEM-inspired works of art created by residents of Duvall Homes, performances by Stetson University’s School of Music students, dinner by award-winning Puff ‘N Stuff, entertainment by Johnny Wild & The Delights, a high-energy 6-piece 50’s/60’s band sponsored by Kemp Realty Group and an exciting silent auction.
Florida ranks 49 out of 50 states in funding services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and that shortfall has a ripple effect on family members, employers, the community and the state. Donations that come through fundraisers like the Gala are vital to sustaining Duvall’s mission. Following the significant effects from the recent hurricane season, this year’s appeal at the Gala was specific to raising funds to furnish all group homes with generators.

Gala guest, William Voges, challenged the crowd to raise $10K in the final minutes of the program in order to be matched with a $10K donation from the William J. Voges Foundation – the extraordinary crowd in attendance met this challenge!

“The generosity and compassion of the capacity crowd at this year’s fundraiser not only inspired all staff and parents,” said Duvall’s CEO, Steven DeVane, “it will impact the lives of all of our residents this coming year and years that follow. Each sponsor, donor and volunteer lived up to the name of the Inspiration Gala and the I’m In mantra.”

Approaching its 73rd year empowering people with developmental disabilities, Duvall Homes is proud of the community it serves and the overwhelming kindness and support that continues to strengthen its mission. Be further inspired at lminspired.org.
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Duvall Homes draws its strength from a variety of sources and provides the highest level of care, in large part, due to the exceptional generosity of our closest supporters – friends and families, business partners and foundations, churches and civic groups – all offering continued passion and commitment to our mission. Here are just a few examples of how your generosity has helped us in 2016 - 2017.

$5,000 for Materials and Supplies
Art For Everyone and Other Programs
from Civic Organizations and Private Foundations

$7,500 for New Furniture at Opportunities Enrichment Center
from Newsletter Recipients, Social Media Followers and Church Groups

$87,000 for General Operating Expenses and Urgent Needs
from Business Partners and In-Kind Donations

$268,000 for Propane Tanks and Generators for all Duvall Group Homes
from Parents, Guardians and Family Members

$417,000 for New Duvall Group Home #17
from Government Grant

$927,000 for Mortgage Payoff of Duvall Main Campus
from Estate, Trust and Legacy Gifts

Learn about the different ways to get involved by visiting DuvallHomes.org/Get-Involved or by contacting Elizabeth Bhimjee, CMDO, at ebhimjee@DuvallHomes.org or 386.734.2874 x102
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