Dear Friends of Duvall Homes,

We are proud to share continuing good news about Duvall Homes in this, our News and 2015 - 2016 Annual Giving Report. Although not without its challenges, the year has been filled with growth and promise. Our community connections are more fully established and we are pleased to report that we have many new advocates as a direct result of our persistent outreach. Work contracts are ongoing with MBI, a national direct mail company, enabling many residents in the Day Training Program the opportunity to earn a paycheck, and a new partnership with Publix affords residents on-the-job-training several days a week. Personal success stories unfold every day.

Of course, much of our success is evidenced in the strength and commitment of Duvall Homes’ staff. Hurricane Matthew was no match for the selfless determination demonstrated by the group home managers and direct support personnel that provided round-the-clock watchfulness to ensure that all our residents were safe and secure. In the aftermath, our facilities crew has been consumed with clean up and removal of downed trees and debris. Additionally, as staff has been promoted, our Bargain Shops are seeing increased activity. Under new management, facelifts and remodels are underway and new signage is being installed as both locations gear up for the holidays.

For the second year, we hosted our annual Inspiration Gala to raise funds, friends and awareness for Duvall Homes. The event welcomed many new donors into our closest circle. The enthusiasm and generosity of all who participated helped us reach a new milestone, which surpassed our fundraising goal for the second year in a row. Our deepest gratitude goes out to everyone involved!

Family and friends, corporations and foundations, church groups and students at the high school and college level, are among our circle of dedicated supporters. Each year we look to you for continued support to help us sustain our mission. Your time, talent and treasure energize our work and strengthen our ability to create new opportunities for the future well-being of those in our care. We strive to earn your interest and continued support...together we make a difference!

Best wishes,

Steven C. DeVane
Chief Executive Officer

CEO, Steven DeVane, visits with Brooke and Stephen at Duvall's Opportunity Enrichment Center.

On the cover: Original art created by Duvall Homes’ resident, Fred S. Rushing Water, 2016, acrylic Art… For Everyone exhibit

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Welcome New Board Member

Duvall Homes’ Board of Regents welcomes Charles Kron, its newest member. Kron is a retired Superintendent from the Ohio Public Schools system and lives in Orange City, FL.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Thank you to the many churches who for years have kept Duvall Homes in their prayers and who continue to volunteer and support the service we provide to those with developmental disabilities. Special thanks to the women of North Lake Presbyterian Church for the 30 art supply bags they donated to Duvall’s Adult Day Training Art… For Everyone program.

Excellence in Innovation

Duvall Homes is proud to announce that the 2016 recipient of the Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (FARF) Excellence in Innovation Award is our CEO, Steven DeVane. The award was presented to DeVane on September 21, 2016, in Tallahassee, FL., by FARF President and CEO, Suzanne Sewell, and FARF Board Chair, Shirley Balogh. The award is given annually to a director or company in recognition of continuing excellence in comprehensive community services, innovation in the application of technology to meet needs of individuals with disabilities, and consistent, successful achievement that goes above and beyond the call of duty.

“Steven DeVane combines innovative thinking with the desire to always do what is in the best interest of the individuals Duvall Homes serves,” said Sewell. “He is quick to explore innovative practices from other states and is always willing to go the extra mile to solve problems for the program he leads, as well as for all Florida members of the Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities. We cannot think of a more worthy recipient of this award.”

Future Health Care Professionals

In November, Duvall Homes was invited to be part of Deltona High School’s Health Services Academy Fair, an academy developed under the mission of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). We were honored to join the group of community health care professionals and aspiring young leaders interested in working in numerous health care fields upon which we all depend.

Student exhibits included SWAT: Students Working Against Tobacco, supported by Daytona State College Respiratory Therapy students; Volusia County’s EVAC/EMS, retirement facilities, Mental Health and Abuse Awareness, Teen Pregnancy and others.

Bargain Store News

The Bargain Store of Duvall Homes in DeLand gets a new sign. New signage is in the works for the Deltona Store.

Students from Youth Mission 360 help out at the Bargain Stores. DeLand Store Manager, Bobbie Daley, bottom left.
Unsung Heroes
Surviving Hurricane Matthew

Originating from a tropical storm off of the coast of Africa September 22, 2016, Hurricane Matthew developed into a Category 5 (190 mph) northeast of Curaçao by September 29. Weakening as it traveled northward along the southeastern coast of the United States, Matthew hit Volusia County just offshore with varied gusts of winds ranging from a Category 1 (75 mph) to a Category 3 (129 mph).

“It’s a well-known fact that when events such as Hurricane Matthew strike our communities it brings out the best in cooperation, resiliency and mutual support,” said Duvall Homes CEO Steven DeVane. “We all pull together when faced with hardship.”

DeVane added that in the aftermath of Matthew, the men and women who work day in and day out to support the most vulnerable citizens; adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, are the unsung heroes we need to recognize.

As Matthew threatened the group homes of Duvall throughout Volusia County, the Direct Support Professionals showed up to work with overnight bags packed, knowing they would be needed long past the end of their shifts.

“They did so willingly, without being asked, prepared to manage the comfort and safety of those in their care during the storm and in the days that followed,” said DeVane. “They asked for no reward and simply felt that this was their way to contribute by putting others first. I am...
proud of all the staff here at Duvall Homes. They make a difference every day.”

Direct Support Professionals are such an integral part of the support structure for individuals with disabilities who depend on them. As healthcare standards for those with intellectual - developmental disabilities move toward ensuring that all citizens have the opportunity to live and work in their communities, a robust Direct Support workforce is vital. This is especially evident when traumatic circumstances arise, such as a hurricane.

Matt Stanfield, Duvall Homes’ Director of Facilities & Grounds, and his crew had the monumental task of removing fallen trees, branches and debris to clear roads to and from the group homes, ensuring each home had the essential amenities each individual is used to having.

"We’re really fortunate that Hurricane Matthew had weakened before hitting Volusia," said Stanfield. "Everyone was safe as we always prepare for the worst and hope for the best, but this did give cause to take a few steps back and assess what we could do differently to prepare for the next one.”

Duvall Homes was fortunate in that Hurricane Matthew delivered more wind than rain to West Volusia, and the weather wasn’t very hot.

“We have several small generators requiring continuous gas refills that would not meet all power needs should this hurricane have had greater impact," added Stanfield. "It is impossible to know how many homes will be affected by any future storm. We do have alternative plans of action in place, one in particular is traveling to another area, but that can cause significant disruption to the daily routine of our residents. Ideally, having continuous backup protection with an automatic hardwired propane generator for each home would be great; however, the cost to furnish 16 homes is more than $200,000."

DeVane extended a special thank you to the dedicated employees of Duvall Homes, and throughout the state of Florida.

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Community Outreach 2.0

The Stetson University Greenfeather Grant was awarded in 2015, and the funds used for materials to support Duvall Homes’ Day Training Program in its Opportunities Enrichment Center continue to benefit the developmentally disabled residents in our care.

After being educated on the ongoing importance of raising awareness for those fighting cancer and further developing their vocational and creative skills, participants took to the sidewalk proudly wearing personally designed t-shirts created at the Center. This full-circle educational exercise is only one inspiring example of the many ways in which Duvall Homes’ residents and participants get involved and practice community awareness for all populations in need of attention.

Other funds from the Greenfeather Grant supported technology and software training equipment vital to enabling users to engage socially and increase self-expression.

Skippy the Weatherman

A few months ago, Day Training participants took an educational field trip to DeLeon Springs State Park. Learning about the 1830’s Spanish Sugarmill or the many animal species at the 625-acre park was not on the agenda. Instead, they produced a short film with characters and plot using the Springs as a backdrop. What’s Missing was the title of the film, complete with actors, a weatherman and a singer. The actors had lunch, played outdoor games and had fun while Skippy the Weatherman, a.k.a. Randy E., top right, gave intermittent reports on the weather and the state of affairs after a character went “missing.” He interviewed witnesses and “extras.” Susan R., right, sang Barry Manilow’s Can’t Smile Without You before the mystery was solved and the credits ran. Stay tuned for a possible sequel!

Anonymous Hearts

During the Thanksgiving Holidays a resident of Duvall Homes traveled to visit relatives in another state. After boarding, the pilot invited her into the cockpit for a special tour. He then upgraded her to a First Class seat! What’s Missing was the title of the film, complete with actors, a weatherman and a singer. The actors had lunch, played outdoor games and had fun while Skippy the Weatherman, a.k.a. Randy E., top right, gave intermittent reports on the weather and the state of affairs after a character went “missing.” He interviewed witnesses and “extras.” Susan R., right, sang Barry Manilow’s Can’t Smile Without You before the mystery was solved and the credits ran. Stay tuned for a possible sequel!
Publix: Where Volunteering is a Pleasure

December 2016 marks six months since Duvall Homes’ Day Training participants began volunteering at a local supermarket.

Six unsure volunteers, shadowing Publix employees to assess their skills level, grew to nine confident adults bagging groceries and assisting customers for two hours, twice weekly.

“It’s a great opportunity for the people we serve. This experience develops social skills as well as vocational and communication skills,” said Day Training Staff Specialists Shawn Francis and Cindy Jakobowski.

“The hope is to see our volunteers move to doing more tasks, like stocking shelves and perhaps even be hired,” added Francis. ♦ Mary, top right, and Patrick, right, volunteer during Publix training.

Residents have something in common with a World Series Player!

Duvall Homes got a shout-out, receiving special recognition on the jumbo Tron, at Stetson University’s Spec-Martin Stadium when several of our residents attended a Stetson Hatters ball game on Autism Awareness Day last spring.

So what do these residents have in common with the 2016 World Series game which saw the Chicago Cubs beat the Cleveland Indians in the seventh game, 8-7 in overtime this past November? Both Corey Kluber, the Cleveland Indians pitcher, and our residents have stood in Spec-Martin Stadium. Kluber is a Stetson University graduate! ♦

From the Archives

This month 33 years ago, Dec. 1983, residents of Duvall enjoyed the City of DeLand’s Annual Christmas Parade after being treated to a pancake and sausage breakfast provided by the Kiwanis Club. Taking part in the ’83 Duvall float was Scout Troop 595, including residents William D. and Fred S. ♦
With deepest gratitude, the Board of Regents and Staff of Duvall Homes would like to thank friends, families and sponsors for their support of this year’s Inspiration Gala, which took place at the Sanborn Center in DeLand, September 23, 2016. In only its second year, the organization’s newly established annual fundraiser hit a new milestone, raising nearly $80,000.

“For several years we have been working very hard to raise community awareness about the good work that goes on here at Duvall Homes,” said Duvall’s CEO, Steven DeVane. “We certainly saw, first-hand, the power of one as sponsors, staff and the community came together for a great cause and a great evening, and I personally thank everyone involved. While our work is not done here, the future is bright and we couldn’t be prouder.”

Florida ranks 49 out of 50 states and the District of Columbia in funding services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and that shortage 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.

“Duvall Homes serves a function of taking care of people who can’t take care of themselves,” said longtime Duvall supporter Bert Reames, President of Reames Employee Benefits Solutions. “I feel the rest of us have a moral obligation to take care of those people, and through Duvall Homes we get that done. Thank you to Duvall Homes for permitting us to be part of the family and give support to their projects.” Bert and Julie Reames are the 2016 recipients of The Alanson and Thelma Duvall Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service, presented at the Gala.

“Duvall Homes’ mission of caring for its residents greatly mirrors the commitment we feel to our patients, our teammates, and our world,” said Jason Cline, VP and General Manager of DaVita Labs who served as the Gala’s Presenting Sponsor.


“It was an amazing team effort,” said Elizabeth Bhimjee, Duvall Homes’ Chief Marketing and Development Officer. “We received an outpouring of support from the community again this year. It was inspiring to see so many individuals and organizations come together to help us achieve another new milestone in Duvall’s long history.” For more information, visit DuvallHomes.org.
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“The Alanson and Thelma Duvall Memorial Award” presented to Bert and Julie Reames

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