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Duvall Homes' founders, Alanson and Thelma Duvall

On the cover:

Celebrating 70 Years and the Story of One Little Boy

"Cow", a children's toy belonging to Chippy Duvall reminds us that this little boy's story was the impetus for great things to come. This year, we celebrate thousands of lives that have been changed, as we continue to care for developmentally disabled people just like Chippy.

The exemplar strength and commitment of Alanson and Thelma Duvall inspires us today and we know they would be proud of all we have achieved as we follow along the path they forged.

Duvall Homes News is published bi-annually for the families and friends of Duvall Homes. Please keep us current with your contact information, so that we may keep you current with happenings and up-dates.

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HELPING OTHERS ACHIEVE THE FULLEST LIFE
POSSIBLE BY CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES
FOR LIVING . . . LEARNING . . . AND WORKING**



Duvall Homes CEO, Steven DeVane, presents Daryl Tol with the Alanson and Thelma Duvall Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service at "The Next 70" event.



Dear Duvall Homes Families & Friends,

Educator and political leader Booker T. Washington once commented that "... *the most useful and influential people are those who take the deepest interest in institutions that exist for the purpose of making the world better.*"

At our recent 70th Anniversary event, honored guest, Daryl Tol, President/CEO, Florida Hospital Volusia/Flagler commented that "... *the Duvall Homes story and the work being done here runs deep.*"

The *depth of our story* and your deepest interest has carried Duvall Homes through seven decades, and this Special Anniversary Issue is dedicated to all of you, *most useful and influential*. . . who have helped us make the world better!

Through your steadfast support we are able to encourage creativity, nurture independence and broaden horizons for the developmentally disabled. Together we have empowered and enabled those in our care - together we are changing lives every day! We are forever grateful that you are by our side.

With *deepest* appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. C. DeVane".

Steven C. DeVane
Chief Executive Officer



70 Years



Timeline Snapshot:

Alanson and Thelma Duvall with son, Alanson, Jr.

When their son was born with Down syndrome in **1935**: Alanson and Thelma Duvall resisted the typical practice encouraged at that time, and rather than institutionalize their child, they began to care for him at home.

1945: Interested in helping other families and surrounding their son with similarly diagnosed children, they moved from Pennsylvania to Satsuma, Florida and took on the care of 17 additional children.

1952: After outgrowing their home, the Duvalls borrow \$20,000 and move into an old, 30-room hotel in Glenwood. Taking on more and more developmentally disabled children, they eventually expand into the current sixteen-acre campus.

1978: Duvall Home purchases 247 acres north of DeLand and begins planning for group-home construction.

1979: Choppy Duvall dies.

1982: Papa Duvall retires, handing over his duties to a new administrator.

1986: Thelma Duvall dies.

1994: Duvall Home opens two cottages on the new land and obtains licenses to care for 12 residents in each. These are Duvall Home's first of five group homes on this property.

2000: At the height of Duvall Home's census, it cares for about 250 residents. Governmental policy and attrition will eventually help reduce this figure by nearly half.

2009: Duvall Home's Day Training Program is licensed.

2014: Duvall Home begins moving all of its remaining 40 residents out of McGaffin Hall, the last residential facility on the Glenwood campus.

2015: Final move from McGaffin Hall is completed. Additional group homes are opened, bringing the total to sixteen, and driving a name change from Duvall Home to *Duvall Homes* - to better reflect the organization's expanding community footprint.

[Excerpt from November 2, 2014 Daytona Beach News-Journal article, written by Mark Harper.]

Photos: (top to bottom), Mama and Papa Duvall with son, Choppy; Duvall Home c. 1952; Papa Duvall with Linda, the first little girl at Duvall Home.

DUVALL HOMES TODAY

GROUP HOMES
SOCIAL GROWTH
INCLUSIVE LEARNING
SELF-DETERMINATION

Demographics

Total number of residents: 105
Gender: Male 54, Female 51
Age Range: 24-88
Median Age: 55
Disability by Diagnosis:
Autism 6%
Down Syndrome 16%
Cerebral Palsy 17%
Other Disabilities 61%
Funding Type: State 59, Private 46
Top 4 of 25 States:
Florida, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina

1945–2015 . . .

Improving the lives of others
for 70 years!



Our latest group home, O’Gorman Cottage.



Residents enjoy frequent community outings.

AN ANNIVERSARY EVENT

“The Next 70” MAKING COMPASSION A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!

Duvall Homes proudly commemorated its 70th Anniversary with a celebration event on September 25th at the Sanborn Activity Center in DeLand. “The Next 70” was an inspiring evening, looking back over the past seventy years and forward with announcements about our future. Complete with gift shop, art gallery and live painting, an interactive reception was followed by dinner and notable guest speakers, chief among them, Daryl Tol, President and CEO of Florida Hospital Volusia/Flagler, who was honored with the inaugural *Alanson and Thelma Duvall Memorial Award*. Resident artwork was on display and for sale as part of this major fundraising effort. Contributions from friends, families, community members and staff raised more than \$60,000! THANKS TO ALL, FOR HELPING US REACH THIS REMARKABLE NEW BENCHMARK!



Duvall Homes resident, Jim, mingles with event guests.



Duvall Homes' Board of Regents are recognized.



Julie and Bert Reames with Roosevelt Harris and Pamela McIntire



Family and friends of Duvall Homes residents



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Guests enjoy the Art Gallery and Gift Shop where residents showcased their work.

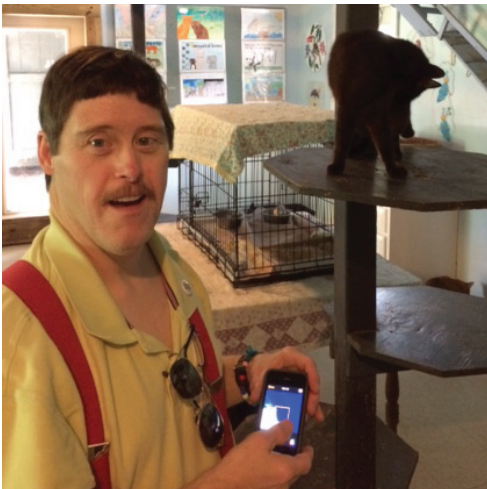


COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

WE ARE A VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNER

Duvall Homes residents volunteer throughout the year in a variety of ways that benefit the community. Giving back is an integral part of the Duvall Homes philosophy and these are the latest in a long line of efforts our residents are engaged in to do their part. We are proud to recognize them and keep you updated with their outreach accomplishments!

Journey's End Animal Sanctuary provides lifetime care and shelter for animals that have special needs. Duvall Homes residents, with special needs of their own, volunteer on a weekly basis and interact with the animals, overcoming fears, gaining confidence and making new friends by sharing their love and kindness!



Jim, Elizabeth and Robert enjoy visiting furry friends.

FREEDOM PLAYGROUND NEXT GENERATION

Freedom Playground Next Generation. Local leadership has requested our support to ensure disabled individuals will be accommodated and able to enjoy the new design layout and apparatus. Residents played an important role on build days as participant volunteers, and had an opportunity to “pitch-in” alongside other neighborhood members.



Duvall Homes is actively engaged as a consultant and sponsor for the redesign and build of DeLand's community playground,



Volunteers, Darlene and Tony

*FORGING A NEW PARTNERSHIP
Medtronic and Duvall Homes
collaborate to supply sun visors to 250
playground volunteers.*



WE ARE PAYING IT FORWARD!



Just weeks ago, a new partnership with Stop Hunger Now was launched and after a speedy start-up Duvall Homes residents have already packaged 3,240 meals! Not only are those in desperate need of food provided for, but at the same time the developmentally disabled served by Duvall Homes benefit from a new sense of purpose, achievement and philanthropic responsibility. Packaging has been incorporated into the day training curriculum and participants are determined to continue in their mission to help others.

Stop Hunger Now gets food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people, and works to end global hunger. Duvall Homes volunteers assemble packaging stations, fill bins with raw ingredients, scoop ingredients into meal bags, weigh and seal the bags and box them for delivery to a distribution center. The meals are shipped throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages, and crisis relief.



DUVALL HOMES RESIDENTS ARE SAVING LIVES!

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

“ART . . . FOR EVERYONE!”

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS FROM THE ARTISTS OF DUVALL HOMES



Celebrating creativity at the Next 70 event, guests learn about the successful new art program.



Upcoming Exhibits



September 26 – October 31, 2015
Athens Theatre, DeLand, FL



November 27, 2015 – January 10, 2016
Ormond Memorial Art Museum,
Ormond Beach, FL

“Art . . . For Everyone!” is flourishing and Duvall Homes residents continue to exhibit their artwork throughout Volusia County Special thanks to our community partners for their generous support as venue hosts, providing us space and encouragement throughout the year.

Stetson University, Ormond Memorial Art Museum, Gateway Center for the Arts, Athens Theatre, Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, Museum of Arts & Sciences, City of DeLand, DeLand Area Chamber of Commerce & Orange City Alliance

A \$3,000 gift from The Bond Foundation Show popularity has inspired tremendous community support. Lead-funding from The Bond Foundation has fueled product sales and made possible the start of formal art instruction from professional artist, Amelie Bush-Rogers. Classes will run for ten weeks.

“ECCO: ENHANCING COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES”

STETSON UNIVERSITY

Duvall Homes Wins Prestigious Greenfeather Grant

As Duvall Homes enters a new chapter in its 70-year history, we are building the capacity of our Day Training Program through a project called ECCO: Enhancing Communication and Community Opportunities. More than 50 percent of program participants are non-verbal communicators, and funding for technology and assistive software is vital to opening the door to language and self-expression. Technology currently in use has shown significant results, enabling users to engage in a form of social exchange and conversation where they are otherwise limited to silence.

The \$10,000 Greenfeather Grant awarded from Stetson University will provide for much needed additional technology, vocational training equipment and educational materials to support the growing number of participants in the program.



Day Training participants gather for a technology training session.



WE GIVE BACK
TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY . . .

Elizabeth makes a new friend through as special program at Journey's End Animal Shelter.

HELP US SUSTAIN OUR SPECIAL PROGRAMS

YOUR HELP NEEDED

Duvall Homes has recorded measurable growth over the last year. As we become more fully integrated in the community through networking events, neighborhood outreach, and collaborative projects with our neighbors, those we serve have benefited. New opportunities arise every day and our residents are staying involved. We hope you will recognize the value in our special programs and reach out to help us sustain them. **Your contribution is crucial to keeping our residents actively engaged and inspired.** Special programs are supported by donations like yours and you can help us prepare for new opportunities as they present by building a reserve fund.



Art . . . for Everyone! . . . a traveling exhibit showcasing the creative talents of Duvall Homes artists. Having shown at museums and galleries across Volusia County, this unique program has moved Duvall artists into the public spotlight. Introducing their work has given them a voice—serving as a vital link to communication, self-esteem and confidence—all necessary contributors that help define quality of life. **Help us fund art classes** to improve skills and to continue to showcase work throughout the community. Classes cost \$50/each and we currently have funds to carry us through ten weeks. We would love to offer this to our day training participants year-round. Can you help us extend their training? Additional talents are sure to emerge!

Stop Hunger Now. This vital project benefits the residents of Duvall Homes by providing dexterity and hand-eye coordination exercise, hands-on experience in cooperation and team-building, problem-solving and goal-setting - all while helping others at the same time! To date, our residents have packaged 3,240 meals for those in critical need. In just one month efforts have provided help to 19,440 needy people! Each meal costs .29 cents and Duvall Homes spends about \$250 each month to operate the program. **Help us continue to make a global impact** with your donation today! Your gift in any amount will **help our residents help others. Making the world better . . . together!**



For your convenience, a gift envelop is enclosed. Please make you check payable to Duvall Homes. Contact Elizabeth Bhimjee at (386)734-2874 or ebhimjee@duvallhome.org with any questions.

Duvall Homes is a 501(c)(3) organization, designated by the IRS, and your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

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"Woman in Blue Hat" by Samuel Ginsberg, on exhibit with Art . . . For Everyone! at Ormond Beach Memorial Art Museum through January 10, 2016

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This holiday season, why not **double the impact of your giving**? As you work through your wish list, considering the perfect gift(s) for those you love – why not **offer two gifts in one**? It's easy, it spreads the goodness of philanthropy, and it captures the spirit of the season! **Any shopping you do automatically benefits the developmentally disabled individuals served by Duvall Homes.** All proceeds from the sale of these products are returned to Duvall Homes' art program and used for the purpose of replenishing materials consumed in the making of items like these. **So get ready! Make your shopping count!**

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