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ART . . . For Everyone Expands

Newsletter | SPRING 2016
Dear Duvall Homes Families & Friends,

Welcome to the spring edition of our 2016 newsletter.

The pages here are filled with events and activities that we hope will inspire you. They highlight some of our newest community partnerships and will also give you a glimpse at some of our new and expanding programs. Most important of all, they showcase the pathways to progress many Duvall Homes residents have been taking lately. Success abounds - on all levels!

An area of special focus for us over recent months has been on developing community-wide collaborations. New partnerships have created fresh opportunities and real change by impacting perceptions and building greater awareness about the people we serve. We have received tremendous response and have seen Volusia County communities embrace our residents through many cooperative projects and exciting shared-initiatives.

Our work depends largely on donor support and building these partnerships help us shape understanding and commitment for our mission. Like you, we hope others will understand that they are not simply supporting activities—they are investing in outcomes. Some powerful outcomes are demonstrated in these pages and we think you will agree!

Read on . . . and get ready to be inspired!

Best wishes,

Steven C. DeVane
Chief Executive Officer

Above: Steven chats with Mary, a Duvall Homes resident.
On the cover: Successful job completion brings smiles all-around! Jim celebrates with Dawn and Brandy, helpful staff members who encourage MBI contract workers to develop their vocational skills and independence – all while earning a paycheck!
NEWS BRIEFS

New Book Inspired by Duvall Residents

“The Church is small but with a friendly congregation and the usual neighborhood activities. We soon noticed that a number of Duval Home residents often attended. One incident that has stayed in my mind concerned a performance that a group of the residents gave at the Church. A group of twelve to fourteen men and women sang. I don’t remember what they sang; it may have been a hymn. They were off-key; some were too loud and some were too soft. They were not recording stars but when they completed their offering, they all had huge smiles. Their eyes showed extreme happiness. They clapped as we did and their pride was evident. Their presence at the church and that performance are what prompted this book.”

Excerpt: from the Preface of Johnny’s Cello by Guy Lucier

If interested in reading more, this e-book is available on AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Duvall Homes!

New Board of Regents Members

We are proud to announce our newest Board of Regents members, David Luck and Michael Ugarte. David is retired CEO/President of ABC Supply Company and also father to one of our residents. Michael is Chief Financial Development Officer of Halifax Humane Society. Their exceptional leadership and commitment will greatly influence an exciting new chapter in the Duvall Homes story. Welcome!

New Name & New Logo For Adt Program

Better known now as the Opportunities Enrichment Center, the center provides a wide spectrum of training activities that foster discovery, independence and self-determination. We think this best describes its fuller scope of purpose. . . . enriching the lives of all who participate there.

New Press Coverage

- WEST VOLUSIA’S DUVALL HOMES SHOWCASES CLIENTS’ ART | NEWSJOURNALONLINE.COM
- NEWSJOURNALONLINE.COM/ARTICLE/20151218/NEWS/151219477/0/SEARCH
- LIST OF 150 AREA SERVICE GROUPS/NEWSJOURNALONLINE.COM
- SPECIAL EDITION TO THE WEST VOLUSIA BEACON | DUVALL HOMES SHOWCASES RESIDENTS’ ARTWORK AT CITY HALLS
- DUVALL HOMES AWARDED WE NOTICED AWARD | DAYTONACHAMBER.COM
"WE NOTICED" AWARD

You may have noticed the changes taking place on our main campus. So have others!

The “We Noticed” Award is presented by Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce to a member business that has made noticeable improvements to their property/business. Photos taken with Chamber Ambassadors are sent to all media outlets, placed in Chamber communications and promoted through social networks. Good news and great visibility for Duvall Homes and after months of clearing trees and debris, applying fresh coats of paint, removing old fencing and demolishing buildings, the facilities staff at Duvall Homes can take a bow! This initial facelift is just the start of changing features and physical improvements to come. Keep watching . . .
AN INSIDER’S VISION

GENEROSITY THAT BUILDS A LASTING LEGACY

Turning a house into a home can be a daunting task… especially for Duvall Homes. Funding is a major hurdle to overcome and without donor support it would be difficult to provide the comfortable and beautiful residences we are proud to call Duvall Homes. On behalf of our residents, we have two special families to thank for their vital contributions and lasting legacy.

**Luck Cottage** reflects the name of its donors, David and Terri Luck. The before-and-after story says it all. Opened after major renovations and upgrades, it is a stunning remodel and a beautiful new home. A generous gift from the Lucks made this home possible.

Collective giving was a driving force behind the opening of our sixteenth group home. Family siblings came together to combine resources and with an additional company match from an employer **O’Gorman Cottage** came to life. The home was donated in honor of parents, Eileen and Joseph O’Gorman and son, Mark.

*Talk to us about creative ways you can help us secure our next group home as we continue to provide for those who need our services.*
FANS MEET MAJOR LEAGUE BALL PLAYER

Not just another community outing . . .
Spending the Day With
Daryl Strawberry!

Five Duvall Homes residents, who just happen to be baseball fans, were invited to attend a special ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the new “Daryl Strawberry Recovery Center” in DeLand. Guests attended a pre-ceremony reception complete with spectacular food and refreshments, autographed baseballs and photographs, and an opportunity to shake hands with an impressive line-up of professional athletes and sportscasters. Fans from Duvall shared the spotlight!
MBI, a print advertising and direct mail company has contracted with Duvall Homes to provide participants at the Opportunities Enrichment Center the chance to earn a pay check! Named to INC Magazine’s “INC 500’s” fastest growing private companies in America, MBI has partnered with Duvall Homes since October 2015. Proven speed and dependability keeps assembly work coming our way, and most recently, residents completed a 15,000 piece project. Duvall Homes is the only organization of its kind working with MBI and the opportunity greatly benefits our residents. Socialization, teamwork and vocational skills training are the obvious lessons learned, but six of the seven resident-workers are receiving a paycheck for the first time in their lives and this speaks to self-esteem, confidence and greater independence. Trips to the bank turn checks into cash and residents are also developing a new financial awareness.

“We’re proud of our diverse workforce and proud to be an active, contributing partner of the community!”

-Linda Newman, MBI Human Resources Coordinator

Lois Allen, MBI Piecework Fulfillment Coordinator oversees work contracts and was recently recognized by Duvall Homes for her guidance and support.

Contract work team: Meg, Susan, Nancy, Jon, Sheldon and Tony. Not pictured: Kristin
ART PROGRAM EXPANDS!

2016 EXHIBIT: MOBILE SCULPTURES

ART . . . For Everyone! Creative Expressions from the Artists of Duvall Homes
Collection II: Mobile Sculptures Tour Schedule

In 2015, Duvall Homes launched a new art program. Throughout the year, paintings created by the developmentally disabled people we serve were showcased at a variety of galleries and museums across Volusia County. The exhibit was so well-received by the community at large that we have produced a follow up exhibit for 2016 – specially timed to launch in March – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Wheel chairs used in the exhibit have been creatively embellished by those who attend the Opportunities Enrichment Center. We like to think of them as mobile sculptures - just another facet of our fast-growing arts program – and second in a series of traveling exhibits we call ART . . . For Everyone!

Helping to create awareness and generously accepting our sculptures for display, special partners have provided us with exhibit space and encouragement. As we expand our reach beyond galleries and museums and into the business community this year, we extend our sincere thanks!

On Exhibit March 1 – March 31
Florida Hospital, DeLand | DaVita Labs, DeLand | MBI, DeLand | Fifth Third Bank, DeLand | Medtronic, DeLand | Deltona City Hall, Deltona – exhibit combined with paintings

On Exhibit March 29 – May 20
DeBary City Hall, DeBary – exhibit combined with paintings

VIEW OUR ENTIRE COLLECTION AT THIS YEAR’S INSPIRATION GALA!
ART . . . For Everyone is flourishing and to help sustain the program’s growth, Duvall Homes’ vendor, DEX Imaging has offered to provide for continued art instruction throughout 2016. We are thrilled to offer our residents this creative outlet and guided by professional artist-instructor, Amelie Bush-Rogers, classes will continue once a week for the remainder of the year. Skills continue to improve!

“Shirley has discovered a new interest and loves to paint! I’ve seen her work really advance as she practices more and more – she seems to have an innate sense of color and dimension!”

–Amelie Bush-Rogers, Professional Artist and Instructor

To help provide a public showcase for Duvall Homes, Florida Public Utilities has placed resident art work on permanent display at its DeBary Offices. As part of a broad community collection, the artwork is displayed alongside other notable community member organizations.

“Ronnie has joined the art class and is painting for the first time. Although he has no verbal capacity, his painting skill is testimony to the stories he can tell through this creative outlet!”
At Duvall Homes, we recognize that not all our residents have the same capabilities, yet, we strive to create experiences that empower and inspire, and promote dignity for everyone. Our work is about helping each individual in our care achieve their very own personal success story. Not everyone can paint, not everyone can volunteer in the community, not everyone can contribute in a highly visible way, but we are committed to distinguishing and celebrating all achievements – big and small alike.

Some of our residents have improved dexterity and hand-eye coordination. Some have mastered a steadier gait through repeated exercise or muscle strengthening activities, some have demonstrated improved concentration and have learned to work independently. There are many pathways to progress.

Our residents achieve success to some degree, in their own way and at their own pace, and we are proud to recognize every one of them with attention and support.
GOOD THINGS COME IN ALL PACKAGES

THE MANY WAYS TO MAKE A GIFT TO DUVALL HOMES

All gifts have an immeasurable impact on the lives of Duvall Homes residents and enable us to deliver excellence in care and comfort to our disabled population. As we seek to provide the highest quality of life and greatest level of independence for our residents, there are many ways your tax-deductible gift can help!

Annual Fund – Area(s) of Greatest Need
The Annual Fund supports all Duvall Homes programs by preparing for unanticipated and often urgent needs. This fund allows the greatest flexibility in meeting the ever-changing necessities of the people we serve. When making an Annual Fund gift, ask about the Duvall Homes Friendship Society.

Honor a Friend or Loved One
You can recognize someone special, commemorate a milestone or celebrate a special occasion, such as an anniversary, retirement, wedding or birthday, with a thoughtful tribute. When you make an honorary or memorial gift, we will send a special note to the person, or the family of the person, in whose name the gift was made.

Employee Recognition
Has someone at Duvall Homes made a difference in the life of your loved one? This fund was established to recognize and acknowledge the efforts and commitment of our staff. These funds underwrite the cost of the Employee Christmas Party and holiday gifts awarded.

Day Training Program
The primary purpose of this fund is to provide a wider range of pre-vocational training options to engage our residents in meaningful, challenging and productive daily activity. Materials and supplies are always needed to expand and improve our program.

Transportation
This fund provides for the purchase and maintenance of our fleet of vehicles and the special equipment necessary to outfit them for our disabled population.

Houses to Homes Fund
Group Homes provide a family-living atmosphere and an environment that nurtures and enhances the lives of each Duvall Homes resident. Gifts designated to this fund will help furnish group homes with all the necessary features and fittings that make a house a home.

Naming Opportunities
Talk to us about establishing a named fund for a special interest or program.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

By planning ahead you can remember Duvall Homes in your will or estate plan. Your gift will leave an important legacy that will help ensure Duvall Homes continues the distinctive care that has positively impacted so many lives, for so many decades!

Planned Giving Opportunities

Planned gifts may include cash, real estate, life insurance, stock, personal property, business interests, charitable remainder trusts and gifts from deferred compensation plans.

If you have considered including Duvall Homes in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can do our best to honor your wishes.

To make a provision in your will, speak to your attorney or financial advisor. The best way to plan for the future is to act now.

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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SAVED-THE-DATE

It’s not too late ... you won’t want to miss our biggest event of the year!

DUVALL HOMES
Raising Funds, Friends and Awareness for People with Developmental Disabilities

SEPTEMBER 23, 2016
Wayne G. Sanborn Activity & Event Center
815 South Alabama Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724
5:30PM Reception, Art Exhibit, Shopping | 7:00PM Dinner Program

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