Embracing our future through care and community . . .

For the past 68 years, Duvall Home has held fast to the ideals and mission set down by Mama and Papa Duvall. Our focus has always been to provide the safest, most loving, care for society’s most vulnerable individuals. I am proud to say that we have been successful and I know without a doubt, that our founders would be proud that their legacy continues.

As we approach our 70th anniversary we are poised to move into the next exciting chapter. Last July the Board of Regents adopted a strategic plan that would place the Duvall Home in a position to continue the mission of Mama and Papa Duvall well into the 21st century. They instructed the management team to work on a plan for transitioning the Home from its current model of operations to a model that is consistent with current trends for our industry. This industry trend is to provide community based residential options and is consistent with our own group home model. Duvall Home currently has ten beautiful group homes. As a result, the management team went to work and at this past Board of Regents meeting held October 29th, the plan was presented and unanimously adopted.

Here are the objectives and the plan:

Our first objective is to remain focused on the quality of life that Duvall Home provides to each of our current residents as well as potential residents who may, some day, choose to live with us. Secondly, we will be streamlining our operating model to include only group homes. There is no doubt that our existing group homes are some of the most comfortable, well kept, safe and secure, homes anywhere in the United States. This tradition will not be compromised as we move forward, and I assure you the management and staff are giving the greatest attention to detail. McGaffin Hall will be closing and the residents currently there will have the opportunity to move into one of our new group homes. This will be occurring in the next 12-18 months. Thirdly, we will continue the same tradition of maintaining our overall “umbrella” of oversight in all aspects of our operation. We will offer the highest standards in residential care, nursing oversight, training for life skills, social activities and transportation; all the while maintaining the sense of community that Duvall Home historically has provided.

The plans that were presented and accepted by the Board of Regents are for the Duvall Home to first, make use of the services of a company called Scioto. Based in Ohio, they are the leader in disability housing in the United States, with homes in over 33 states serving over 2,400 individuals with developmental disabilities. Scioto will work with Duvall Home to locate homes in the DeLand and Orange City area that meet our specific criteria and standards and then purchase those homes, modify them for our use and lease them to us. These are long-term leases that are specifically modified for use by providers such as Duvall Home. By using this method Duvall is able to add group homes to our inventory without incurring the substantial costs of purchasing. Duvall will still be responsible to furnish these new homes and prepare them for licensure. Therefore, donations will still be gladly accepted to further assist us in the transition.

Another part of our relationship with Scioto is that they will purchase Davis and Wheeler cottages and lease them back to us. This will allow us to re-coup equity from those homes that will be used during this transi-
tion period. The residents of those two cottages will see no change in any part of their lifestyle; operations here will proceed as usual.

There will be no changes to the farm property or any of the homes located there.

Alongside this our Day Training Program will eventually be moving from its present location. It is our intention to provide additional locations to service our community as the need arises. As we expand toward more populated areas we will open the doors of Duvall Home to individuals who would not otherwise have access to our services. Transportation is one of the greatest challenges to many with developmental disabilities and by placing ourselves in an area served by public transportation and by having day training programs located closer to where people live it is our hope that we will be able to provide additional resources.

Duvall Home will also be utilizing the services of Hewett Consulting LLC. Hewett Consulting has valuable expertise in the area of re-visioning and transition in non-profits and with their help we will be looking at all aspects of this period in the life of the Home. Led by John Hewett, Hewett Consulting has worked in the areas of culture change, fundraising, and community awareness. This period of self-reflection will be proceeding simultaneously with the expansion of our group homes. There will be much more information made available to you as time goes along. We will be adding a special section to our website where you will be able to see current updates. There will also be mailings that will provide you with much needed information.

This is an exciting time for all of us here at Duvall Home! As I reflect on our rich history I am reminded that when Mr. and Mrs. Duvall first knew that they wanted to make a difference in the lives of children with special needs, they did so in a residential home in Satsuma, Florida. So, in a sense we are moving back to our roots; specialized, loving care in a homelike atmosphere. I look forward to our future and to maintaining the unique and exceptional community that we are.

Steven DeVane, Chief Executive Officer

Our Mission

Scioto is dedicated to making homes available, affordable and customized to people with disabilities anywhere in the country. In pursuit of this goal we are committed to developing strong partnerships with all stakeholders in order to generate housing solutions in the supportive housing community.

Scioto finds and purchases properties that are safe, convenient and affordable homes for people with developmental disabilities. We work with provider organizations, state agencies, families, and individuals to ensure the homes we purchase are specific to the needs of the people who will be living there.

By exercising their own home choice, people with developmental disabilities are becoming a more fully functioning part of their community. This is an important step to encouraging self-determination; in fact, it is Scioto’s philosophy.

Together we can and will invest in community-based housing for people with developmental disabilities; enable our providers and partners to find quality homes, regardless of the geographic location; and prosper by helping people with disabilities to enjoy a vibrant, affordable living option.
Founder and President John H. Hewett, Ph.D., CFRE has been leading nonprofit organizations for more than 35 years.

He entered development work first as a consultant with and ultimately president of Cargill Associates, the national fundraising consulting firm, and later as Director of Development of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Vice President of Development at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Senior Vice President of Development and Marketing at the historic Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, and Director of Development at the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C.

A widely-traveled speaker and published author, John is in frequent demand as a teacher, consultant, executive coach and facilitator of best practices in non-profit organizational leadership. He is a member of the International Coach Federation (ICF), holds CFRE status in the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and has served on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania’s Certificate in Fundraising program.

In addition to John’s unique skills and experience, Hewett Consulting LLC also mobilizes a coterie of nonprofit professionals who join him on specific assignments, allowing us to offer you the best human resources in the field while keeping costs low.

Welcome to Hewett Consulting, home of an innovative consulting group working with nonprofit and faith-based organizations across the nation.

At Hewett Consulting we listen to you and your constituents. We dig deep and pay attention to everything. We take the time to do it right. We offer you, not a one-size-fits-all template or cookie-cutter approach, but a carefully tailored plan for taking you and your organization to a new level of excellence.

Calendars, Greeting Cards & Gift Jars

Be sure to place your order for any of the holiday gifts displayed here.

The participants of the Opportunities Program at the Duvall Home have helped design our 2014 Calendar, Greeting Cards, and Gift Jars. Your purchase helps to support this exceptional program.

2014 Calendar

Christmas Gift Jars Mixes:
· White Chocolate Cranberry Cookies
· Pasta, Lentil and Barley Soup
· Holiday Cocoa and Marshmallows

Greeting Cards:
· Holiday and All Occasion
  Four per set, includes envelopes.

2014 Calendars
$15 each
___ Qty $______ Subtotal

Greeting Cards
$5 per set
___ Qty - All Occasion Cards
___ Qty - Holiday Cards $______ Subtotal

Christmas Gift Jars
· Cookies or Soup - $10 each
· Cocoa & Marshmallow - $6 each
___ Qty - Cookies
___ Qty - Soup
___ Qty - Cocoa & Marshmallow $______ Subtotal

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Glenwood, FL 32722

Please add $5.00 for shipping plus $3.00 to ship more than one gift jar.

Please charge my credit card:  VISA  MC
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We have aligned ourselves with extraordinary organizations that will help move our vision toward a new Duvall Home—one that encompasses a wonderful balance—combining continued care, comfort and tradition with progressive advancement and contemporary best practices within our industry. We are committed to maintaining our place among exemplary organizations dedicated to those with developmental disabilities.

Always focused on the finest care for our residents, we recognize those who help make this care possible. Parents and guardians, Presbyterian Church groups, and all friends of Duvall Home make up the foundation on which our growth and development is based. Your great generosity of time, talent and treasure has helped shape us and your steadfast support continues to be vital to our expansion.

We are truly grateful.

We are working to design exciting programs and events to more fully engage and inform you. We hope to gather our friends and supporters on a bi-annual basis for educational presentations and fellowship. Invitations will follow as the New Year unfolds.

For now . . . watch for additional mailings, monitor our website, or call us for updates and progress reports.

We are eager to share our enthusiasm with you!

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