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Long Time Board Member Continues to Rally Clinic Support

John Liebman characterizes his involvement with the Clinic as less philanthropic and more community action. Recruited in 1980 by then Chairman of the Board Chuck Pollack, John has served as the Clinic's Chairperson and is currently Chair of the Nominating Committee. Additionally, as counsel for McKenna Long & Aldridge, John lends his expertise to the board's Finance & Personnel Committee, which ensures the highest quality financial management and business practices at the Clinic.

In 1995, Mr. Liebman and his neighbor and mountain biking partner Terry Tyler embarked on a 40-mile bike ride from Chatsworth to Santa Paula. They both enjoyed the ride so much that they decided to take it on again each spring. Over the years the bike ride has attracted anywhere from 10 to 15 riders, including friends and business colleagues, and became an annual fundraising event benefiting the Clinic: The Tour D'Orange, a name chosen because of the orange groves along the bike route. This event has introduced many friends to the Clinic, and has raised thousands of dollars to support programming for children and their families.

Recalling his 25 years with the Clinic, Mr. Liebman notes many of the challenges the Clinic has faced over the years: purchasing property, building service facilities and cultivating high quality staff



L-R: Lauren Schlau, Phil Costic, Terry Tyler, John Liebman, Gary Williams, and Paul Grand.

and board leadership. As an investor in the Clinic, John states that, "the Clinic's quality services and resulting client outcomes over the years has been phenomenal, a great success story."

In addition to his philanthropic activities, Mr. Liebman served for almost a decade as a member of the California World Trade Commission and currently serves as a member of the Defense Trade Advisory Group, at the U.S. Department of State, and the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration. Mr. Liebman resides in Toluca Lake with his companion, Bonnie Kohl, also a Clinic supporter, and has three grown children, Bonnie's son, and seven grandchildren.

"Giving money is important, but getting involved is even better."



Message from Chairperson: Finding Strength in Adversity

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On June 21st, I had the pleasure of attending the Clinic’s Burton Green School graduation. School and Clinic staff joined with friends and family of the graduates to watch a distinguished group of young people participate in a moving ceremony. A formal Honor Roll was bestowed on students whose grade point average ranged from 3.0 to a perfect 4.0, publicly recognizing the hard won successes of our young clients. Students received certificates that acknowledged their level of excellence in the formal Latin categories: Cum Laude, with honors; Magna Cum Laude, with great honors; and Summa Cum Laude, with highest honors. The day marked the culmination of a period of courage, commitment, and accomplishment for the graduates – each of whom overcame significant obstacles to arrive at and celebrate their graduation day.

I also had the honor of addressing the graduates, which provided me with an opportunity to both congratulate them and encourage them to embrace adversity as the greatest learning tool that life has to offer. I shared with students about my experiences as a young child, specifically with difficulty reading. However, with the support and encouragement of my parents, I was able to get the help I needed in order to succeed in school. The staff and board of the Clinic are deeply committed to “being there” for children who face serious challenges, often without the support and guidance of family and friends. Finding strength in adversity is what the work of the Clinic is all about.

Michael W. Stoddard
Chairperson of the Board



Special Programming for Students

During the traditional three-week gap between the end of summer school and the beginning of fall classes, our Burton Green students had the opportunity to participate in “special events,” which otherwise are not available through regular Clinic programming. These fun filled activities were made available through the Steve Neuman

Special Fund and included outings to Dodger baseball games, picnics at the beach and a photography class.

Steve Neuman served on the Clinic’s Board of Directors from 1988-1990, helping to further the Clinic’s goals. In his memory, Steve’s friends and family established the Steve Neuman Special Fund, creating a legacy to provide special event programming and other unique experiences for youth at the Clinic, for years to come.

Special Thanks

Welcoming New Supporters

Young Donor Makes a Difference

Twelve-year old Simone Lacoste made a special donation to the Clinic – a dozen spa kits filled with wonderful bath products, which will be used as gifts for parents/caregivers who complete a six-week parenting class. As Simone believes in giving back to her community, especially to those less fortunate, this donation was made as a “good deed” in preparation for her Bat Mitzvah.

The daughter of Clinic movement therapist Marianne Lacoste, Simone attends Culver City Middle School and enjoys drawing, ice-skating and swimming. Simone hopes to be either a lawyer or an architect in the future because “contributing to society by helping people is very important.” In addition to her donation, Simone volunteered as a face painter at the Clinic’s Family FunFest. Our heartfelt appreciation for this young donor’s generosity.



L-R: Dr. Barbara Stroud, Director of Early Intervention and Community Wellness Division accepts donation from Simone Lacoste.

The Capital Group - \$500

The Capital Group, a worldwide investment management company, makes contributions on behalf of employees who celebrate five years of employment with the company. In recognition of Kristin Hall’s valuable service, The Capital Group made a generous donation to the Clinic’s First Steps Program.

Los Angeles Magazine - \$18,960 in-kind value

Each month, Los Angeles Magazine donates a full-page advertisement, called LAM Cares Page, to a local nonprofit organization. The Clinic was selected as the recipient of this generous donation for the September issue. (See page 6 for ad.)

California Children and Families Commission - \$10,000

As the statewide coordinator for the California Children and Families First Act, the Commission has a great impact on the lives of young children by developing public policy around school readiness, and integrating early childhood services into existing education, health and social service systems. Underwriting support was provided for the Clinic-sponsored Early Intervention Mental Health Services Conference held in January.

Thanking Old Friends

Chapman & Associates Charitable Fund - \$5,000

Funding to purchase new science textbooks for Burton Green School students.

The Harold McAlister Charitable Foundation - \$5,000

Funding to support the Clinic’s Early Intervention and Community Wellness Programming, helping us to prevent future problems for children.

The California Endowment - \$50,000

Funding to support mental health treatment services to Latino families whose children have been diverted from the Los Angeles County foster care system.



County Board of Supervisors Recognizes Clinic

On May 14, in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Clinic's staff and board members welcomed over 600 children and families to its Seventh Annual Family FunFest, providing food, family-centered activities, entertainment and access to valuable community resources, at no cost to families.



L-R: Board member Quinton James, Executive Director Betsy Pfromm, Health Deputy for Supervisor Burke David Ryu, and board member Martha de la Torre at the Family FunFest.

California State Assembly Member Mark Ridley-Thomas attended the event and David Ryu, Health Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke, presented the Clinic with a County Commendation honoring its outreach efforts to children and families in Los Angeles.

Each year, the Family FunFest creates a wonderful environment for community members to become acquainted with the mental health services offered at the Clinic, as well as creating access and the opportunity to enroll in services. Additionally, many of the Clinic's long-



Cowboy Ken Frawley entertains children with stories and songs.

standing community partners provided access to their resources and services:

USC School of Dentistry's mobile unit provided 105 free examinations; Department of Health Services provided Healthy Families and Medi-Cal information and enrollments; PACE Head Start successfully enrolled 30 children in its preschool programming; USC Kid Watch and California Highway Patrol informed families about safety resources; and Figueroa Corridor Association, *El Clasificado*, and USC Explorers provided volunteers to help staff the event.



Children enjoy pony rides.

Did you know?

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We provide a solution:

With the goal of increasing access to a wide range of mental health services for low-income children, families can receive immediate mental health screenings for their children at our no-fee, no appointment Walk-In Clinic. Immediate results for families include:

- Connection to Clinic programs and links to community resources.
- Enrollment in critical health programs, e.g. Healthy Families and Medi-Cal.
- Engagement in services, thereby addressing children's mental health problems before they worsen.



The mission of the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic is to provide quality mental health services to a community in great need by ensuring easy access and promoting early intervention.

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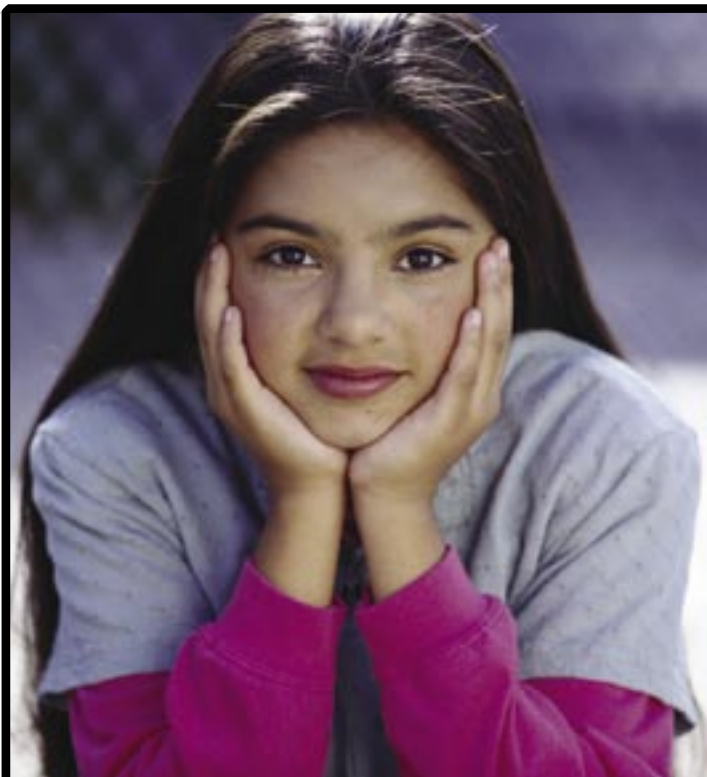
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