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Out and About LB donates \$57,000 to local charities

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Ken Sakata, President of Out and About Long Beach, recently announced that Out and About Long Beach has exceeded its charitable giving goal of \$50,000. Over the last seven years, they have funded numerous Long Beach charities, with an emphasis on educational enrichment programs and providing necessities of life for needy families in Long Beach. “As a gay group, our objective is to play a meaningful role in supporting the overall fabric of charitable giving in Long Beach,” said Sakata. “This fundraising goal could not have been attained without the generous donations of our membership.”

Recent beneficiaries of Out and About’s charitable giving program include:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Long Beach; Children Today; Comprehensive Child Development, Inc.; The Guidance Center; Long Beach Poly Choral and Theater Departments; Long Beach Public Library Foundation; Long-fellow Elementary Art Education and Art Instruction Program; Rancho Los Alamitos; Long Beach Museum of Art; Museum of Latin American Art; AIDS Food Store of Long Beach; CARE Program of St. Mary’s Hospital; California Pools of Hope; Memorial Hospital- Children Dental Clinic; and Long Beach Senior Center.

Upcoming Events:

*Save the Date
December 13, 2008:
Holiday Progressive
Event*

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OaALB Charitable Beneficiary Spotlight - St. Mary's Medical Center C.A.R.E. Program



C.A.R.E. stands for Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Education. Since 1986 C.A.R.E. has been non-profit charitable organization dedicated to help meet the medical and social service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS in Long Beach and its surrounding communities. C.A.R.E. began its mission with the response of one St. Mary Medical Center emergency room social worker, Jennifer Andrews, LCSW who with the support of the hospital administration and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word founded what has become over the years one of the largest and most comprehensive HIV/AIDS service organization in southern California.

C.A.R.E. is funded through a variety of sources. Governmental grants through the Ryan White Care Act, Medicare and Medical, private insurance, client/patient co-pay, gifts from individuals, grants from private foundations and organizations, and St. Mary Medical Center Foundation. A very large portion of the cost of services though does not get any reimbursement from government or private insurance. A sizeable portion of C.A.R.E.'s client/patient population has no health insurance and lives below the federal poverty level. Thus, donations from community organizations and individuals are vital to continue the work of C.A.R.E.

The members of Out and About have selected C.A.R.E. as a beneficiary for the past several years. Funds have been used to expand the C.A.R.E. Clinic to additional HIV/AIDS patients and their families.

2008 Special Events - “Nacho” Pimentel

Hello everyone! Can't believe summer is over. Time flies but we have one more event this year for our members and friends. First, let's recap our past events since our last newsletter.

Out and About had their After Concert at the Park Events in July and August. Good food, drinks and socializing made these events GREAT! We got to meet quite a few new members and all proceeds raised will go the following beneficiaries: Christ Chapel AIDS Food Store, C.A.R.E. Program and The Center's MYTE Youth Program. I would also like to thank our hosts this year for opening their doors and providing all the food and wine: Steve Michaelian, Howard Ferguson and Jim Burroughs, Kevin Daly and Ignacio Pimentel, Steve Hensley and Scott Lin. Well, until next year.

On August 2, over fifty Out and About members and friends were able to tour the Bixby Mansion which was decorated by twenty two World-Renowned florist designers. Just seeing inside the Mansion was breathless. After the tour, we were treated to a BBQ at Rob Wolff and Xavier Briseno's home next to the Mansion. What a wonderful Saturday that was. I would like to thank all our members and friends who attended this event. It wouldn't have happened without you.

On August 23, Out and About members and friends met at the Lakewood Mall to catch the shuttle for the Hollywood Bowl to see the “Queen of Disco”, Donna Summer. What can I say; everyone had a wonderful time at the concert. Donna Summer kept us on our feet dancing the night away. The concert itself was sold out and we were able to see other members and friends from Long Beach.

On September 14, Out and About had their First Annual Outreach BBQ Event. This event brought together various Gay and Lesbian groups in the area as a chance for all to get together and socialize and talk about their organizations. First, I would like to thank to our members and friends who attended the BBQ. We had a wonderful turnout and everyone had a great time. I would also like to thank Jim Burroughs and Howard Ferguson for hosting the event and donating all the food and drinks. It was yummy. I would also like to thank the following organizations for attending the event: Christ Chapel AIDS Food store, ECCO (Elections Committee of the County of Orange), LBCBN 'Long Beach Community Business Network', “DOG EARS CONSULTING” and Pistons. **We also raised over \$1,100 for Children Today. Children Today provides day care services to the young children of homeless parents.**

Our next Event:

December 13, 2008: Out and About Holiday Progressive Party

This is one of our biggest events of the year. Please mark your calendars – more information to come.

If you have any suggestions for other Theatre Events or Activities please feel free to contact the Board with your ideas. Also, we need hosts for our events and if you are interested, feel free to email me or call.

Ignacio (Nacho) Pimentel
Out and About LB Director

City Council Award to OaALB

On August 12th Out and About Long Beach was presented with the “Serving the Community with Pride Award” by Eighth District City Councilwoman Rae Gabelich. In her remarks Rae recognized the commitment of our members in support of Long Beach charitable beneficiaries. She said “we should truly feel pride in our important contributions to our schools, homeless programs, and HIV/AIDS support.”



Bixby Mansion Tour - Rob Wolff

The First Annual Floral Design House, held at the Bixby Mansion was a big success. Out and About participated on Saturday, August 2 with over 50 attendees.

The Bixby Mansion was transformed into a spectacular setting for the floral designers to pull out all the stops with incredible floral designs throughout the mansion including the reflective ponds and gardens. All attendees were guided through the mansion with docents, giving a history of each room with original stories and restoration information. A special Thank You to Duane Rose for opening his home for this event, and extending the welcome flag to members and friends of Out and About Long Beach.

The end of the tour included a barbecue at the home of Rob Wolff and Xavier Briseno. Everyone enjoyed a relaxing afternoon.

Because of the success of this event, Duane has agreed to have Out and About Long Beach use his home as one of the locations for our Annual Holiday Party on December 13, 2008. Duane decorates his home for the holidays in such a fashion that is unsurpassed. This will be a must see event!

More information will be given as we draw closer to the holidays.

Rob Wolff

Bixby Mansion Tour



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Out and About “Angels”



Out & About Long Beach over the years has made a significant difference in the lives of many in our community by fundraising and donating to charities that make life better for youth, citizens with HIV/AIDS, and the needy. Now it's time to recognize those members of our organization that have made a special effort at our charitable events to make this happen.

We are proud to announce our Angels Recognition Program! Starting in 2009, the Board of Directors will present an Angel Recognition Award to members who donate their time, materials, or support to a degree which can only be recognized as above and beyond the call of duty.

All angels will be presented an OaALB Angel Plaque and will receive special recognition of their achievement at OaALB events and in the newsletter .

More to follow as we move into a new year of great Out & About achievements!

Volunteer Your Talents



Out & About Long Beach is Looking for a Few Good Men & Women

Enjoy our events?

Want to do more than just show up and look fabulous?

Want to be part of the action?

We are looking for a ***Volunteer Cadre*** for the summer events; people that may be able to help set-up, clean-up, prepare, serve and greet at our upcoming events.

If you have any interest, let us know and we will place you on our '***Special Notification List***'. We will send out requests before each event and look to this list for specific help as we plan the events.

If you would like to be a part of the Volunteer Cadre, please email:

Nacho (Ignacio@outandaboutlb.org) or Howard (howard@outandaboutlb.org)



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