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15 years of Employment in Monterey (Continued from front)

HOPE Client and NPS janitor, Chris Rubrecht, has been with NPS since the contract's inception 15 years ago. Rubrecht says that one of the biggest benefits is that he likes the people he works with and they are good to him. "They have changed my life. I have a better job, with more hours and more money." Rubrecht added that this allows him more independence.

"These programs are so important, because they lead to life-changing opportunities for people who are eager to serve their community. HOPE clients learn job and social skills through on-the-job experiences and the help of a job coaches who mentor them daily. In addition, they receive support from their peer group. The quality of this experience is invaluable with regard to the self-esteem and ultimate independence of our clients," says HOPE Services, President and CEO, Joe Campbell.

"HOPE Services has been an outstanding partner for the Naval Postgraduate School! The HOPE workers take tremendous pride in their work, and are very responsive to the needs of this great university," says Pete Dausen, NPS Base Director and Director, Naval Support Activity Monterey Bay. It is truly special to have HOPE Services here on the job, and for us to be able to participate in this fine federal program."

"Employers like the Naval Postgraduate School bring these developmental programs full-circle from concept to reality. The school is an outstanding leader in helping our clients achieve full inclusion in their communities," says Campbell.

Weed Warriors!



HOPE Clients from Alfred Street make a difference in thier community by volunteering at the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education Center.

For over two years, HOPE participants have been volunteering at the Don Edward's San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Educational Center. Project leader Sharon Nelson, a former De Anza Instructor, began volunteering herself at the Environment Education Center in 2007 when she retired.

Sharon felt that this would be a wonderful opportunity for participants for the Alfred Street workshop to make a difference in their community. She reached out to her former HOPE colleagues, who put a work crew together. Projects include planting seeds, mulching, and weeding. Participants are so familiar with the daily routine that they know how to get the appropriate tools for projects, make dumpster runs, store tools appropriately, and work around the groups of school children who visit regularly for educational field trips. The HOPE crew has become such an integral part of the Refuge that they are often recognized for their productivity and dependability!

6th Annual Rise & Shine Breakfast for HOPE – Imagine!

About 200 business leaders, government officials, non-profit partners, volunteers and clients gathered for the 6th Annual Rise and Shine Breakfast for HOPE Services at Santa Clara University on May 5th and the annual presentation of the Larry Schott Humanitarian Award. Well-known business/technology reporter from NBC 11, Scott McGrew, presided over a program full of remarkable presentations about the value of fully including people with developmental disabilities in our community.



Larry Schott Humanitarian Award winner Maya Bareket with members of the Schott Family and NBC 11 Reporter, Scott McGrew.

This year's Larry Schott Humanitarian Award was presented to Maya Bareket, a client of HOPE's Work Activity Program who always strives to support and help others. Maya sets a clear example of what it takes to be an active part of her community. The award was established five years ago by Dianne and Gene Ravizza, in memory of Diane's brother Larry Schott, who was a long-time HOPE trustee. The award, established after Larry Schott's passing in 2005, honors an individual whose character reflects Larry's dedication to helping those with developmental disabilities. Special thanks to Roxanne Vane, former Chair of the HOPE Services Board of Directors, for presenting the award. **(Continued on page 2)**

HOPE Services and the Naval Postgraduate School Celebrate 15 Years of Employment for HOPE Clients

Fifteen years ago, HOPE Services and the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA became training and employment partners, serving people with developmental disabilities from Monterey and Salinas. The result is long-standing employment for people who often become marginalized, despite their capabilities.

Thanks to a little-known Federal program, HOPE Services won a contract in 1995 to provide janitorial services to the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). By deploying some innovative community integration work programs for their disabled clients, many are now employed with transferable skills. Among them are 22 HOPE clients who have been gainfully employed; some for as long as 15 years.

During the average workweek, HOPE clients assist with cleaning about one million sq. ft. of office space, classrooms, and common areas on the NPS campus. Services include mopping, vacuuming, dusting, carpet cleaning, stripping and waxing floors and trash/recycling. **(Continued on back)**



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President's Message by Dr. Joe Campbell

While challenging economic times have impacted public and private fiscal resources, HOPE Services remains steadfast in our commitment to provide the best service to our clients and their families. In spite of adversity, HOPE continues to implement innovative and creative ways to ensure our clients have positive and fulfilling life experiences.

For example, we are ramping up our volunteer program to enhance the natural supports provided to our clients. Volunteers can provide a valuable resource to both our clients and HOPE as employment-readiness and on-the-job mentors, community-outing buddies, and more.

While we are fortunate to have super student-intern services from local colleges and universities at some of our locations, we are impacted by upcoming reductions in public-funded adult education teachers who provide classes to our clients. As a result, we are investigating the use of web conferencing technologies to leverage the teaching resources and staff we have in place so they can reach more clients than just those at a single location.

HOPE is also using technology to engage our clients in other unconventional ways. In Santa Cruz, where our transition from the workshop model to community integration is complete, we have set up a Media Program that is teaching our clients how to use digital media to communicate and advocate for their peers. Clients are shooting, editing, packaging and posting interviews that they have managed from start to finish and you can see their work on YouTube. We see the current economic challenges to employment as an opportunity to focus on other socially valued strategies for community membership.

The talented and dedicated HOPE team continues to work hard to ensure that your social investments in our programs deliver impact and show a consistent return on your investment. While we are encouraged by the improvement in the economy, resources for our services remain challenged. Your continued support will help us in our commitment to maintaining and adding some new opportunities for our clients.

Breakfast For HOPE (Continued from front)

Mark Smith, HOPE Services Director of Production & In-kind Donations, spoke about putting away our traditional notions regarding what is possible for the clients we serve and the importance of full inclusion in our community.

Another key presenter, Director of Operations at Tyco Electronics, Tim McKinley echoed Smith's comments. "We have been proud to have HOPE Service's clients as part of our Tyco Electronics team for over seven years. Companies need to challenge themselves and stop thinking in terms of limitations and instead think about the value that HOPE's clients can provide." McKinley explained that HOPE clients were instrumental in building and delivering electronic connectors for the airline industry. "If you have flown on a commercial jet in the last few years it is highly likely that the aircraft contained connectors assembled by HOPE clients in Santa Clara."

A special thanks to our event sponsors including **Premier Sponsor:** Comerica Bank; **Patron Sponsors:** Heritage Bank of Commerce, the law firm of Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel, and Specialized Bicycles; **Friend Sponsors:** Paul and Suzanne Christensen. We would also like to recognize the generosity of many individual friends. The event raised over \$45,000 for HOPE Service's programs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Magic Makers: Making Music in the Community

Tony loves to perform. He has been playing the keyboards since he was 15 years old. But it wasn't until Tony joined the Magic Makers that he felt like he had become a star! "When I perform, I feel excited. It is wonderful to be on stage entertaining the whole world," Tony states. Tony has been a member of the Magic Makers, a performance band for the developmentally challenged, for the last two years. He attends practice with his fellow band members once a week and performs at various venues throughout the South Bay.



Jose (Tony) Salazar plays keyboard for the Magic Makers Band.

Magic Makers was founded in 2008 by David Ladd Anderson, a wildly popular music teacher at Buchser School in Santa Clara, when he was approached by several parents including Donna Smith and Hiroko Nakamoto who wanted to create a performance band for their children. David and the parents felt that music could not only help their children grow and share joy with the community, but also bring awareness of the developmentally challenged population. At practice David works with the band on their parts but also shows them how perform for a crowd. However, the most important lesson David impresses upon his band members is how to have fun making music.

Tony definitely has fun being a part of the Magic Makers. He loves performing oldies, especially the Temptation's, "My Girl" and Bill Withers' "Lean On Me." Tony loves the fact that the Magic Makers give him the opportunity to go to different places and feel like he is part of his community. But what makes Tony feel the most proud, is that he is making his mom happy. The Magic Makers will perform on June 26th at Neto's restaurant in Santa Clara, for more info visit www.magicmakersband.com.

LAST CHANCE – INVEST IN HOPE SERVICES AND GET MATCHED 2:1!

At HOPE Services, we take investing seriously. Every day we invest in our clients to ensure successful measurable outcomes, we invest in our team by providing on-going training and mentoring, and we invest in the social fabric of our community by delivering enriching and meaningful opportunities that bring people with developmental disabilities into community life. Just like us, our participants want to work, socialize and be contributing citizens; but they need our help.

That is why **The Sobrato Family Foundation** invested in HOPE Services with a **2:1 Matching Grant**. If HOPE's donors help us match the first \$200,000 by June 30th, HOPE will receive an additional \$210,000 to help people with developmental disabilities receive the critical support they need!

We are so close to our goal, but we really need your support today to push us over the top! So please take a moment to mail a contribution with the enclosed envelope or donate on-line at www.hopeservices.org today!

Become a Champion of HOPE!

You can become a hero to HOPE Services' clients by becoming a Champion of HOPE. By making a commitment of a monthly gift, as little as \$10 a month, you will enable us to continue to provide and enhance our programs to children, adults, and seniors with developmental disabilities, by providing consistent income and lowering our fundraising costs. For more information please contact Deanna Bullier, Manager Resource Development at 408-284-2858 or dbullier@hopeservices.org or visit www.hopeservices.org to become a Champion of HOPE today by signing up for our monthly giving plan!

Other Ways to Give:

- Donate your car, running or not, to HOPE Services. For more information call 1-866-636-6283 or visit www.hopeservices.org.
- Donate good quality used clothing, small household appliances and e-waste. We offer free pick-up services and drop-off sites. For more information call 1-866-636-6283 or visit www.hopeservices.org.
- Volunteer your time. For more information please call 408-284-2858 or visit www.hopeservices.org.

HOPE SERVICES SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

June 13- QUACK, QUACK...DUCKS ON SALE NOW for the Silicon Valley Duck Race at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. Enjoy a fun-filled day of activities, food, and entertainment as you watch 15,000 rubber ducks race across the lake. The first ducks crossing the finish line win! Some of those lucky ducks will win prizes, and one might win \$1,000,000. For every duck sponsored HOPE Services will receive \$2. To sponsor a duck on-line for HOPE Services, please visit www.siliconvalleyduckrace.org or call Deanna at 408-284-2858.

June 27 – Take a Bite for HOPE Services, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. at Rancho Soquel in Soquel. Explore the historic ranch and beautiful gardens, enjoy delicious appetizers, and presentations about our services in Santa Cruz. By reservation only, call 408-284-2867 or email bkrueger@hopeservices.org.

October 4 – An Evening with HOPE Services Half Moon Bay Peninsula Diversified Network, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Cetrella. Enjoy a buffet dinner and compelling presentations about our services in Half Moon Bay. By reservation only, call 408-284-2867 or email bkrueger@hopeservices.org. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Wil Lacro at 408-284-2842 or wlacro@hopeservices.org.

November 5- Celebrity Bartender Event for HOPE Services, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Silicon Valley Capital Club, San Jose. Enjoy the company of a celebrity bartender and many friends of HOPE Services. Complimentary wine, appetizers and great raffle prizes! The tips and auction proceeds will benefit HOPE's programs and services. RSVP to bkrueger@hopeservices.org or call 408-284-2867.

Thank You!

Your help builds HOPE, it's that simple. On behalf of all our clients, HOPE Services would like to thank the following supporters that either gave or pledged gifts of \$2,500 or more from January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010. Space limitation prevents us from listing every donor, but each gift is deeply appreciated by the individuals we serve.

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In our efforts to become greener and provide information in a more user-friendly format, we will be launching our new website in May. We are excited about these changes and invite you to visit us at:



www.HopeServices.org

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