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OUR MISSION

THE MISSION OF KAINOS HOME & TRAINING CENTER IS TO ENABLE ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES TO MAXIMIZE THEIR POTENTIAL WHILE BECOMING ACTIVE, CONTRIBUTING, INTEGRATED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

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We were so excited, after a 4-year hiatus, to hold our Salute to Our Stars Gala! Over 300 guests came to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful clients on October 28th at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City. Our clients all worked so hard to achieve their goals and we were able

to recognize Michelle Baumbach, Suzette Courson, Lukas Draper, Tony Duncan, Patty Eason, Josh Ho, Scott Hroziencik, Lino Lopez, Peter Matthes, Dwight Norton, Alex Padilla, Scott Phister, Robert Sinio, Scot Steinbaugh and Greg Tracy with Special Recognition Awards. Shining Star Awards were bestowed upon Gail Biela, Patty Colmen, Eric Hutar, Adrian Martinez, Christopher Ulloa, Mark VanSwearingen and John Wallen. Our highest honor, Citizen of the Year, was presented to Eyra Alonso who is a shining example of a great citizen. Thank you to all our mentors who worked with our clients over the challenge and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Eyra Alonso, 2023 Citizen of the Year With Ian Bain and Diane Howard

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE from Andy Frisch

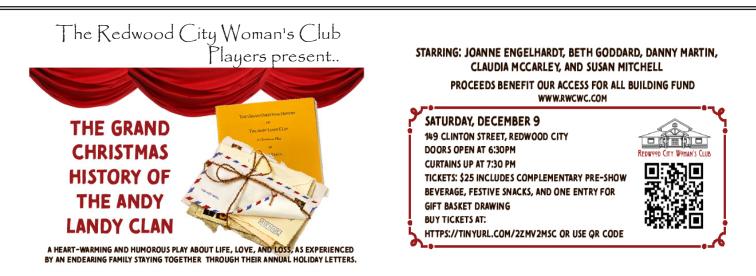
On October 28th we held our first Achievement Challenge Gala in four years. This night is always my favorite night of the year but this year was even more meaningful. To be together with friends, family and community, in many ways is a manifestation of all of our work at Kainos. I offer a heartfelt thanks to all who worked to make this event happen and to all who were able to attend.

Describing the work of Kainos should be simple, right? Ask my friend Howard and he will tell you we are a job placement organization, we help our clients find employment in the community. Jami would say we help our clients explore educational, vocational, volunteer and civic opportunities in the community. Families would say we provide housing with supportive and caring staff to our clients. Dorothy would have said we train people to live more independently. All are true!

Yet in my time, I have found that the underlying work and the thing that ties all those answers and all of us who care about Kainos together is community. We fundamentally are focused on building community: creating a community of clients who like, support and care for each other; creating a supportive community of families, staff and friends who are here to give our clients or each other the hand up they need to achieving their dreams; and creating stronger ties to the Redwood City community so that our clients are always welcomed and embraced in the fabric of life in this wonderful area.

For me, the fruit of that labor in building such a strong community was on full display at the Gala this year. Friends (from all connections) were thrilled to be reconnecting and most importantly all gathered together to support and celebrate our clients. It was such a joyous night for me. Again because I cannot say it enough . . . Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the support over the years and the build-up to this amazing evening!

Finally, to top it all off, we were able to recognize Eyra Alonso. Eyra has had an amazing journey while at Kainos and we have been grateful to be part of that and watch her come into the wonderful person she is today. Eyra came to Kainos and we were able to help her find a job where she continues to thrive while working at Moffett Field! She then moved into one of our homes. She made friends quickly and we are pleased to know she has felt the support of the wonderful Kainos community. Eyra has gained skills and moved to a more independent residential home. Eyra is an example of the many Kainos clients who have been able to live their best life, achieving their dreams and I believe it is our work building this community (all of you) that creates the space for that success.



So cheers to all in our Kainos community!

Working at Kainos is a Family Affair!

See a few family members of current staff who just started working here! Related staff members listed below.

> We are proud to welcome 4 new employees in September and October. Please say hello if you see them around! We are so glad they are here!



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Kainos had a fun and not so spooky Halloween! Trips to the pumpkin patch, a dance sponsored by the Burlingame Lion's Club and lots of fashion shows around the homes! Boo!









THANK YOU! The following is a list of donations received between *August 2, 2023 and November 2, 2023.* Kainos Home and Training Center is very thankful to all its generous contributors. With your assistance, Kainos is able to continue its mission to help adults with developmental disabilities become active, contributing members of the community. LIFETIME MEMBERS Membership Ian Bain Nancy Bain Joan Baumbach Vera & Jim Bennett Thank you for the additional Membership Shirley & Jerry Carlson Donations for 2023! Al Davila Katie DiGiacomo Peter and Fredda Morris - Platinum Dr. John Edwards **Rick Phister - Gold** Dave & Karyl Erickson Alice Filios Ellen Berryhill - Silver Jeanine & Basil Ford John and Cleeda Junglas - Silver **Richard Fraher** Betty Garcia - Bronze Roger Frey Judith Sullivan - Bronze Jack Greenalch Edwin and Maureen Krantz - Copper **Bill Hroziencik** Jim Learned Doug Levick Jeannie Houston Carl Mickey LARGE DONATIONS James Naftzger **Rick Phister** Karen Roach Liza and Frank Bizzarro

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