



The Village Vision
Spring 2006

Fostering a sense of belonging

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FINISHING TOUCHES

Lia Rowley, Executive Director

Every two weeks or so I drive over to the Village building site and am amazed at the progress. The first phase of the Village is to be finished in July. The triplex, consisting of three apartment units for the surrogate “grandparents”, is painted barn-red. As I walked through it the other day, I imagined a grandparent looking out of one of their many windows watching kids going in and out of their family’s home right across the street. And I pictured them sitting on a bench in the adjacent courtyard reading a book to a child. The four family homes, painted white, are large with six bedrooms each that will accommodate Village parents and up to six children. Each home will have a different colored entry door, and behind it children and their Village parents will live as individual families. Staff will work on the site ready to assist and support, holding to the established Village values of empathy, integrity, respect, mutual support and appreciation of differences and strength.

It is holding to these values that has helped bring this Village to life. Hundreds of volunteers from all walks of life with all kinds of skills have been part of its creation. Today, in our office, all the rooms were occupied with small groups of volunteers working. One group was discussing training needs of our future Village parents, while another discussed the advertising and interview process of the staff to be hired. Another group talked about details of managing the construction. Several others were busy with the layout for this newsletter, while others were addressing envelopes for event invitations. In another room several people were putting together the final papers for our huge licensing application. The phone never stopped ringing. It’s an experience to hang out in our office! It’s taken over eight years to get us to this point, but what a wonderful journey it’s been. And it’s all because of those fabulous volunteers that we have arrived at this point of the manifestation of our long-held vision. As a result of their work, miracles, large and small, continue to happen on a daily basis. This newsletter will tell you about many of them.



Decorating & Design Team members plan the colors and furnishings for a Village home: Halian Hail, Nancy Bell, Michele Hanson, Lori Burt-Friday.

So what’s left? A lot! Never before have we been this busy. The next three months see us continuing our serious fundraising efforts, completing small building and landscaping projects on the site, working with Community Care Licensing to get our license to operate, and hiring and training our new staff. Each of these components demands a huge effort. So don’t hesitate to call us to volunteer, send in your donation, volunteer to walk the Human Race (coming up soon on May13th), and/or offer to put on a Coming Home Party.

We need your help to continue our work in introducing a new and unique model of foster care right here in our Sonoma County community. Our journey has just begun. Please continue to support us as we put the finishing touches on The Children’s Village!

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Great News!



Potruck Family Foundation Support: Our largest gift to-date is the sponsorship of the entire first grandparent triplex by the **Potruck Family Foundation of San Francisco**. The Foundation is well known for its support of innovative programs that address cutting-edge issues in foster care. The building honors the memory of Martin Gross, Emily Potruck's dearly beloved and missed stepfather. This multi-year pledge of \$275,000 recognizes the innovative inclusion of grandparents living on-site in the Village model program. At the suggestion of Emily Potruck who is also the recent author of *Tails of Devotion, A Look at the Bond Between People and Their Pets*, The Children's Village will also make every effort to include pets in the homes of Village grandparents. TCV agrees that the children's lives can be enriched by relationships with pets. Check out Emily's marvelous book at www.tailsofdevotion.com. (Emily will be featured at Copperfield's Books in Montgomery Village on Wednesday, April 26 at 7PM.)



Swing a Hammer with Habitat: Grab a hardhat and a hammer! **Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County** will partner with The Children's Village to build the second grandparent triplex as part of Phase Two. This remarkable partnership of two nonprofits is a real win-win. A joint planning team will coordinate the triplex project – working together to raise money for building materials, to assemble construction crews of community volunteers, and to spread the word about their sharing of missions, actions, and spirit to benefit our local community.

Introducing Richard Bailey

TCV is happy to announce the addition of **Richard Bailey** to our staff as Associate Director. Richard brings over 25 years of experience working with at-risk children and youth. Richard is a long-time resident of Sonoma and Marin counties; in fact, he earned his BA degree at our own Sonoma State, and completed his Masters degree in Social Welfare at UC, Berkeley.



Richard has a background as program director, social worker, counselor and more, at several respected and innovative programs serving troubled youth. For example, he is proud of the improvements he made at Edgewood Children's Center in San Francisco. He has a lifelong passion for helping kids. "There's hope for everyone," he says. "What these kids need is a place where they can be welcomed, and The Children's Village offers so much more."

Currently, Richard will assist the Executive Director as we enter the final phase of starting up The Children's Village. We are thrilled that the Village will benefit for many years from Richard's talent and dedication. Please stop by the office to join us in welcoming him to our Village!

Open your heart & your home
 ** YOU **
 can make a difference!!!

Coming Home Party Success

TCV is so very grateful for the wildly successful parties held so far – donors have already provided all the large furniture needed for our first four houses!

Huge thanks for significant donations go to **Phil Trowbridge of Condiotti Homes, Cokas-Diko, Storage Masters, Red Tag Furniture, Wal-Mart in Rohnert Park, Bret & Hollie Martin and the Ken & Donna Martin Family.**

We want to thank party hosts **Kathie Uebel, Lee Pierce, Janet Condron, Bret & Hollie Martin, Tricia Dickinson, Melinda Moir, Jackie Wilson, Marilee Groth, Barbara Thorson, Bev Ludwig, and Mark Kitchcart,** for providing the parties at which these donations were made.

Thanks to everyone who attended and donated at all of these Coming Home parties – every donation helps!

More parties are needed – join in the fun! A party can be any type – there have been High Teas, Champagne Brunches, and even a child's birthday party! We have the furniture, but still needed are donations for lots of smaller items: sheets, towels, kitchen items, etc., all the items that any house needs to become a home.



PLANT DONATION NEEDED

We have a landscaping plan that calls for lots of beautiful plants...now we just need the plants! If you are a nursery owner or landscaper wanting to donate, please call our office about our plants list: 566-7044.

Host a "Coming Home party"

& help furnish the TCV houses!

~Invite your friends, family, and co-workers ~
 Help us raise \$\$\$ to provide the many household items needed - you provide the party and TCV will provide guest speakers and the Coming Home presentation

We are movin' in & we need your help
 ~ don't delay ~
 call now
Contact Tricia Dickenson: (707) 584-0548

TCV Grand Opening Coming Soon!

The day we have all been working for is finally just around the corner! The plan is to open the doors of the Village to our first children this summer. Be sure to look for announcements in the local media, and if we have your e-mail address then you may get a personal invitation online!

Let us keep you informed – get us your e-mail address, by sending an e-mail to tcv_donna_d@sonic.net or by filling out the donation form on page 7 of this newsletter.

We can hardly wait to see you at the Grand Opening, and to show you around the Village!



The children's houses are painted white and the grandparent triplex is red - reflecting the rich history of the property as a dairy ranch and family home.



Volunteers Needed

We love our volunteers! You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish as a TCV volunteer, even if you're not sure what you can contribute – just call us: 566-7044! We also have need for some specific skills and interests:

- Labor Law Attorney
- Web site skills
- PR professional
- Assist Volunteer Coordinator
- Office help & organizing
- Beginning in June:
 - Moving help
 - Landscaping
 - Fencing & decking
 - Home improvement
 - Building & landscaping maintenance
 - Office cleaning

Celebrate Community Partners Choose TCV



This year TCV will benefit in a big way from the generosity of local business leaders and local media through a program called **The Press Democrat's Celebrate Community Partnership**. This program consists of 14 local businesses and corporations who donate advertising space to nonprofits of their choice.

Over the past few years, The Children's Village has been able to place one or more prominent ads per year through this program, most often with the sponsorship of Lanahan & Reilley law firm.

This year we were able to apply for an even larger sponsorship through the program. The fourteen Community Partners chose The Children's Village to receive a donation of \$7,500 and 10 donated ads to be used anytime in 2006! As stated in the Partnership's mission, this sponsorship will truly "effect positive change in our community." The Children's Village wishes to thank all the Partners:

Century 21 Alliance	Cobblestone Homes, Inc.	Longs Drugs
G & G Supermarkets	Kaiser Permanente	Empire College
Redwood Credit Union	World of Carpets	Fetzer Vineyards
Santa Rosa Junior College		Lanahan & Reilley, LLP
Pacific Gas & Electric Company	Friedman's Home Improvements	
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An invitation-only benefit golf tournament will be hosted by **Vince Gaeta** in early May at the exclusive **Mayacama Golf Club** in Sonoma County. The Children's Village is very grateful to Vince and Mayacama, and to other supporters and volunteers who created the event: **Randy Ruark, Dan Garcia, Phoebe Nicolette, Melinda Moir, the B.R. Cohn and Kendall-Jackson Wineries**, and the many others who are helping to make the event a success.

A Big Thank You

WALK FOR THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE at The Human Race on May 13, 2006!



The Sonoma County Human Race is the largest in the nation - last year 9,000 participated, raising over \$1,000,000 for local nonprofits.

You can join in the fun and help TCV reach our goal of \$25,000! Whether you run or walk, or just make a pledge, your contribution to this effort will help build the Village. We hope to see you there!

How to get involved:

- Pick up a pledge form at TCV office or call 566-7044 and we'll mail it.
- Or go online! You can sign up or contribute to any team member at www.volunteernow.org – click on the Human Race logo.
- Ask everybody you know to sponsor you !
- Questions: e-mail Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Johnson at fkathj@sonic.net

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!



Woodstock Visits TCV

Woodstock, the little yellow bird of Peanuts© fame, plans to visit the Village this year. Generously donated by long-time supporter Shirley Ann Spencer through the Community Foundation of Sonoma County, our Woodstock will be produced by artists Jann Aanestad and Libby Martin. Woodstock will be shown surrounded by children, and will be a part of seventy "Summer of Woodstock" statues displayed all over Santa Rosa. By this fall TCV should have its very own Woodstock, and we are truly grateful to Shirley, Jann, and Libby!

Doll Makers "Moovin'" On Up!

TCV's doll makers do more than just make dolls. They brainstormed during a recent sewing session about how to get Clover Stornetta to highlight TCV on a billboard or milk cartons. They created a slogan and wrote a letter about the children "Moovin' In," and what do you know, "Clo the Cow" is going to promote TCV on hundreds of thousands of milk cartons this summer! Look for them about in July this year.

This January over 25 dolls were delivered to the county Human Services Department – quite a bunch! Happy employees told the doll committee reps that "...for children in foster care to have something of their own that is of such beauty is truly special. So often these children have never owned anything of such high quality as these dolls." Soon the doll committee will be producing dolls for children entering our very own Village!

Remembering Marijke

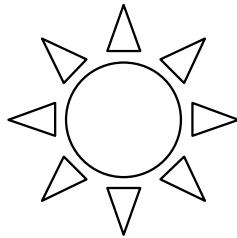
Advisory Board member Marijke Byck-Hoenselaars, a good friend to TCV, passed away in January due to a tragic accident. Marijke and her husband Walter Byck owned Paradise Ridge Winery, where our 2003 spring fund-raiser was held. Marijke was a generous and down-to-earth person, known to stop and help out any homeless or less-fortunate person she encountered. She was posthumously given an award by the Volunteer Center at their recent volunteer recognition luncheon. The Children's Village will miss Marijke's smile and warm friendship.

Creativity from the Heart

Two artistic creations have been recently inspired by the Village:

- by **Robin Wise & Jody Hymes** – a warm and educational DVD to use at presentations
- by **Bret Martin** – *Georgia's Song*, a touching tribute that we hope can soon be presented on TCV's web site.

It is with immense gratitude that TCV thanks these supporters for their inspirational contributions.



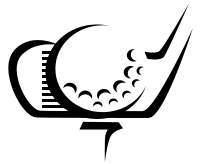
Service Clubs Lend a Hand

Two new notable sponsorships will build learning spaces and the basketball court at the Village. **The Active 20-30 Club #50 of Santa Rosa** is providing a three-year \$30,000 pledge that will help build our mentoring and learning space inside the future Village Center, and provide learning materials and furnishings. In the past, club members have provided support by helping to move our office, and setting up tables and chairs at the last fall fundraiser.

The Sunrise Rotary Club of Santa Rosa is funding the construction of the basketball court on the Village site, with a multi-year \$10,000 pledge – wonderful!

Happy hoops and happy learning, and a big thank you to all!

Attention Golfers!



Remember the great time you had at last year's fun and successful Pro-Am? The 2006 tournament will be September 29. Early registration for last year's participants starts June 5. Golf will be at Bennett Valley and the evening event will be held at the same wonderful venue, Jackson Park Ranch. Last year's theme had us all in cowboy hats; the theme this year will be exotic and mysterious. Dust off your magic carpet and join TCV!

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Yes! I want to help The Children’s Village

I've moved – please update your records with info below:

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Help us keep you informed by email _____@_____

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Mission - Vision

Spring 2006



We are building:

- A Village where brothers and sisters in foster care can play and grow up together as one family.
- A Village where “grandparents” live right across the street and foster parents receive the support and training they need to raise at-risk children.
- A Village guided by five values: Empathy; Respect; Integrity; Mutual Support; Appreciation of Differences and Strengths.



Our mission is

to provide nurturing, stable, family homes in a multi-generational, enriched environment for children and their siblings in foster care.