



Project Access E-mail Newsletter April 2008

Our Mission

Project Access assists families and seniors living in affordable housing achieve greater self-sufficiency and independence through access to education, health and social services.

The Impact of Project Access

-- as told by Kevin Ruan, Service Coordinator at the Project Access Family Resource City Towers in Oakland

An Feng is a nine year old boy who was not performing well in school. Due to his family not being English, An's parents aren't able to help him with homework. His reading skill is equivalent to that of a second grade reader rather than a third grade reader. His father came to me one day and asked me to help An. He told me he liked to do homework. He watches TV all day and doesn't listen to me." In the past, the family had the tutor give up on An.

I happily agreed to tutor him and told An's father that in order to be successful, he needed to be consistent. So for about a month now, we've been working with him on reading and math. His report card just came out a week ago showing that in the previous quarter, he was reading 18 words per minute and now he's reading 45 words per minute. On top of that, he has been placed back into the third grade class. He is enjoying reading more and now actually likes to read instead of being forced to read. We'll keep working with An and his father.

-- as told by Project Access Regional Director, Sophie Trascher

As a follow-up to this testimonial, I was at City Towers recently and An's father came in with him. He had met him on several occasions in the past, but this day was different. An's father walked up to me with tears in his eyes and said in broken English, "Thank you for Kevin, he is good for my son. Everyday he helps me look for a job. It's not easy for me because of my English. My wife works and I have three children but I want to work, I'm the man of my house and it is so hard to see her working." My heart broke and I sat down at the computer and came up with three job openings for him and Kevin.

This is why we do what we do.....WE CARE!

Adopt-a-Resource Center

Project Access is excited to announce our newest sponsorship opportunity—**Adopt-a-Resource** (

Engage your family and/or company to help change the lives of families and seniors, getting them the needed education, health and social services. Partner with Project Access to make a difference in lives through your commitment of resources, and as much time you and your family and/or colleagues can commit.

You will be recognized on signage as the sponsor of your Resource Center for one year. You will receive invitations to special events at your center, including health fairs, birthday parties, holiday celebrations. In addition, you will be included in the resource center monthly newsletter, as well as the Project Access newsletter, which reaches more than 2,000 members of our community.

The clients at your Resource Center will send monthly letters, photos, drawings or emails to keep you updated on their activities. You will also receive invitations to participate as a volunteer at various activities throughout the year. These activities could include annual holiday events, Health Fairs, Resource Fairs or even requests such as food bag distribution and "teen time."

As a result of your donation, our clients will have the opportunity to continue to gain access to the education services that assist them in gaining self-sufficiency. For more information, please call P (949) 253-6200, extension 305.

Adopt-a-Family 2007 – Great Success!

The 2007 Project Access *Adopt-a-Family* holiday program was a success again! 2007 marked the 10th anniversary of the program. Families were added to the Adopt-a-Family Program and by popular demand, Project Access will continue this tradition.

We are proud to report that 140 families and seniors were adopted!

We would like to give special thanks to KDF Communities and the Newport Beach pre-school for their support of our families. The children from the pre-school learned wonderful lessons in giving and sharing through their participation.

Over the holidays, toys were abundant! Toys-for-Tots donated more than 2,000 toys, and the following individuals and businesses hosted toy drives in support of our program:

Shari Battle and Lisa Sims - Bank of America
Lisa Boyer - Boyer Chiropractic
Barbara Piscitelli - Chapman University
Brandie Bedell - Kane Development
Judith and Mary Ann Connell
Mailyd Nunez - Nordstrom Rack Metro Point
Heather Jenkins - Nordstrom South Coast Plaza

And the children were so grateful...

"First of all thank you for these gifts, they mean a lot to us. I was so happy, especially for my sister because she means so much to us because we are a big family of eight members so it is really hard to buy just one gift especially since only one member of the family works...Thanks for everything and have a wonderful holiday!
-Leandra, 15 years old



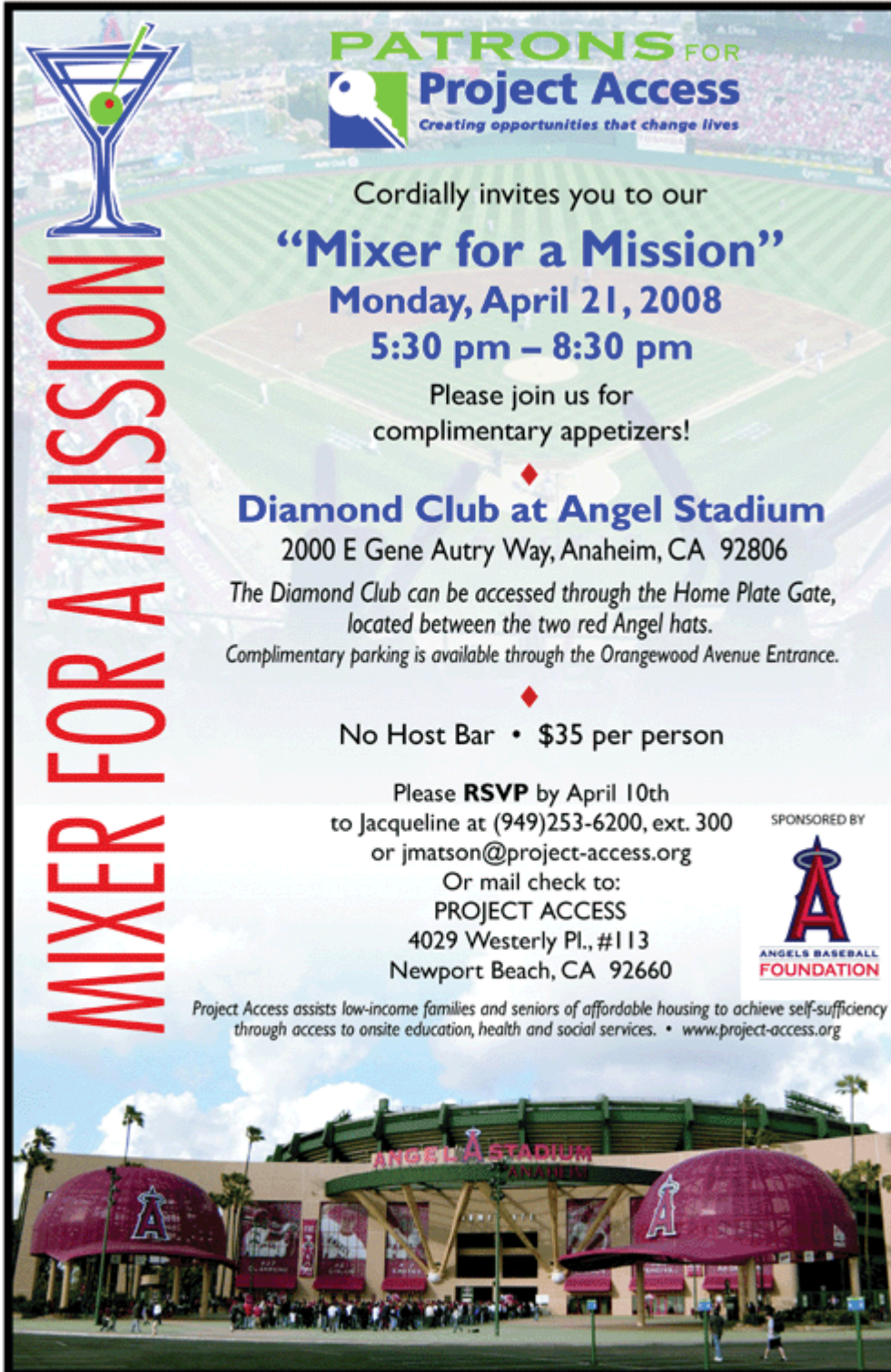
Thank you everyone for your support!

Upcoming Events

Project Access Mixer for a Mission
Monday, April 21, 2008 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Diamond Club Angel Stadium

Come enjoy the excitement of a Project Access Mixer for a Mission:

- complimentary hors d'oeuvres
- a great silent auction
- mingling with guests
- special guest Clyde Wright, veteran Angel's southpaw
- and tours of Angel Stadium at 6 pm and 7:20 pm. This "behind-the-scenes" tour is both an educational experience. You will be invited to view areas that are normally restricted to the



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“Mixer for a Mission”
Monday, April 21, 2008
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Please join us for
complimentary appetizers!

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Diamond Club at Angel Stadium
 2000 E Gene Autry Way, Anaheim, CA 92806

*The Diamond Club can be accessed through the Home Plate Gate,
located between the two red Angel hats.
Complimentary parking is available through the Orangewood Avenue Entrance.*

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No Host Bar • \$35 per person

Please **RSVP** by April 10th
to Jacqueline at (949)253-6200, ext. 300
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Job Openings

Check out our Job Openings at <http://www.project-access.org/employment.php!>

Save the Date!

Third Annual Keys to Success Awards Dinner honoring Ranney and Prisci

The Annual Keys to Success Awards Dinner gives Project Access the opportunity to honor member community for their commitment to helping people in need, both personally and professionally, a dedication of instilling "giving back" in others. Our First Annual Keys to Success Dinner honored L Agent Leigh Steinberg, and the Second Annual Keys to Success Dinner honored Bob Campbell, Pr Realty; last year, we net more than \$190,000 toward programs and services that help forward the disadvantaged children and adults. This year, Project Access is proud to honor Ranney and Priscil Saturday, October 11, 2008 in Orange County starting with a reception at 6 pm followed by dinner.

To purchase tickets or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, call (949) 235-6200 extension 30 info@project-access.org.

Big Gifts

Building Block Foundation Fund Awards \$50,000 grant to Project Access 2/7/08

The Building Block Foundation Fund's mission is to facilitate public and private partnerships that are aimed at encouraging underprivileged but deserving youth in Orange County to achieve more positive outcomes.

Thank you to the Building Block Foundation Fund for granting \$50,000 to Project Access and recognizing Access as having a direct impact on the youth in Orange County. We are thrilled to have been named beneficiaries!

Thank you, Building Block Foundation Fund, for supporting our cause. We are grateful for your involvement and forward to a continued partnership!



Northern California News

A testimonial from a resident at City Towers in Oakland

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm a resident at City Towers in Oakland. I've had the opportunity to work with the staff at Project Access that they are doing an outstanding job working with our community. I've witnessed the patience and dedication in dealing with the kids and adults.

I also have a personal relationship with them as far as assisting me; a single mom that has returned after 25 years. They've assisted me with my finals, which I received an A and my daily assignments helped me keep faith and continued believing in me and that I would succeed.

They don't get much support from the community like they should. But it doesn't stop them from making a difference and putting a smile on a lot of lovable faces.

Southern California News

New Program Launch - The Mentor Program

Under the recently launched Mentor Program, each staff member will personally mentor three to five clients on academic support, emotional well-being, and leadership skills. This is a great opportunity for Project Access to directly impact the children and teens at each site.

Site Spotlight

On October 27, 2007 Hermosa Village, located in Anaheim, held its first Health Fair in which they provided health-related information to their clients. Attendees included Loretta Sanchez, Congresswoman from the 47th District of California and Disney's VolunteARS, who volunteered for the event. The fair included food, music, a raffle and blood sugar, cholesterol and cardiac screenings without health insurance.



Hermosa Village also held their First Annual Project Access Community Holiday Potluck Dinner on November 16, 2007. The event was sponsored by Chabad of Newport Beach, who provided activity stations

participants, toys to give out to all of the children, and entertainment including a magician, a clown and a Jack Sparrow pirate. Dinner and desserts were provided to the more than 300 clients that attended. The event was a success and has set a positive precedence for future holiday events at Hermosa Villa.



How to Get Involved

Project Access assists families and seniors living in affordable housing achieve greater self-sufficiency and independence through access to education, health and social services.

A gift to Project Access helps break the cycle of poverty through education and empowerment. If you share the goals of Project Access and would like to help by making a donation or volunteering, please contact 6200, ext. 300 to discuss the current needs of the organization.

Tax deductible financial and in-kind donations are greatly appreciated throughout the year. Please make checks payable to: Project Access.

Mail to: 4029 Westerly Place, Suite 113, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Visa, MasterCard, American Express and stock transfers are also gladly accepted. Donations may be made online at www.project-access.org.

*Notify us if your company has a matching gift program, and we will be happy to provide the necessary documentation.

Thank you for your generous support.

Together we are changing lives.

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