



ALAMEDA MEALS ON WHEELS

Alameda Friendly Visitors

Newsletter

Fall 2011



15th Annual Community Faire & Wine Tasting Fundraiser



Tom Squire, Assistant Event Chairman and Mark Sorensen, Event Chairman

A big THANK YOU to you both!

Every July this Fundraising event for Meals on Wheels seems to grow and get better and better. This year was no exception. Local dignitaries, families and people from all over came for an afternoon of wine tasting, food sampling, kids' entertainment, silent auction, music and much more.



CELEBRATING 7 YEARS! ALAMEDA FRIENDLY VISITORS



Weekly visits to our homebound neighbors were added as a Meals on Wheels offering seven years ago. To say that it has made a difference, even changed lives, is an understatement. Just ask D. J. Agnew, our first placement.



D. J. first met Mark Haskett and his 2 ½ yr. old son, Mills, when they began delivering meals to her and her partner Bob Small. A year and a half later the Friendly Visitors Program began, and Bob suggested they give it a try. He had only one request, and that was that Mark and Mills be their visitors. Mark agreed, but sadly Bob passed away shortly after the visits began.

Mark and Mills continued visiting D.J. and a deepening friendship has grown over the past seven years. Mills is now 11 and there has been a new addition to the Haskett family, Nicola, age 5. She started visiting D.J. as a toddler. The kids remember their favorite outing with D.J. – a trip to the Chabot Space Museum. Though the kids are in school now, they still visit whenever they can. D.J. says “She thinks of them as family.” She has had the privilege of watching them grow and being a part of their lives, and even shares Thanksgiving with the whole Haskett family.

She and Mark have found they have so much in common - lived in some of the same towns, love current events, art, and politics. Mark is great at helping D.J. research purchases such as the latest in TV's or telephones. Sharing stories over lunch is a ritual they cherish. When asked to share what their time together means, D.J. says “new family.” Mark adds the word “fulfilling.” Let's hope we can continue offering this free service for many years to come.

MORE ON THE 13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY FAIRE & WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER...

Thanks to everyone who made this event possible!!!

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Our Community Partners

Alameda Key Club, 3 O'Clock Jump Big Band, Alameda Boys & Girls Club

Special Thanks

Aroma, Asena, Barcelona, Blue Dot Café, C'era Una Volta, Dan's Fresh Produce, Dragon Rouge, Donsuemor, Gold Coast Grill, High Street Station, Otaez, Panera, Pappo, Quayside Dining at Cardinal Point, Semifreddi's, Tomatina, Trader Joe's, Tucker's Ice Cream, Zeytini

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers

VOLUNTEERS – THE HEART OF OUR PROGRAMS

Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver meals to our homebound or ill neighbors every day of the year. They watch out for our recipients on their routes by providing a nourishing meal, a spirit of friendship and a daily contact. If recipients want more of a visit, our Friendly Visitors program is available at no cost.



Students are welcome volunteers. Summer volunteer, Wesley Gee, is teamed up with Charles Thomas



Our program depends on the help of local businesses. Greer Family Mortuary employees deliver weekly. Shown are general manager Carter Pearce with Darren Ken



Lisa Cannelora is a corporate sponsor – owner of Cucina di Cannelora. She teams up with Dr. Sigmund Sabin – a



The Cerda-Zein family delivers meals with their son and our youngest volunteer Gavin - 2 yrs Old. Jose and Nancy are with Cerda-Zein Real Estate



Larry Schwartz delivers MOW in his own style with his custom made vehicle on wheels. Wanting to get more exercise, Larry decided to get his walk in and do community service at the same time. Take an old chair on wheels, add a handle and go!



Father-son team Bob And Guy Langston, Larry Schwartz and Bob Blanchard are ready to go! They bring great energy and care to MOW

TO VOLUNTEER - CALL Meals on Wheels 865-6131
Alameda Friendly Visitors 748-0342

AS ALWAYS, WE NEED YOUR HELP ...

Please consider supporting us to keep Meals on Wheels and Alameda Friendly Visitors thriving services available to our homebound neighbors.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Leave a specific dollar amount or percentage of the assets in your estate to AMOW
- Consider using specific assets for your charitable gift. These include, but are not limited to: cash, stocks, bonds, CD's, real estate, vehicles, art & jewelry. Such gifts may even provide income tax and estate tax savings
- Name AMOW as a beneficiary (or partial beneficiary) in your pension plan or IRA
- Name AMOW as beneficiary in your life insurance policy
- Remember loved ones with a memorial gift
- Make a donation in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary or wedding

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Special thanks to Alameda County Meals on Wheels. Throughout the year we work hand in hand with Alameda County Meals on Wheels to raise funds so that we can serve Meals on Wheels to members of our community.

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