



**“Life isn’t  
about  
getting and  
having, it’s  
about  
giving and  
being.”**

*Kevin Kruse*

## there is no secret to our success

A good magician will leave his audience amazed and asking, “how did he do that” and one will never know his secrets unless they are revealed. At Casa de Amma the “secret” of the magic that has taken place over the last thirteen years isn’t hard to understand. It started with the amazing generosity and vision of the Leatherby Family as they sought to make a home for their son, and others like him with disabilities. A home that combined many of the best aspects of other programs as well as some that they knew were needed. This created the stage - and Casa’s first residents moved in. Quickly their families began to see their loved ones become more independent, begin to form friendships and be part of a real community they quickly called “home.” Years later, the magic of Casa continues providing other adults with disabilities the opportunity to live that same supported life.

Part of the magic at Casa has been the people who continue to support our Mission. To celebrate, on November 4th we held our Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner Fundraiser and it was indeed a magical night to remember! Families and friends of Casa gathered to raise money to assure the continued support of our program and to aid in securing the financial future of Casa’s mission and our residents.

Guests were treated to an inspiring speech by Bob Martel, who spoke about his brain injury and how Casa de Amma has given him friends, love and full life. Jeremy Pasino starred in a video that showcased the “Magic of Casa” while he spoke about his ten-year employment and the many accomplishments he has had since moving in. The evening wrapped up with an amazing performance by Bill Herz, an accomplished magician who wowed the audience. All in all, it was a great success and we want to thank everyone who helped make it happen. The photos below tell the story - it was a magical night indeed!



and these were a few of their favorite things in 2017 . . .

**JORGE - I loved going to Big Bear with the group this past year. I had a lot of fun and want to do it every year.**



**RILEY - My favorite moment was when I got my new job at Atria working with seniors. I love working with them and helping them out.**



**LISA - Spending time with my friends on the weekends. I love hanging out and doing fun things with them like lunch and the mall.**



**BRAD - Doing my best in the CDA Cardio Challenge. We didn’t win but in 2018 it will be different!**

**LEXI - The water balloon toss at CDA Olympics. I loved getting the staff wet!**



**DAN - One of my favorite memories was talking to Margaret before she passed away. (Margaret was a Casa staff who passed away unexpectedly this year).**



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