



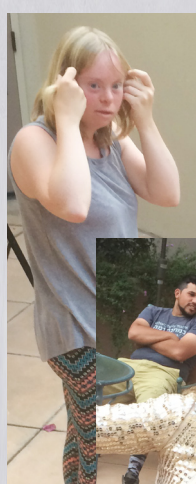
“Everything has beauty, but not everyone can see.”

Confucius

the ‘summer clubhouse’ was a hit!

Our new program, Casa’s Summer Clubhouse, has been a real success! On the last Friday’s of June, July, and August we welcomed neighboring adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to join us for dinner, an activity, and some programming at CasaU.

The need for supportive programs for adults with disabilities in our community is enormous. To have a safe and responsive place to get to know each other and spend time together is imperative if they are to thrive. While we have always maintained that the Casa building is a home first and foremost, the Summer Clubhouse experience was effective in helping further friendships and benefit those who are not able to move into Casa de Amma. The highlights of our Friday Clubhouses included a pool party, name-that-80’s-tune game, and concluded with a festive dance party. We saw residents from Glenwood Homes in Laguna Beach, local adults living with their families, and those living on their own, come and enjoy the activities while making new friends. As a matter of fact, one of the gentleman and a Casa resident hit it off so well that the two guys have set up time to hang out together in our local community for the rest of this summer — which was just the result we were hoping for!



Casa’s Annual Benefit Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th and this year it will be **MAGICAL!** The excitement and awe of a great magician can leave us amazed asking “how did they do that” ... but no one will ever decipher the secret to the magic - it has to be revealed.

The Magic Of A Supported Community

At Casa de Amma the ‘secret’ to the magic that has happened over the last thirteen years isn’t hard to figure out.

It started with the amazing generosity and vision of the **Leatherby Family** as they sought to provide a special home for their son, as well as others with disabilities — a home that combined many of the best aspects of other programs as well as some that they found were desperately missing. This created the stage for our residents to move in, and their families soon began to see how this unique model enabled them to grow in their independence.

They began to form lasting friendships and become part of a real community. The staff at Casa also adds to our success by combining professionalism and a unique kindness and care, often not found in human services. Casa teaches the staff to make a mutual commitment to do everything they can to personalize and individualize all supports, in order to enable the success, happiness and independence of all the residents. The magic at Casa has given many adults with disabilities the opportunity to live a supported life which offers individualized support with a community of friends readily available.

More of the magic has been the willingness of people to support our Mission from inception. Casa is a family and our success could not be possible without the support of so many. Whether it is our dedicated Board of Directors who give of their time and talents, the volunteers that help in so many ways, or the generous donors who have contributed to making Casa such a unique model — the magic of Casa would not be so inspiring if it wasn’t for all these amazing supporters. On behalf of us all, we want to invite you to attend this magical night and continue your support.

Please review the attached Sponsorship Information which outlines how you can support this event.



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