



Community Focus Briefings

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Sweet Smell of Success

Being in the right place at the right time – like the grand opening of a store is key when searching for a job. Antone ‘Skip’ Aquavella learned recently that timing matters as he, like many others, diligently searched high and low for work with his job developer. Together they tracked the slow job market and ended up at just the right place and time for an interview, as a new 99 Cent Only store was opening in Poway. He successfully landed a position and is now working to impress his employer. Sighs of relief can be heard from Skip as he wholeheartedly stocks the shelves. If his work history and enthusiasm are telling, he will probably be reveling in the sweet smell of success for years to come!

➤ Results In

Program evaluation results this year for the agency’s core services prove that quality services are being provided. Overall, customers are satisfied and goals are being met! For complete details, read the full reports available on the agency website.

Many Thanks Mas Fina

Mentioned in newsletters past as nice neighbors and known around the office as a downtown Carlsbad lunch hotspot, Mas Fina Cantina has yet again sponsored a golf tournament for Community Interface - for the third year in a row! Heartfelt appreciation goes out to bar owner, Andy Davis and all who participated.

Accreditation Awarded



A three year accreditation, the highest possible, was awarded to Community Interface’s Supported Employment Services after a survey from CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, an organization that accredits human service providers. The process is part of Community Interfaces’ commitment to continually enhance the services it provides.

Donors Raise Spirits

With recent budget cuts and a floundering economy, the likelihood of fun events this year at a lot of companies is pretty slim. However, with creative thinking in regard to costs and generous donors, Community Interface is working hard to keep spirits up despite these budget blahs. Thanks to Allen Angel, a long time ‘Community Interfacer,’ for making possible an upcoming winter tradition – the consumer and staff holiday party to be held in early December. A winter wonderland, live music, dancing and tasty treats are sure to kick off the holiday season in style. In order to rival last year’s event where folks went home with fabulous presents, gift cards and baskets, a donation drive is in process to gather door prizes for consumers and staff.



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Val's View [Thoughts from Community Interface's Administrative Assistant aka 'Director of First Impressions']

My view from the front desk at our Carlsbad office is a beautiful one thanks to the hard work of our grounds crew Steven, Scott, Todd, Ali & their Resource Counselor, Nancy. Even on the hottest days of summer you can find them working their hearts out - sweeping, weeding, mowing, etc. Stop by the office and take a look around. When admiring the grounds, take notice of the fence in the back yard - decorated by our very own consumers who painted trees representing the number of trees saved by shredding paper and not throwing it away. Our grounds have never looked better; now if I could just get help with my desk!



★★ Recognizing Excellence ★★

Community Interface is proud to recognize two shining examples of excellence, Marta Stehlik and Bridget Thorne, the most recent winners of the Employee of the Quarter title.

Looking to Lend a Hand?

Supporting Community Interface without breaking your budget is as easy as 1 – 2 – 3. Complete details can be found at www.communityinterfaceservices.org.



1. Allocate money to Community Interface in ways that don't cost you a dime - use "goodsearch.com" when surfing the web, shop through "goodshop.com," sign up for a Ralph's or Food for Less Community Partnership card and designate Community Interface – NPO#83958, or register for AT&T services.
2. Purchase an Entertainment Book - save hundreds of dollars on everyday things like dining out or buying groceries and portions of the proceeds go to Community Interface! Books make great gifts, see flyer for details.
3. Join the United Way campaign, Community Interface's # is 6228.

Just Ask Us!

Community Interface welcomes questions and input from the public at any time. A reading service is available for this newsletter or any publication - just talk to your staff person to set it up. Contact individuals noted below regarding specific services. *We look forward to hearing from you.*

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