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# A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO **TERRY & ANGELA WECKER**



Angela & Terry Wecker

Gateway Center would not be as successful as it is today without the never ending dedication and commitment of our board member Terry Wecker and his wife Angela. Together they have created Gateway's biggest fundraiser, the Monterey Rock & Rod Festival. This event expands each year with more participants and visitors than the year before it.

For the 12th consecutive year, Terry and Angela have spent countless hours organizing the participants, vendors and volunteers to produce an entertaining dance, auction and amazing car show for all to enjoy.

Terry and Angela have a strong connection to Gateway Center as John F. Wecker, Terry's father, was a co-founder of the agency and his brother John was a longtime client.

Their desire to continue his father's legacy by supporting the clients and residents of Gateway Center, so they may all thrive and live a productive life with dignity and respect is evident in not only producing the car show but offering their expertise in various areas pertaining to board member duties. And let's not forget Angela's abundance of delicious homemade baked goods that everyone enjoys!

We are forever grateful to both Terry and Angela for the selfless work they do year 'round to support Gateway's mission. Our clients and residents benefit greatly each day from their generous service and dedication.

Thank you Terry and (Angela!



## **12TH ANNUAL ROCK & ROD FEST**

The Monterey Rock & Rod Festival is a major fundraiser for Gateway Center of Monterey Co., Inc. This event could not take place without the generous assistance of the committee chairs. The following individuals work all year long on this event to give the added

recognition to Gateway Center and, of course, the always needed funds for programs. Let's all thank the following committee chair volunteers: Dan Aliotti, Judy Anderson, Jim and Rhonda Chambers, Meredith Crews, Kathy Jeal, Kristina Olfson, Patricia and Roger Payne, Dave and Cathy Ruccello, Mark and Kim Russo, Bob Urquides, Ronnie and Joan Usrey, James Wayman, A. J. Wecker, Bob and Sue Wecker, Mike and Cheryl Wecker, and Terry and Angela Wecker. This 12th Annual Festival kicked off with an Old Fashion Sock Hop, complete with BBQ, live music by the Yard Dogs and Jeremy "Elvis" Pearce & The Memphis Sons, a silent and live auction on Friday, June 21, 2018 which was held in the



Terry Wecker (right), MRRF Chair, presents a check to Gateway Center of Monterey County.

Monterey Room at the Monterey County Fair and Event Center. Saturday the event moved to Downtown Monterey at the Custom House Plaza, Over 150 classic cars and trucks were on

display, along with food and merchandise vendors. This year's headliner was Janis Joplin's Original Band Big Brother and the Holding Company, featuring Darby Gould. The weather was great with thousands of attendees present throughout the day. We presented a check for \$30,000 to Gateway Center of Monterey County at the September Board Meeting. We also want to thank all of our sponsors so please visit our website at montereyrockrod.com for a complete list. -Terry Wecker



## **UNCHAINED PAYS US A VISIT!**

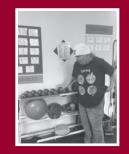
Kristen Fletcher is Executive Director of UnChained, a nonprofit that pairs under served youth with homeless dogs to give both a second chance. Kristen and her collie, Lady, are a Therapy Dog team who have visited with Gateway Center residents since December 2016. She has a background in environmental law and is an enthusiastic photographer of people, dogs and the Central Coast. Lady brings a wonderful sense of relaxation and comfort to Gateway residents and they all look forward to Lady's visits!

## **GATEWAY CENTER DAY PROGRAMS**

July 1st saw the kick off of our new Day Program curriculum. As we now focus on Person Centered Planning, we have restructured our days to offer more choices for the individuals we serve. The days are divided into three periods with five classes to choose from, such as, art, life skills, vocational, exercise, and community outings. Within each class, curriculum has been developed to help navigate the staff and clients to success. Choices include, but are not limited to, gardening, stretching, math skills, balance, bingo, and bowling. The Clients have thoroughly enjoyed this change.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS ROOM

Our "Gymnasium" is open! Teresa Niccum, our Physical Therapist consultant, spent many hours working on getting this program up and going, there are a variety of classes offered from Chair Chi to circuit training, to fun and games, as long as we're moving and grooving life is great.



## **MANY THANKS TO MEZ BENTON!**

Mezola Benton joined our board in 2008 during a very critical time. Change was eminent but we were not sure what it would look like. Her energy, excitement and commitment to Gateway Center touched everyone around her and affected a positive change. Thank you Mez for nine years of service.



## **CHECK OUT OUR NEW VANS!**



Through the generosity of the Loesche Estate we have purchased two new wheelchair vans. This increases the amount of clients attending community outings by almost twenty!

## **INTRODUCING OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



(Standing Left to Right) David Flores (Chair), Bill Parham, Kristina Olfson, Jim Landman (Vice Chair), Leon Heller (Treasurer), Terry Wecker

(Seated Left to Right) Jeannette Fassier-Walker (Secretary), Susan Flores, Stephanie Lyon (Executive Director)

## MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE...

#### January 1, 2018–August 1, 2018 Donations

On behalf of the residents, families, and staff of Gateway Center, we extend our deepest appreciation to all of our financial supporters. Without your contributions, the programs and essential services we provide would not be possible. Gateway Center survives and thrives because of you. Thank You!

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Please use the remittance envelope enclosed, or contact Executive Director Stephanie Lyon at (831) 372-8002 ext.220.

### THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

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There are many ways to make an estate gift. Please consult your tax or estate planning professional to determine which is best for you.

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