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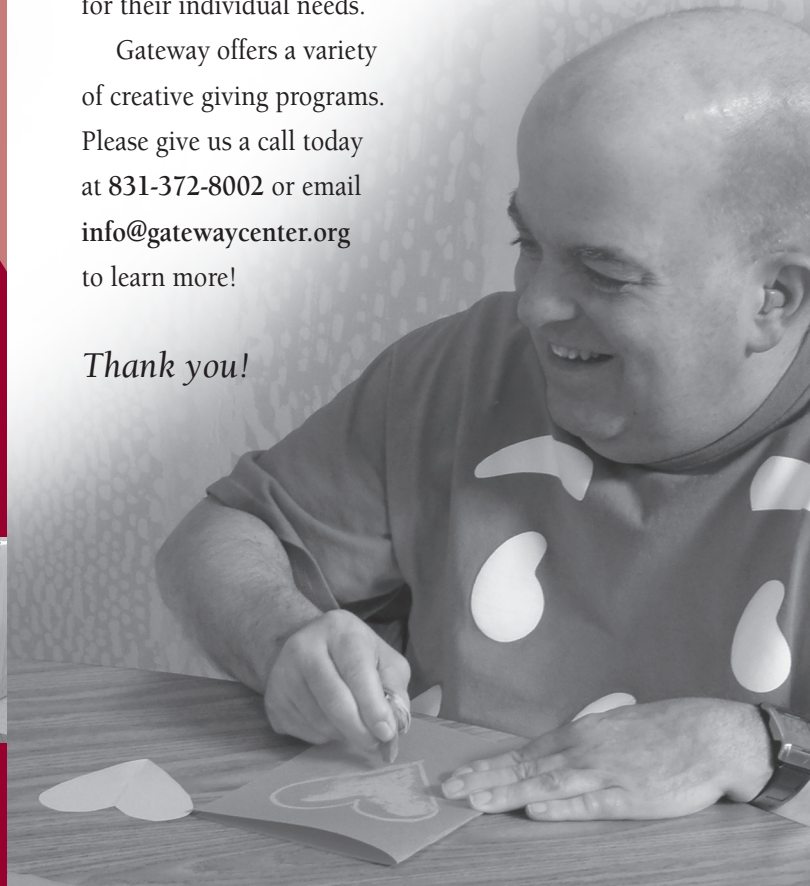
Life is a continuous stream of varied experiences. We cherish the uplifting moments and endure the tragic ones — and like trees, we bend and move to accommodate the weather. Some of our trunks grow large and some remain small, and some of us stand taller than others. Whatever the season, we all feel the changes; and, occasionally, we shed our bark and allow ourselves to become more vulnerable to the world.

What does this have to do with the importance of giving, you might wonder? Everything. It is Gateway's mission to honor the differences and teach our clients how to cherish their gifts and live to their fullest potential. We do not judge; instead we encourage the unique “tree” to grow.

Your gift supports Gateway Center's ability to continue to provide the best teachers, staff and resources possible for our clients. Your donation strengthens our foundation, and our residents are healthier and enjoy fuller lives because of your generosity. Because of you, the residents at Gateway Center are able to live with dignity and at the highest level of functioning possible for their individual needs.

Gateway offers a variety of creative giving programs. Please give us a call today at 831-372-8002 or email [info@gatewaycenter.org](mailto:info@gatewaycenter.org) to learn more!

*Thank you!*



## PENNY ALVAREZ MEMORIES OF DETERMINATION

Penny Alvarez came to live with Yvonne and Glenn Coley at three days old as a result of the first adoption scheduled to take place in Santa Cruz County. However, when Penny was just six weeks old, the adoption process came to a halt with the discovery of a disability. Penny was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, caused by a virus contracted by the birth mother when she was three months pregnant. Fortunately, Yvonne and Glenn, as conservators, still were able to raise Penny as their own with their biological children, Glenda and Ron. And even though they were identified as Penny's conservators, Yvonne and Glen knew that spiritually they were her parents.

Doctors predicted Penny would never walk; however, ornerly and determined, Penny learned to walk at six years of age and did so until in later years it became more difficult, and eventually physically impossible for her. Penny was an avid “watcher” because her physical condition limited the acuity of her other senses. She met obstacles with determination and exuberance! Her physical limitations were not going to stop her from doing the things she loved with the people she loved! Going to Disneyland, camping, going to church, dancing, singing and driving were just some of the things Penny enjoyed doing!

Penny moved to Gateway Center on October 23, 1992 at the age of 22 and lived here until the age of 45. Her personality was large and in charge; she had a fire in her, testing and challenging staff before making up her mind if they were up to her standards. Penny was selective; you just weren't automatically “in”. There was a “Penny test” to pass, her impish laugh a signal that the test was about to take place.

Doris Finney and Chris Hunt, two staff who passed the “Penny's test” with flying colors, became family to her and part of her heart. Yvonne refers to Doris as Penny's second mother, and Gateway her home and family. Penny touched every life around her with her tenacity to live, her passion, her fortitude and her zest! A few weeks ago at home with her parents, Penny succumbed to the cancer she had been battling. Penny is now with the angels, and no doubt she is still watching with the occasional “Penny test” to see if we are paying attention. We will miss you, Penny!





## CELEBRATING DORIS FINNEY

Doris Finney celebrates 25 years at Gateway Center. Doris began her career at Gateway on August 15, 1990, working with residents in direct care. After giving birth to her first daughter, Doris returned to Gateway and moved to the Day Program as a teacher's assistant and eventually became the lead teacher. Subsequently, Doris accepted the medical coordinator position for the Residential Program to attend to the 42 clients at Congress, six clients at Forest Hill, and the eight clients in Supported Living Services. Her duties as medical coordinator included all aspects of managing clients' medical well being, a job that entails great responsibility, and one that Doris performed admirably. She was promoted three years ago to the Program Manager of the Residential Program at Congress and transferred to Forest Hill in May 2015 as Program Manager. Doris states that the most rewarding part of her job is making a difference in the resident's lives and building a relationship with the families who trust their loved ones to her care. Doris's warm personality and contagious laugh are a welcome presence, and as she has proven time after time, her energy and commitment to Gateway's residents are prodigious! Doris loves, lives and works with a passion that is a blessing to her colleagues and anyone in her care!



## OPEN HOUSE! GATEWAY CENTER

*Fiesta*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
Join us in celebrating another spectacular year in the community with friends and family. Enjoy the Fiesta on **October 10th, 12pm–2pm** at Gateway Center in Pacific Grove.



## WELCOME LYNNE CHAHWAN

Lynne Chahwan has joined the Gateway Team as the new Administrative Assistant. In her new role, Lynne supports various aspects of the organization's operations relating to administrative projects and logistics. Lynne's main focus is on front office management. She comes to us with an administrative background, having worked in Human Resources and in operations at Horace Mann Educational Associates and All Care Homecare in Massachusetts. Lynne recently relocated to Pacific Grove. She loves the California weather, and when Lynne is not working, she can be found spending time at the beach with her dogs and enjoying all the great places to walk and visit here!



## TRASHION SHOW!

We had a blast participating in the Alliance on Aging's Trashion 2015 Show! Staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to create a dress made from recycled materials. In our humble opinion, we think it was one of the best.

The creativity among the staff is inspiring, and Gateway Center is fortunate to have such brilliant minds on board. Our theme this year was a Sunday Stroll, and Marianne Jones, excitedly volunteered to wear the dress at the show. We were thrilled for her and took plenty of pictures to help us all savor her special runway moment! To learn more about the Alliance on Aging and the Trashion Show please visit <http://allianceonaging.org>.



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