

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join us as we celebrate another magnificent year in the community with friends and family in honor of the conversion of our Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) as well as upgrades and renovations to our upstairs day program facility. We will be hosting tours to show the improvements and renovations Gateway Center has made with your help. Come spend time with us and enjoy light refreshments Saturday, September 24th, 2016 from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

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# GATEWAY TODAY

The Newsletter of Gateway Center of Monterey County SPRING/SUMMER 2016



## CHANGE IS GOOD

Dear friends,

Change is inevitable, with change comes progress. There have been many changes here at Gateway Center within the past few months. We are pleased to announce that with your support Gateway Center has begun a well deserved facelift and its Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) conversion. The new ICF will create many opportunities benefiting the organization, staff, and most importantly residents. One of the most important aspects of this conversion is that the quality of living and services provided to our residents will improve. The Remodel will provide more personal spaces and living areas, for its residents. Our Day program classes will also be getting a well deserved facelift with the addition of a training kitchen.

*"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."*

-Winston Churchill

The conversion will enhance staff involvement with residents and provide more intensive programs and active treatment programs. This conversion brings us one step closer in insuring financial stability and sustainability to allow Gateway Center to continue carrying out its mission "to provide a caring and stimulating environment where people with intellectual disabilities can achieve their individual goals safely and with dignity."

With your continued support, together we can help fulfill Gateway Center's mission.

For more information about the various ways you can contribute please give us a call at 831-372-8002 or email us at [info@gatewaycenter.org](mailto:info@gatewaycenter.org) to learn more. Remember to also like our Facebook account and help us spread the word about Gateway Center. Our Facebook page is updated often and we welcome your comments, stories, and photos about Gateway Center.



Before



After



Before



After

## WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBER, CHRISTOPHER ELSTOB

Christopher Elstob joined our Community Based Program in June 2015. Christopher is a friendly individual who loves to socialize with his peers and staff. He is fond of music and loves to dance. He enjoys Disney characters and loves to watch movies. He also loves playing bingo, going bowling, and spending time on the internet.



The Community Based Program here at Gateway Center allows its participants to socially integrate into our community environments and allows participants to explore their interests and skills. Within our program participants are able to participate in self advocacy activities by making choices and expressing their needs and desires. Our main goals are to enhance consumer participation in the community, develop and maintain consumer's safety skills, gross motor skills, communication skills, and grooming skills. In addition we teach and encourage appropriate social and emotional behaviors, enable consumers to function in group settings, and develop and maintain consumer's self esteem.

Christopher's brother, Mark, is ecstatic that Christopher has the opportunity to be a part of the Community Based Program. He believes that the program has improved his brother's quality of life significantly. Because it gives Christopher the opportunity to express himself out in the community and is not limited to one place and he is always doing something new. Mark mentioned how he sees more excitement coming from Christopher since he has joined the Community Based program because he enjoys doing their daily activities and socializing with his friends.

"I believe that the programs Gateway Center provides are excellent because they allow individuals to truly engage in the community and learn new things along the way."



CELEBRATING OUR INTERNS

Gateway Center was able to participate in California State University of Monterey Bay’s internship and service learning program. This year we have two students from the Health, Human Services, and Public Policy department. Our internship program is a great way to get more people involved within the organization and give back to our community. Our interns have been extremely involved with our day programs and have built connections with our consumers and residents.

Jimmy Tran is a Collaborative Health and Human Services major with a concentration in Public Administration. He has been under the supervision of our Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP), Judy Miramontes. Jimmy has been actively involved with the Senior Day program and has provided additional support to our staff. Jimmy states, “What I like the most about interning is being able to develop as a public administration professional like Judy Miramontes. I also enjoy being able to successfully connect and communicate with consumers. I love it here at Gateway Center.”

Briana Contreras is a Collaborative Health and Human Services major with a concentration in Social Work. She has been under the supervision of our Associate Director, Christina Hunt, and has actively been involved with the Adult Developmental Center and Senior Day Program. Briana states, “I love interacting with everyone at Gateway Center. I am fortunate to be surrounded by peers who are passionate about what they do here at Gateway Center. I learn something new every day! I am glad that I am able to help carry out Gateway Center’s mission.”

One of our staff was also part of the Internship Program before joining our team. Jocelyne Sierra, Business major, from our Accounts Payroll department has been working here at Gateway Center for a little over one year. Jocelyne states, “I truly enjoy working here at Gateway Center. I love the environment as well as the consumers. They never fail to brighten up my day. I am also fond of working with everyone at Gateway Center. Everyone is great.”



Jimmy Tran



Briana Contreras

2016 ROCK & ROD FESTIVAL

The 10th Annual Rock & Rod Festival is coming up this June! This festival is one of Gateway Center’s biggest fundraising events that allows for supporters and consumer to have a rockin’ time.

Join us this year for a weekend of music, dancing, food, and fabulous cars. This year’s festival will feature hundreds of 1975 and older classic and custom hot rods, street rods, muscle cars, and trucks along with a lineup of great live entertainment, fabulous old-fashioned Sock Hop, and food and merchandise vendors.

There will also be a great line up of performances by Mitch Ryder, Yard Dogs, Jeremy “Elvis” Pearce & The Memphis Sons, Los High Tops, Rollin’ & Tumblin’ Rockin’ Blues Band, The Mistery Machine, Linda Arceo Band, and DJ AL B.

The Festival will begin with a Friday Night Sock Hop at the Monterey Fairgrounds with live music, food, live and silent auctions, along with best dance and costume contests. Then on Saturday, the festival will be located at the Custom House Plaza in downtown Monterey for the car show with food, souvenirs, awards and live music all day!



MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE...

August 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016 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!*

INDIVIDUALS

- Mathew Anderson  
Nicholas Baldino  
Gay & Ann Baldwin  
Kristen Bauer  
Mezola Benton  
A. Christine Berger  
Joan Bizzozero  
Lorraine Boerner  
Margaret Bohn  
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Elizabeth Langstroth  
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Mark Lubinski & Margaret Lubinski-Tolkuhn  
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Karen McCann  
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We apologize for any misspellings or omissions.

You can help to make a very real difference in the lives of the men and women that Gateway Center serves. Please consider making a donation to Gateway Center today. Donations of money and in-kind goods and services are welcome and greatly needed.

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

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

How to Give: Gateway Center offers a variety of innovative giving programs.

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

CASH: Funding a gift with cash is one of the simplest ways to create a planned gift.

BEQUEST: you can name Gateway Center in your will or trust.  
Stock: A gift of appreciated securities or other assets could avoid capital gains while providing a tax deduction.

OTHER OPTIONS: Life income gifts such as charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts, life insurance policies, gifts of retirement funds (IRAs) and gifts of real estate in which a life estate is retained. These methods of giving can provide both income and tax advantages.

Please Contact Gateway (831-372-8002) to discuss how these options may work for you.