



SHARE OUR SELVES NEWS

Summer 2011
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New Look...New Programs...Same Mission

Webster's dictionary defines the word remodel as "to model or fashion anew; to change the form of." As the remodel of the SOS facility is drawing near, we thought we would share how SOS staff members define remodel... "where is my desk?," "you can't fit four staff members in that space," "what do you mean I'm seeing patients in the boardroom today?," "the bathrooms are closed...but the port-a-potties are here" and my favorite, "please enter the property via the newly cut hole in the fence." I think we can all relate to humorous stories shared from construction projects.

We are also excited to announce an alliance between SOS and the University of California, Irvine's (UCI) Nursing Science Program to establish Orange County's first nurse-managed clinic as a program of the SOS-El Sol Wellness Center in Santa Ana. This program was recently awarded a \$1.5 million federal grant. This new model is an innovative approach to expanding the services currently offered at the center while providing both undergraduate and graduate students of the UCI nurse-practitioner program hands-on experience and education.

The transformation of SOS, both on the inside and out, is a true example of what a community can do when we come together with the same mission.

Please stop by to see what a community can build. For a tour please contact Kathleen Bruski at kbruski@shareourselves.org or 949-270-2132.



Reflections

Summer is such a lovely time for celebrations. We have family reunions, back yard barbecues, beach cook outs, July 4th parades, vacations, outdoor wedding receptions, and often just a spontaneous moment of slowing down our lives. To add to the celebrations we often enjoy the wonderful taste of watermelon, garden grown fresh vegetables, and lively summer drinks. No wonder the pleasures of summer memories often last far into the dreary days of winter.

This recognition of celebrations reminds me of how we continue to assure that SOS is always a place of joy, welcome, and hospitality. This summer we have had the extraordinary opportunity to renew and redesign our physical environment. We even had two parking lot barbecue celebrations to thank all those who worked on our facility. How absolutely pleasant to sit together in our mostly torn up parking lot and simply enjoy the company of one another. We found our missions were exactly the same.

My wish for you this summer is that you have our parking lot experience.

With gratitude I remain,

We are servants who provide free care and assistance to those in need and act as advocates for systemic change.

Thank You

Thank you to all the following:

Foundation and Community Support

- ♦ **OC Community Foundation - ReachOut OC 2011**, for general operating support for services to the underserved
- ♦ **CalOptima - HIT Grant Program**, For implementation of strategic health information technology, including video-conferencing and wireless access functionality in the SOS-El Sol Wellness Center
- ♦ **CalOptima - CHC Grant Program**, for support of the SOS Clinic
- ♦ **HRSA – Innovations in Nursing Care and Education (in partnership with UCI)**, in support of the first nurse-managed school-based health center in OC at the SOS-El Sol Wellness Center

Services Donors

- ♦ Coast Mailing for donating mailing costs
- ♦ David Ballard Electrical for electrical service
- ♦ Mesa Center Automotive for van maintenance
- ♦ Lab West for support of the SOS Clinic Lab

SOS Redesign Team - Many Thanks!

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank all those who contributed to the SOS Redesign Project. Your passion and vision has created a beautiful new SOS - a space where staff, clients and patients are proud to call it their own.



The SOS Redesign Team

Congratulations!

Congratulations to SOS volunteer Linda Boyd, winner of the “No Strings Attached” Volunteer Recognition Award - a program of the Orange County Community Foundation and Thompson Family Foundation. An SOS volunteer since 2006, Linda is recognized for her selfless dedication and compassion toward those she serves unconditionally. Linda always has a smile and a friendly greeting for all, and finds fun new ways to lift the spirits of those who need it most.



Robin & Linda Boyd

Volunteer Corner

It's back to school time and what better way to celebrate than to acknowledge the many clinic volunteers moving forward in their educational journey. Congratulations to the following SOS clinic volunteers who will be displayed on the SOS Volunteer Wall of Fame:

- ♦ **University of Southern California:** Elizabeth Hoyt – PA Program, Andrew Ton – School of Pharmacy, Monica Salama – Global Medicine Program, Eric Rabey – School of Dentistry
- ♦ **Western University of Health Sciences:** Naadiya Salihue – Masters in Health Sciences, Almira Yang – DO Program
- ♦ **University of California San Francisco:** Matin Khoshnevis – School of Medicine, Bryant Lee – School of Dentistry, Ajay Amin – School of Dentistry
- ♦ **Michigan State University:** Tandis Soltani – College of Human Medicine
- ♦ **University of Hawaii:** Huy Do – John A. Burns School of Medicine
- ♦ **Tufts University:** Mili Shah – School of Dental Medicine
- ♦ **Albany Medical College:** Andres Victoria
- ♦ **University of California Los Angeles:** Yas Sanaiha – David Geffen School of Medicine
- ♦ **California Northstate College of Pharmacy:** Eric Nguyen
- ♦ **University of Utah:** Jayson de Guzman – School of Medicine
- ♦ **Creighton School of Medicine, Omaha NE:** Huong Nguyen
- ♦ **University of California Irvine:** Maryjane Vennat – School of Medicine, Eric Ton – School of Medicine – PRIME Program
- ♦ **Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida:** Aneesh Sinha
- ♦ **Northstate Pharmacy School, Sacramento:** Tracey Nguyen

As we enter the busy fall season, it is the perfect time to pause and give thanks to all of our volunteers. Thank you for your patience, adaptability, and sense of humor during our summer of construction, and for continuing to serve those in need. You are the heart of SOS and you represent the best of who we are!

Interested in joining our volunteer team? Please contact Julie Larson at jl Larson@shareourselves.org for more information.

Save the Date - Celebrity Chef Dinner! Friday, November 11, 2011

On Friday, November 11th, a talented group of Orange County's most generous chefs will team up to prepare a fabulous five course dinner paired with specialty wines. The event will be held at the beautiful Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort in Huntington Beach. The evening includes a silent auction and a live auction where the chefs will offer exciting dining packages. Mark your calendars...you don't want to miss out on this great event! For more information, please contact Elizabeth Evans at 949-270-2137 or efevans@shareourselves.org.



*Chef Alessandro Pirozzi, Cucina Alessá,
and Chef Louie Jocson, Red Table
Restaurant*

17th Annual Star Team Onion Luncheon



*A-Team President Kathy Thompson with
husband, Jerry, and daughter April Egbert*

In May, the SOS Star Team members, SOS A-Team members and their guests attended the 17th Annual SOS Star Team Onion Luncheon, held at the beautiful Five Crowns Restaurant in Corona Del Mar. The luncheon honored the members of the Star Team, a support guild of Share Our Selves. The fundraising efforts of

the guild directly benefit the life sustaining services SOS provides to Orange County residents living in poverty.



*Star Team members Marla Bird and Tia
Anderson, with Bodil Brecke*

Thank you Five Crowns for a wonderful luncheon, and thank you A-Team and Star Team for all you do for SOS!

OC Fair We Care Wednesdays August 10th – School Supply Drive for SOS

SOS was fortunate to be the recipient of the OC Fair's We Care Wednesday Back School Supply Drive. Fair patrons received free admission and a free carnival ride when they donated a new school supply item valued at \$3 or more. With the help of 30 volunteers, SOS collected over 113,000 items! A huge thank you to the OC Fair and all those who came out to support the drive - there are going to be many happy students this fall!



*SOS staff and volunteers collect school supplies at
OC Fair's We Care Wednesday*

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Ways to Benefit SOS

- ♦ Donate your vehicle. Download the form on our website.
- ♦ Renew & register your Ralphs card at www.ralphs.com and use the SOS number 84538. Cards must be renewed as of September 1st.
- ♦ Register Vons grocery cards, credit or debit cards with eScrip at www.escrip.com and use the number 150239969.
- ♦ Recycle your old cell phones, laptops, media players and toner cartridges
- ♦ Make a donation in honor of someone's special day - consider donating a gift to SOS in honor of a special birthday, anniversary, wedding, or holiday.

For details, call Veronica Rodarte at SOS, 949-270-2142

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SAVE THE DATE...SAVE THE DATE

Celebrity Chef Dinner

Friday, November 11, 2011

Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort, Huntington Beach

5 Course Dinner with Wine Pairings

Live Auction • Silent Auction

For more information, contact Elizabeth Evans at
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Wish List

The need for support continues all year. Here is how you can help:

- Soft Toothbrushes and Dental Adhesives
- Baby Items - Clothing, food, and diapers in all sizes
- Birthday Boxes for Children, Hygiene Kits 32 matching waste baskets
- Food - Merchants, our volunteers will pick up your donated food. Hold a food drive in your neighborhood.

A few wishes for our newly redesigned building!

- Large long break room table 110 - 120 in. long, 35 in. wide
 - Small radio
 - 4 XL planted trees in pots
 - 4 industrial size matching trash cans
 - 2 mountable safes
 - Beverage vending machine
 - 1 hot / cold water dispenser
 - 1 industrial size fan
 - 32 matching wastebaskets and 15 matching wall clocks
- For more information on donating any of the items above, please email vontiveros@shareourselves.org.

Calendar of Events

November 11	Celebrity Chef Dinner
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Food Drive
December 19-22	42nd Adopt A Family Program

For more information on these events, please contact Elizabeth Evans at 949-270-2137 or efevans@shareourselves.org, or visit our website at www.shareourselves.org.

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