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LETTER FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Family & Children Services,

“There are two lasting bequests we can give our children: One is roots, the other is wings.” Hodding Carter

While this quotation has brought comfort to many parents over the years, it also speaks to the role of Family & Children Services. We assist children, teens, adults, and families in building roots of strength, self-sufficiency, and emotional health, so they go on to live fuller, happier lives. As an agency it is our responsibility to be structurally sound, with well-planted roots, so that we can grow, respond to change, and be of service.

We are particularly appreciative of our deep roots and strong limbs during times of transition. As I write this, Family & Children Services is engaged in a search for a President & CEO. After 13 years, Jeanne Labozetta resigned as of May 31 to use her skills and talents to help other nonprofits in our community. On behalf of the Board of Directors and agency staff, I would like to express our appreciation to Jeanne for her leadership. We wish her the very best as her wings take her to new challenges.

We have retained the services of Rusher, Loscavio, and LoPresto, a premier search firm specializing in placing senior non-profit executives. I invite you to contact me with feedback on the skills and characteristics you feel necessary in a CEO to reflect our agency's mission and culture. You can reach me at either the Palo Alto or San Jose office: 650-326-6576 or 408-292-9353.

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The Board of Directors has appointed me, a fellow member of the Board, as Interim CEO. We are all committed to a smooth transition, and look forward to introducing our new President & CEO to you.

Our mission is to build strong, safe, and self-sufficient individuals, families, and communities.



In this newsletter, we spotlight two community events that contribute tremendously to our strength and to our capacity to serve clients. In May, the members of the Circle of Support Breakfast Committee took their 3rd annual breakfast to a new level, welcoming almost 400 guests. In June, the Peninsula Ball Committee presented its 46th Annual Ball. As always, it was our honor to be the beneficiary of this event that is rooted so deeply in the traditions of Peninsula families.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon Kaplan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jon Kaplan
Interim President & CEO



Debutantes Shine at 46th Annual Peninsula Ball

In June, 38 debutantes bowed at the 46th Annual Peninsula Ball, continuing a treasured Peninsula tradition of recognizing young women for their achievements. For the young women, who represented eight local schools, the ball capped months of preparation and of philanthropic activity.

Family & Children Services extends its warmest appreciation to the members of the Peninsula Ball Committee, who worked tirelessly to make the ball a wonderful evening for the debutantes and their families. We recognize the gracious leadership of co-chairs Sue Davison and Anne Englert.

Through their participation, the debutantes' families and guests contributed essential funds to the agency. Funds raised through the Peninsula Ball make it possible for the agency to provide counseling

services to individuals and families in need on the Peninsula. Thank you to all 38 families.

Since its inception, the Peninsula Ball has raised more than \$3 million for Family & Children Services.

The Debutantes:

Galen Avery	Caroline Hurley
Brooke Badger	Melissa Irvine
Rachel Bolten	Sarah King
Katelyn Bouret	Caitlin
Alexis Boutacoff	Lighthouse
Michelle Bradford	Alison Lycette
Brittany Brown	Jennifer Machlin
Ashley Carlisle	Molly Magnuson
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Kristina Flatley	Erica Swanson
Jessica Foley	Megan Teixeira
Mathilda	Molly Troedson
Goldman	Carmen-Rosa
Chelsea Ono	Wishart
Horn	



PROGRAM EXPANSION:

We are now providing domestic violence offender treatment in American Sign Language (ASL). We operate the only ASL program in Santa Clara County, and we bring to it more than 20 years of experience in serving the Deaf/Hard of Hearing population.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:

The Board is pleased to announce that **Jonathan Chadwick** and **Robert K. Roskoph** have joined the Board. **Mr. Chadwick**, Vice President of Finance & Planning at Cisco Systems, Inc., manages the Business Planning & Forecasting and Corporate Financial Planning & Analysis departments. He is a CPA and has extensive financial and strategic alliance experience and expertise.

Mr. Roskoph, who is a principal in Palo Alto-based Roskoph Associates Professional Corporation, specializes in estate, tax, and business planning. He is

also active in the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto. In addition to a law degree, Rob has a Master's in clinical psychology. We are happy to have his expertise with instruments of philanthropic planned giving.

We would also like to acknowledge **Christina Moser**, whose term ended in June, for her dedicated service to the agency as member of both the Board of Directors and the Peninsula Ball Committee.

SOBRATO CHALLENGE GRANT DOUBLES YOUR GIFT:

Through a generous challenge grant, donations from new or lapsed donors are automatically matched by the Sobrato Foundation. Thank you to each of our contributors to date! For more information, call Lani Dorff, Director of Development & Marketing, at 650-326-6576.

REUSE A BAG, DONATE A NICKEL AT WHOLE FOODS:

Please bring a shopping bag or two with you when you shop at Whole Foods Market in Palo Alto (774 Emerson Street, 650-326-8676) or Campbell (1690 S. Bascom Avenue, 408-371-5000). Then, donate the nickel you would save by reusing a bag to Family & Children Services. Nickels add up! Thank you. www.wholefoods.com

Teaching Accountability: Ending the Cycle of Family Violence

Two years ago, Ben* had a good job in construction, earning enough to support his family of five and his addictions. Throughout his life, Ben used power and control in his relationships. Alcohol and drugs reduced his inhibitions, and his verbal and physical abuse of his wife and children escalated and became commonplace.

Eventually his wife went to the police, and his three children were taken from him. Although it was a crushing wake up call, Ben says, “It was the best thing that could have happened. I wish someone had intervened much sooner. Then I would not have lost years to anger and addiction or hurt my family.”

As part of the requirements to be considered for reunification with his children, Ben is participating in a 52-week domestic violence intervention program at Family & Children Services. Through the group, Ben has studied power and control and his beliefs about them. He has learned to be accountable for his actions and choices. His progress has been rapid, and he has become a leader, always ready to offer advice and encouragement to group members.

“Before this group, I thought using power was the only option. Now, I have learned better ways to address conflict, and I know that whatever choices I make, I made them and I am accountable for them,” Ben says.

His motivation for doing the hard work of changing his life, his

attitudes, and his behaviors is his children. “I do not want to let my children slip through my fingers. I want the chance to be a loving father,” he says.

“We do not all learn as children how to have positive relationships,” says Victoria Colligan, director of the program. “The good news is that beliefs and behavior can change once someone is given the tools and the support.”

The Positive Solutions Program serves more than 800 men and women each year through Parenting without Violence, child abuse treatment, domestic violence offender, and anger management and accountability groups. Classes are offered in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and American Sign Language, at our offices in Palo Alto, San Jose, and Campbell.

Donations enable us to offer Positive Solutions' programs on a sliding fee scale and to prevent, intervene in, and treat family violence.

* The name has been changed to protect client privacy. Everything else remains true.

Anne Dauer: A 22-Year Partnership

In 1984, **Anne Dauer** and her husband Art returned to Palo Alto after living in Chicago for 10 years. Wanting to reconnect with the community, Anne mentioned her interest in volunteering to a friend who recommended a Palo Alto-based agency focused on mental health. So began a relationship between Anne and Family & Children Services that has spanned more than two decades.

“I thought then and still believe that emotional health is important to our community well-being,” Anne says. “Due to my longevity with the agency, I have had the opportunity to see it change, evolve, and grow, which is very rewarding.”



Anne Dauer with F&CS's wonderful new bookcase

Anne's belief in Family & Children Services' mission led her to serve on the Board of Directors for ten years and to become an active fundraiser, including co-chairing the agency's first mystery party in 1985. In 1998, when her Board term ended, she joined the

Advisory Board, on which she continues to serve.

“When development officers get together, we talk about our dream donor. This is an individual who has passion for the work of the agency, contributes financially, shares time, brings in more donors, and includes the agency in his or her estate plans. Anne is this donor – and a treasure as an individual, as well,” says Lani Dorff, Director of Development & Marketing.

“This agency is a valuable part of our community,” says Anne when explaining the reason for her continued involvement as a major donor. “The variety of services addresses so many critical issues, and the agency continues to respond to changing community needs.”

Staff members at the Palo Alto office were overjoyed when they learned Anne had donated to the lobby a bookcase library from the Mountain View-based Bring Me A Book Foundation. The gift became even more precious when we learned it was dedicated to the memory of Anne's husband.

“There are many ways to support organizations doing work we care about. We share time and talents. We look for ways to make them stronger. We include them in our current and planned giving. Each individual makes a difference through the actions he or she takes,” says Anne.

Family & Children Services' Endowment Fund

As we prepare to celebrate 60 years of service in 2007, the Board of Directors is excited to announce the establishment of Family & Children Services' Endowment Fund. With this fund – and your support – we aim to ensure we will be available to serve the many vulnerable members of our community, uninterrupted, for generations to come.

We encourage you to consider an investment in the strength, safety, and self-sufficiency of our

community. Gifts to the Endowment Fund may be made in the form of cash or stocks, or through planned (deferred) gifts, including life insurance, bequests, charitable remainder trusts, or other planned giving vehicles.

For more information, please call Lani Dorff, Director of Development & Marketing, at 650-326-6576. Our Endowment Policy is available online at: www.fcservices.org/donate

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During the Holidays...

- Cheer a family: Assist families who cannot afford holiday meals and gifts. We will match you or your group with a family; we also gladly accept gift cards to share with families in need.
- A helping hand for youth: Assist youth in our Independent Living Skills Program by donating gift cards to help them purchase household items, groceries, school supplies, and gas.
- Invest in peace: Help to make homes and communities safer and individuals and families stronger. Donations allow us to offer counseling and services on a sliding fee scale, serving more clients in need of assistance.

... and Year-Round

Your support of our clients and of our services is always needed. Monetary donations may be made by cash or check, or online (www.fcservices.org). An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. For information, please call Lani Dorff, Director of Development & Marketing, at 650-326-6576.

Save the Date: Valle Monte League, Inc. presents its 39th Annual Christmas Tree Elegance November 27-December 1 in San Jose. This sell-out event features fashion shows, a gala, a children's party, and beautifully decorated trees. Proceeds benefit Family & Children Services and three other organizations. Call 408-278-8001 or visit www.vallemonte.org.

Third Annual Breakfast Exceeds Goals

On May 3rd, guests filled the Crowne Plaza Cabaña Hotel's ballroom to support Family & Children Services, celebrate Cynthia Fry Gunn, and learn from Dr. Robert M. Sapolsky. Record attendance and the committee's hard work set a new record for Circle of Support fundraising: \$44,000!

The morning began with a tribute to local philanthropist and Family & Children Services' Advisory Board member **Cynthia Fry Gunn**. Cynthia, who has served on the Board of Directors and, with her husband John, is a major donor, was honored for her contributions to the agency's mission through her leadership and friendship. The audience responded with a standing ovation.

Keynote speaker **Dr. Sapolsky**, a MacArthur "Genius" Fellow, professor at Stanford University, and researcher at the Institute of Primate Research in Kenya, had the audience laughing and learning. By observing animals in the wild, Dr. Sapolsky has gained insights into human behavior that can help us to be healthier, physically



Cynthia Fry Gunn



Decorations Co-chair Heidi Kennedy and Event Chair Pat Gregory



Chris Moser, Stanley Bresh, Bren Leisure

and emotionally. Many guests went home with autographed copies of his popular books, including *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers*.

The Circle of Support Breakfast will be back in spring 2007. Help set new records by joining the committee or signing on as a supporter! Contact Maryanne at 650-326-6576 x 123, or info@fcservices.org.



Deb Coblenz, Jeri Macomber,
Lorelei Russell, Director of Development &
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Applause please!

Family & Children Services extends a zebra herd-sized thank you to our Circle of Support Committee. We thank each member for her contributions and **Pat Gregory** for serving as Chair.

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A Special Day for Families with Deaf/Hard of Hearing Children

Family & Children Services' Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, with the support of Oster Deaf/HOH Program and Deaf Counseling, Advocacy, and Referral Agency (DCARA), held its 2nd Annual "Special Day for Families with Deaf/HOH Children" on May 13. We thank the generous donors of services, food, and prizes who showed their support for families:

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Family & Children Services serves more than 8,000 children, teens, and adults each year in more than 100 locations. Through innovative and integrated health and human services, we work to build strong, safe, and self-sufficient individuals, families, and communities. Our services include counseling for all ages, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence intervention, life skills preparation, and specialized services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, seriously mentally ill, South East Asian community, and those living with AIDS and HIV. We have served San Mateo and Santa Clara counties for more than 50 years.

For additional information, please visit www.fcservices.org, or call 650-326-6576 or 408-292-9353.

Thank you to employees from PricewaterhouseCoopers!

In June, employees from PricewaterhouseCoopers in San Jose spent two hot summer days painting conference rooms and offices at our San Jose and Palo Alto locations. What a difference their efforts made!

Thank you to PricewaterhouseCoopers for sponsoring this day of service that gave our rooms a much-needed makeover, and to the employees who showed such enthusiasm for improving our facilities for our employees and clients.



The Palo Alto volunteer team
(photo by Patrick Moan)



The San Jose volunteer team
(photo by Lynda Hoang)

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