



**FAMILY &
CHILDREN SERVICES**



Family Connections

A Newsletter for Friends of Family & Children Services: Fall 2004



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About Us:

Family & Children Services is a private, nonprofit health and human services agency serving individuals, couples, and families throughout Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. For more than fifty years, our continuum of care has helped build safe, strong, and loving families through comprehensive, affordable counseling, education, prevention and intervention programs, employee assistance programs, and collaborations with other local service providers.

Serving approximately 7,000 individuals per year, Family & Children Services is a community leader in the treatment and prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, family violence, school and work performance problems, poverty, and mental health problems. In addition to counseling and psychiatric care, Family & Children Services offers intensive case management and support for youth in foster care, improves the self-sufficiency of working families, and increases school readiness and self-esteem in young children. We train school and childcare staff, teach parenting skills, and help improve school and work performance so that every member of our community can thrive. Family & Children Services also provides services for specialized populations including severely emotionally disturbed children, immigrant families, the gay and lesbian communities, the deaf and hard of hearing communities, and those living with HIV/AIDS.

Dedicated to making services as accessible and affordable as possible, the agency offers help on a sliding scale basis in seven different languages. Family & Children Services offers help at locations throughout the two counties, including the agency service centers, school campuses, childcare facilities, homeless provider centers, health clinics, jails, and corporate offices.

Mission

The mission of Family & Children Services is to provide programs and services that support the emotional well-being of our communities.



Vision

A community strengthened by emotionally healthy individuals and families.

Dear Friends,

Glancing at the calendar on my desk, I realize that the holiday season seems to arrive more quickly each year. As the festive mood begins to permeate the air, Family & Children Services is ready to celebrate! Reflecting on the meaning of the approaching holidays—Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa—we recognize that the past months have generated many joyful occasions.

Our Families and Schools Together (FAST) program and the Independent Living Program (ILP) held graduation ceremonies in June, sending forth strengthened families and resourceful foster youth. Working with immigrant families and youth in the foster care system respectively, FAST and ILP helped these populations find and build vital communities for support and assistance.

Also in June, 19 young women debuted at the 44th Annual Peninsula Ball. Rich in history and tradition, the Peninsula Ball honors the debutantes for their academic, athletic, and philanthropic achievements. This year, the Peninsula Ball Committee donated \$105,000 to Family & Children Services' Counseling and Positive Solutions programs that are delivered throughout the peninsula.

This is also a special year for Valle Monte League and Family & Children Services, as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our partnership. During this golden year, we will recognize the dedication and commitment of Valle Monte League with special proclamations and honors. The generous contributions from Valle Monte League are essential to F&CS programs such as the Independent Living Program and School-based Counseling Services—programs vital to the community and strengthening the emotional well being of the children and youth in Silicon Valley.

While we are thankful for all of these celebrations at Family & Children Services, we recognize that there is much work to be done. The holidays are a difficult period for many families, as the season often evokes both emotional and financial struggles. During these trying days, Family & Children Services is there to help families in need. Through our counseling programs we ease stress and build family communication. Through our substance abuse programs we support those trying to make it through holiday festivities clean and sober, and through our Employee Assistance Program we aid workers facing strained household budgets and the stress of daily life.

Traditionally, the holiday season is a time of giving—when we all count our blessings and do our part to help the less fortunate. As Family & Children Services launches our 2004 Annual Giving Campaign, we are thankful that we have such varied and generous supporters. From dedicated individuals and families, to community conscious volunteer groups, foundations, and corporate partners, we come together to address the needs of our neighbors. Together we celebrate the joyous times, the personal victories, the anniversaries, and the perseverance of people, relationships, and ideas. And together, when we aid those in need this season, we realize our vision of a community strengthened by emotionally healthy individuals and families.

Thank you for your support of Family & Children Services. Wishing you a warm holiday season,

Jeanne C. Labozetta, LMFT, MBA
President & CEO
Family & Children Services

Featured Program / Employee Assistance Program

Business as Usual

F&CS' Employee Assistance Program Benefits Businesses and Community

During the Internet boom, Silicon Valley start-up companies became famous for reinventing the idea of "workplace perks". Utilizing everything from free espresso and "Hawaiian-Shirt-Fridays" to Nerf basketball hoops in conference rooms and appreciation days at Malibu Grand Prix Speedway, Dot-coms understood that happy employees are productive employees. As many of the more extreme antics faded when the bubble burst, the general rule still applies—that emotionally healthy and happy workers reap greater rewards for businesses.

Recognizing the benefit of well-adjusted workers to both companies and communities, Family & Children Services operates the **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** through our Counseling Services to help employees deal with personal issues. For companies and organizations participating in EAP, employees are provided between 2-5 confidential sessions with a licensed therapist, thereby improving employee mental health, morale, and productivity, before personal difficulties interfere with job performance. When utilizing the Family & Children Services' EAP, individuals are guaranteed a counseling appointment within 48 business hours and the sessions are free for the employee.

"My counselor was wonderful. Thank you for employing such a high caliber of professionals!"
/ EAP Participant /

EAP works with a number of area businesses—including large companies such as Great America, Roche, and Palo Alto Medical Foundation. Additionally, EAP provides services to the Small Business Consortium, an association of 11 local companies with fewer than 200 employees each. The Small Business Consortium demonstrates the value of EAP, as F&CS is able to design programs and services specifically to the need of an under-served group. F&CS offers small businesses an important, high-quality health benefit at an affordable rate—a benefit that could

otherwise be cost prohibitive.

Carol Norwood, Vice President of Human Resources at the YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula, articulates the value of EAP services, when she states, "Through the consortium, Family & Children Services assures our employees totally confidential counseling and therapy. We are extremely happy with the quality of services."

In addition to confidential counseling services, therapists from EAP offer workshops to clients on topics ranging from stress management and sexual harassment to parenting classes. According to **Program Coordinator, Bob Foglesong**, "EAP is another opportunity for Family & Children Services to meet the needs of our community and assist a part of the population we might not otherwise reach."

EAP introduces another segment of our community to the quality and breadth of F&CS programs, and a number of these individuals and families become involved with other F&CS programs as they grapple with personal and familial issues. While EAP might not be a day at the local mini race track, it is an important health benefit for employees and another vehicle through which Family & Children Services builds safe and strong individuals and families.



EAP Coordinator Bob Foglesong (left) greets a new client utilizing his employee assistance benefit

50th Anniversary Celebration /

Gold Rush!

F&CS Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Valle Monte League

In 2004, **Family & Children Services and Valle Monte League celebrate their Golden Anniversary**—50 years of working together to strengthen the emotional health and well-being of the community.

More than five decades ago, a small group of South Bay women became philanthropic pioneers when they recognized that the field of mental health services was in dire need of support. Pooling their talents and resources, the women of Valle Monte League commenced fundraising for mental health causes in 1954. On the recommendation of the California State Mental Director that same year, Valle Monte League chose to support Family & Children Services—then known as the Adult & Child Guidance Clinic. Valle Monte League, an all-volunteer organization now comprised of 150 women, is dedicated to raising funds to help provide and promote better mental health within the community through licensed mental health agencies.

Family & Children Services has long been recognized as a community leader in mental health services in Silicon Valley, providing help to all of those in need, regardless of ability to pay. Anne Noller, Past President of Valle Monte League emphasizes the need for these services, as she notes, "The World Health Organization has stated that in the year 2020, Mental Illness will be the #2 disease in the world after heart disease. This is a very dismal prediction and makes Valle Monte League aware of the tremendous need for mental health services."

According to Jeanne Labozetta, Family & Children Services CEO, "Our partnership with Valle Monte League is critical to our success as an agency. Valle Monte League's unwavering support allows us to serve the most fragile among us and build a better and healthier community."

Through the generous donations by Valle Monte League, Family & Children Services has delivered high-quality mental health services, purchased property, completed facilities expansion, and installed playground equipment in San Jose. Family & Children Services honored the organization in October with the dedication of the Valle Monte League Conference Room in San Jose, and the presentation of Commendations by state and local officials.

Family & Children Services extends a heartfelt 'thank you' to the exemplary women of Valle Monte League for their commitment, support, and generosity!

In keeping with tradition, Valle Monte League will again raise substantial monetary support for Family & Children Services through a weeklong compilation of festivities known as Christmas Tree Elegance. The 2004 Christmas Tree Elegance will offer eight fundraising events including fashion shows, tree viewing, silent auctions, parties, and a Grand Ball. Throughout the history of Christmas Tree Elegance, Valle Monte League has donated more than \$6,500,000 to local mental health agencies with the money raised from the holiday extravaganza. Last year, Valle Monte League contributed almost one-quarter of a million dollars to Family & Children Services.



Valle Monte League representatives Florence Barker, Eve Jones, Kathie Fox, and Anne Noller display Commendations with F&CS President and CEO, Jeanne Labozetta

Families and Schools Together /

On The FAST Track

Families and Schools Together Program Holds Graduation Ceremonies

May and June mark the graduation dates for many students, and the **Families and Schools Together (FAST)** program offered by Family & Children Services was no exception. In the 2003-2004 school year, more than 100 families completed the FAST curriculum, with approximately half of those families participating in the Spring graduation ceremonies—complete with food, gifts, speeches, and pomp and circumstance.

FAST is a school-based, family-focused program designed to increase self-esteem and improve the school performance of at-risk elementary and middle school children by supporting the natural strength of the family unit. The 10-week model has impressive results throughout the nation, and **Family & Children Services operates the longest running program in California.**

Specific goals include preventing school failure, enhancing family bonding and functioning, preventing substance abuse by the child and family, and reducing the stress that parents and children experience in their daily lives.

"Now I really love my family a whole lot thanks to the FAST program."

Carmen S. / Middle School Youth /

The FAST families participate in activities and lessons designed to be enjoyable and completely interactive for the entire family—including games, songs, drawing, coloring, and a "feelings charade". For many of the children and youth, the most popular time is the "Uno-por-Uno", or the "one-on-one" time the child gets to spend with a parent. Specifically designed to promote parent-child bonding, the one-on-one time in the elementary school group is 15 minutes of activity completely directed by the child.

For the middle school program, one-on-one time directs youth to ask parents tough questions such as, "Why do parents have different rules for different kids?" and "How would you react if the police found me with drugs?" Designating time for this

type of communication is critical for the parent-child relationship, and the parents truly learn to value the open forum. According to one parent, "My children have changed. They are now more open with me and with their friends. Now they have more fun and if they have questions, they have the self-confidence to ask."

"This program helped me a lot. Thanks to the FAST program, we have the opportunity to unite with our community and with my children. The FAST team never left us alone. Thank you. Gabriela M. / Parent Participant /

Another highlight for all participants is the weekly dinner. Each meeting a different family cooks a special meal to share with the group, and they are allotted a small stipend to cover costs. The meals serve as a vehicle through which families share their history, culture, and traditions.

FAST boasts demonstrated success in reducing truancy, behavior problems, dropout rates, gang involvement, violence, and substance abuse by strengthening the bond of the family unit and creating a community for the participants. When evaluating FAST, one middle school girl attested, "It really helped me and my mom get closer. I'm more interested in school and I listen better too." Creating trust, open communication, and respect, FAST puts families on the right track.



FAST participants celebrate graduation

Friends of the Family /

The Law is on Our Side

Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP, Serves as Donor and Friend to F&CS

With receipts for in-kind goods and services totaling more than \$250,000 last year, Family & Children Services benefited greatly from the generosity of individuals, retailers, and professional services firms. **Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP** comprised a substantial portion of donated services—and it is nice to have the law on our side! Offering pro-bono legal counsel on everything from human resources issues, contract negotiation, and compliance with rapidly changing laws regarding nonprofit governance, Gray Cary is an invaluable donor, community partner, and friend to Family & Children Services.

Gray Cary is a national law firm that represents private and public businesses, from growth companies to Fortune 500 corporations with an emphasis on the technology and life sciences industries. The firm has more than 400 attorneys practicing in Austin, East Palo Alto, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C. Family & Children Services is fortunate to have the expertise of an esteemed, national law firm providing pro-bono counsel. Gray Cary's assistance and generosity allow F&CS to contain administrative costs and expand services to clients.

Gray Cary **Associate Amy Davis** works closely with F&CS and she articulates her dedication to our organization as she states, "I thoroughly enjoy the work I do with Family & Children Services. It is very rewarding to be able to utilize my knowledge and professional training to assist an organization that provides so many vital programs in Silicon Valley and makes such a difference in the community."

Beyond legal advice, Gray Cary has also proved an important partner with other in-kind donations, assistance, and event planning. In May 2004, Family & Children Services hosted our 1st Annual Community Breakfast at the Gray Cary offices in East Palo Alto. In addition to donating the space for the Breakfast, Gray Cary also donated the conference room for multiple F&CS Board of Directors' meetings.

Family & Children Services enjoys added support from **Gray Cary Partner Greg Gallo**, who has served on the F&CS Board of Directors and currently sits on the Advisory Board. Additionally, **Andrew Zeif, Gray Cary Partner and Family & Children Services Board Member** is an instrumental part of the Gray Cary—F&CS relationship. According to Zeif, "As a Partner with the firm, and as an individual, I recognize the need nonprofits have for skilled, professional services. I am proud that both Gray Cary and I are able to assist Family & Children Services in making a positive impact on our community. It is important that all members of the community contribute their unique skills and not just money to organizations like FCS, be it our pro-bono services or otherwise."

Family & Children Services is grateful for the generosity and support of Gray Cary. As a valued donor and community partner, Gray Cary exemplifies the importance of creating synergy between business and human services.



Jeanne Labozetta with Gray Cary attorneys Andrew Zeif and Amy Davis

Community Action /

San Mateo County Children's Forum F&CS Works to Keep Children Safe

"Every child has the potential and deserves to become a valuable and valued member of society. When we lose a child, California loses a valuable human resource," said **California Assemblymember Gene Mullin** at the *Second Annual San Mateo County Children's Forum*.

With the theme, "**Keeping Children Our Priority**," the September 17th forum tackled the tough issue of domestic violence and its impact on children. Family & Children Services played an important part in the forum. **Victoria Colligan, Director of our Positive Solutions Program**, served as a panelist for a workshop on batterer's treatment. Positive Solutions is the integrated F&CS program tackling family violence through treatment, intervention, parenting classes, anger management, and family counseling.

During her panel discussion, Colligan emphasized the need for increased funding and the importance of culturally appropriate services in the treatment of violence offenders. Family & Children Services offers treatment in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, which improves our ability to meet the needs of our diverse community. Batterer's treatment is an important component of "Keeping Children Our Priority," because **it is estimated that 70% of men who abuse their female partners also abuse their children.**

Further, children who witness domestic violence display the same emotional responses as children who have been physically and emotionally abused—including anxiety, depression, guilt, and acting out inappropriately.

According to Assemblymember Mullin, "In founding the Annual San Mateo County Children's Forum two years ago, I sought to bring together those service providers who are in the community working on behalf of these at-risk children. By getting together and sharing solutions, I can learn how to bring effective legislation that will best aid our youngest citizens. I applaud Family & Children Services for its Positive Solutions program, aimed at breaking the cycle of violence within a family, and for recognizing the children who are at-risk."

We appreciate the opportunity to work with Assemblymember Mullin and the San Mateo County community on these critical issues. F&CS is proud to be a community leader in violence prevention and keeping our children safe and secure.



Assemblymember Gene Mullin sponsored the 2nd Annual San Mateo County Children's Forum



Victoria Colligan (center) serves on a panel with Christine McGlynn and Alejandro Vilchez to discuss batterer's treatment

Peninsula Ball /

They Could Have Danced All Night Local Ladies Debut at Peninsula Ball

On June 19, 2004, family and friends witnessed the debut of 19 young women at the **44th Annual Peninsula Ball**. The evening was a celebration of tradition, family, and achievement, as the debutantes concluded a year of social engagements and philanthropic activity before leaving for college. As is customary, the debutantes donned white ball gowns and waltzed with their fathers, with 350 friends and family members in attendance.

Family & Children Services is the grateful beneficiary of the Peninsula Ball proceeds. Over the last 44 years, F&CS has received approximately \$3 million, and **this year the Peninsula Ball Committee donated a remarkable \$105,000!**

The money raised from the Ball supports the work of Family & Children Services on the Peninsula, through programs such as **Counseling Services and Positive Solutions**. Serving the community on-site in Palo Alto, as well as through schools, health clinics, and homeless shelters, these programs focus on violence prevention and treatment, counseling, and psychiatric services.

In addition to the money raised through the Peninsula Ball, the debutantes assembled and wrapped more than 100 Easter Baskets during

the month of April for Family & Children Services' clients. The baskets were filled with a mix of household essentials such as soap and shampoo, as well as children's toys and gift certificates. The young women and the families involved with the Peninsula Ball provide fundamental assistance to children, single mothers, and struggling families in our neighborhoods.

The 2004 Peninsula Ball debutantes are:

Lacey Brisbin, Holland Burian, Allyn Coats, Kristen Davison, Hilary Englert, Ashley Graumann, Christine Guibara, Carolyn Hiller, Cynthia Kitch, Jennifer Lovewell, Cameron Murfit, Stephanie Neidig, Ashley Porter, Raquel Rosendin, Christina Ryan, Bailey Samuels, Alexandra Shalvoy, Katherine Walters, Sarah Wendell

F&CS extends sincere congratulations to the 19 young women debuting this year! We admire your achievements and appreciate your philanthropic dedication!



Jeanne Labozetta and Barbara Pugliese accept a generous donation from Maxine Bonnette on behalf of the Peninsula Ball Committee



Peninsula Ball debutantes assemble Easter Baskets for F&CS

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❖ Family & Children Services is pleased to announce the hiring of **Robert J. Hutton** as the organizations new **Director of Finance and Business Operations**. A CPA and former Partner at Ireland San Filippo, LLP, Hutton is a long-time San Jose resident with more than 20 years of experience in the private sector. Bob has extensive knowledge of the nonprofit world due to his work as a volunteer on boards of directors and his early work in nonprofits. Hutton holds a Bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University and is a Member of the AICPA and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants. According to **Jeanne Labozetta, President and CEO of F&CS**, "Family & Children Services is known throughout the community as a leader in nonprofit business practices. We are thrilled to have Bob as a part of our team as we continue our growth and strategic development. Bob's experience and knowledge will be a valuable asset as we take our organization to the next level."



Robert J. Hutton, new Director of Finance and Business Operations

❖ **The Family & Children Services 2004 Annual Campaign** is here! We extend a heartfelt thanks to those generous individuals and families who continue to contribute to our mission with annual gifts. With every donation to Family & Children Services, families in our community are safer, stronger, and more secure. When making a gift to F&CS this year, *check out our updated website at www.fcservices.org, with new on-line donation capability.*

❖ In preparing for the holiday season, please remember **Christmas Tree Elegance**, the extravaganza hosted by **Valle Monte League!** Occurring November 30th through December 3rd at the DoubleTree Hotel in San Jose, the eight events include fashion shows, tree viewing, silent auctions, parties, and a Grand Ball. More than 5,000 guests from all over California attend the Christmas Tree Elegance events every year. Family & Children Services receives a substantial portion of the proceeds from the week's events and greatly appreciates Valle Monte League's efforts and dedication. For reservations and ticket information, please contact the Valle Monte League Hotline at (408) 278-8001.



Anne Noller and Kathie Fox of Valle Monte League discuss plans for Christmas Tree Elegance 2004

❖ The **Independent Living Program** is currently creating an *ILP Resource Guide* for Santa Clara County youth and families connected to the foster care system. The Guide will contain information on affordable housing, health clinics, financial services, and County resources to assist the youth in their transition to adulthood. **Connie Lurie**, a supporter of F&CS and ILP, made the project possible with a generous donation. *The ILP Resource Guide* will be available on the F&CS website and at the ILP office, and will be distributed to County officials, social workers, and other ILP providers in our area.

❖ **Shopping Works Wonders!** F&CS invites you to a special day of shopping and giving at **Bloomingtondale's**, Stanford Shopping Center on **December 7, 2004**. In a fusion of shopping and philanthropy, F&CS and Bloomingtondale's are collaborating for a unique holiday opportunity. For every \$150 you spend at Bloomingtondale's on Tuesday, December 7, you will receive a \$15 gift card good for 30 days. At the end of the day, Bloomingtondale's will total all purchases made on behalf of F&CS and make a 10% donation back to our organization. For example, if customers spend \$10,000 on behalf of Family & Children's



Christy Barerra and Tamie Barragan create an ILP Resource Guide for Santa Clara youth and families

Services, Bloomingtondale's will donate \$1,000. Join us for this exciting event on December 7—and let *Shopping Work Wonders!* For an invitation, please contact Shannon Turk at sturk@fcservices.org or (650) 326-6576.

❖ **Cause for Celebration!** F&CS congratulates the esteemed members of our staff who have devoted *10 years or more* to our organization! In 2004, **Julie Daul** and **Andrea Lewack** celebrate 10 years working with Family & Children Services. **Antonieta Brier**, **Sylvia Guardiola**, and **Jeanne Labozetta** have been with F&CS for 11 years, while **Cindy Chhor** and **Le Hoang** are 13-year veterans. **Carol Shane** has dedicated 14 years to our organization and **Luis Guich** has been with us for 16 years. **Holly Christensen** has provided 19 years of service and **John Simerson** has been realizing our mission for 30 years! **Thank you** to all of our amazing staff members, working to strengthen the emotional well-being of our community!

❖ Adding another location to our **School-based Counseling Services** program, F&CS is now providing mental health services at **Foothill Continuation High School**. Eastside Union High School District approached Family & Children Services with the opportunity to work with the youth at Foothill based on our reputation in the community for offering the highest quality of services. We began serving Foothill in September and they are pleased with the flexible, individualized program design. **School-based Counseling Services** continues to expand its presence in Silicon Valley, offering on-campus mental health, staff training and education, violence prevention, and family support services. Our therapists provide assistance to severely emotionally disturbed children and teens, including those with behavior and emotional problems, bipolar and personality disorders, and depression.

Programs & Services /

Program Descriptions:

Counseling Services - for individuals, couples, or families and group therapy for mental illness and emotional distress. Specialty services are available for the gay community, deaf and hard of hearing, homeless, people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, Spanish-speaking, and South East Asian populations.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services – counseling, mental health therapy, parenting and child abuse services for deaf and hard of hearing clients.

Early Childhood Services – mental health, staff training and education, parenting, violence prevention and family support services to children, families, and staff at childcare facilities and schools.

Employee Assistance Program – confidential counseling with a licensed therapist, management and staff training, conflict mediation, and on-site trauma response for local organizations, corporations, and affiliates.

Families & Schools Together (FAST) – a proven national program that is school-based and family focused. FAST increases the self-esteem and improves the school performance of at-risk elementary and middle school children by supporting the natural strength of the family unit.

Gay/Lesbian Services – mental health services with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender population including counseling to individuals, couples, and families, group therapy, psychiatric evaluation, and medication monitoring.

HIV/AIDS Counseling – comprehensive mental health services with those both infected and affected by HIV or AIDS.

Independent Living Program – providing foster care youth with life skills and the resources necessary for self-sufficiency.

Positive Solutions – a violence prevention, intervention and treatment program available for children, adults, and families.

Psychiatric Services – psychiatric evaluation and medication monitoring for children, teens and adults, individuals with HIV/AIDS, and seriously mentally ill clients.

School-based Counseling Services – on campus mental health, staff training and education, violence prevention, and family support services to children, families, and staff. Services are also available for deaf and hard of hearing and severely emotionally disturbed children and teens.

Seriously Mentally Ill Services – mental health counseling for mentally ill children, teens and adults, and the deaf and hard of hearing.

South East Asian Program – culturally sensitive mental health and case management programs for immigrants from Southeast Asia, primarily Vietnam and Cambodia, in their native languages.

Speakers Bureau/Professional Training – workshops and seminars for corporations and community organizations addressing topics such as anger management for children, teens and adults, violence in the workplace and balancing work and family.

Substance Abuse Services – outpatient, individual treatment for adults, as well as group therapy, available in co-ed and single-sex environments.

Ways to Work – improving the self-sufficiency of low-income families by providing low-interest loans for housing and transportation. The program also works with Santa Clara County to help Cal-Works participants purchase used cars.



Jeanne Labozetta and members of Valle Monte League enjoy the League's 2004 Fall Luncheon



Independent Living Program staff work together to aid youth and families connected to the foster care system

Family & Children Services Wish List

Gift Cards or Gift Certificates / to Target, grocery stores (Safeway, Albertson's), or drug stores (Long's, Walgreen's) – used frequently to assist families needing essential items such as soap and shampoo, as well as for Independent Living Program youth who are moving into their first apartment.

Digital Camera and Licensed Copy of Photo Editing Software / With a high resolution digital camera, we can capture special moments of our programs and events for use in future Newsletters, Brochures, Annual Reports, and other publications. Owning a digital camera and editing software will help cut costs for stock photos and professional photography.

Photo Scanner / to assist F&CS with scanning photos from events and activities.

Guitar / for one of our musically inclined children participating in F&CS programs.

New and Unused Children's Toys / to bring cheer to many children and families during the holiday season, as well as for use in children's therapy. Needs include books, coloring books, cars and trucks, wooden toys, art supplies, legos, action figures, and puppets.

In-kind Printing Services / Family & Children Services prints newsletters, an annual report, program brochures, and materials for clients each year and we welcome in-kind printing services.

Fund Development /

Hats Off to Community Foundation Silicon Valley:

Family & Children Services extends our sincerest congratulations to Community Foundation Silicon Valley (CFSV) on achieving its 50th Anniversary milestone! For fifty years the organization has been improving the quality of life for people in Silicon Valley. Family & Children Services has been a frequent recipient of grant funding for a variety of programs over the years, most recently our Counseling Services program.

At the October 1st celebration luncheon, Keynote Speaker Bill Gates spoke of his early exposure to philanthropy as he watched his mother campaign for their local United Way. At the CFSV luncheon, Jeff Skoll, another prominent philanthropist, announced his donation of a \$5,000,000 challenge grant to begin the Community Investment Fund, an unrestricted endowment that will be invested in the future of Silicon Valley. Thank you CFSV, for being a leader in philanthropy in our community!



Eve Jones, President of Valle Monte League, presents Jeanne Labozetta with a piece of cake and a check for \$74,574, as they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the organizations' partnership

Family & Children Services extends a warm thank you to the following list of individuals, foundations, and corporations who contributed \$1,000 or greater between June 1, 2004 and September 30, 2004. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support for the services we offer.

Partners (\$50,000—99,999)	
Peninsula Community Foundation	\$50,000
United Way of Silicon Valley	\$50,000

President's Circle (\$10,000—24,999)	
Sharks Foundation	\$10,000

Family Circle (\$5,000—9,999)	
Connie and Bob Lurie Philanthropic Fund	\$5,000
Kaiser Permanente	\$5,000
Mr. and Mrs. John Glynn	\$5,000

Benefactor (\$2,500—4,999)	
Greater Bay Bancorp Foundation	\$2,500

Patron (\$1,000—2,499)	
Anonymous	\$1,680
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Coleman	\$1,000
Mr. and Mrs. Lew Davies	\$1,000
Mr. and Mrs. William S. Floyd	\$1,000
Palo Alto Lions Charities, Inc.	\$1,000
Silicon Valley Bank	\$1,000

In Memoriam
Gift in memory of *Mrs. Jean Grotewohl*
By Mrs. Betty Jordan

Gift in memory of *Mrs. Doris O'Brian*
By Mrs. Sonia Shepard McLellan

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Gray Cary Law Offices
Learning Express
San Jose Giants
Taproot Foundation

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❖ October was **Domestic Violence Awareness Month!** As a community leader in the treatment and prevention of family violence, F&CS participated in several community activities and conferences throughout Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

The **7th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence** was held Friday, Oct. 8 in San Jose, and the **Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Conference** took place October 22. F&CS hosted a resource booth at both events, to demonstrate our community involvement and our commitment to breaking the cycle of violence for the entire family. Additionally, the **San Mateo County Walk to Stop Domestic Violence** was Thursday, October 21, 2004, at the County Government Center in Redwood City. F&CS was on hand to distribute information regarding our Positive Solutions services.



A participant in the Santa Clara County Walk to End Domestic Violence displays a powerful message and remembers a victim



San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales addresses the Walk participants on October 8



Pat Dando, Vice Mayor of San Jose, has been open about her mother's experience with domestic violence, and she has worked to end family violence in our communities