

Five New Haven Students Receive High School Diplomas

Congratulations to the New Haven Class of 2007

On a typical Southern California day, with dazzling bright blue skies and a brilliantly shining sun, approximately 150 people – friends, family, students, faculty and staff, counselors and social workers from all parts of San Diego County journeyed to a building called “The Edge”, part of North Coast Church in Vista. The warm air was filled with an anxious mixture of anticipation and excitement, joy and pride, something very special was about to happen. Five young men, Josh, Frank, Scott, Joseph and Robert, were about to be recognized for successfully completing an arduous and courageous journey to a well-earned and well-deserved summit - receiving their high school diploma.

Thousands of young men and women around the country graduate high school every year, so what makes this particular graduation ceremony so noteworthy? Tim Evanson, New Haven Director of Education, waxed eloquent in defining that difference. Tim talked about how we sometimes skip reading the “fine print” in our daily lives, and in so doing we can create some very unwelcome problems. I’m sure all of us can recall a time in our life when we wished we read the

fine print; perhaps in agreeing to that new wireless program, or buying a



Left is graduate, Robert R. with Tim Evanson, New Haven Director of Education

motorcycle, or for this writer, renting an apartment sight unseen.

“But is it ever o.k.” asks Evanson, “NOT to read the fine print?” He continues, “...each of us have fine print in our lives”...something from our pasts we would rather forget. Perhaps some past legal problems, being fired from a job, kicked out of school, or maybe being caught up in substance abuse.

“...Each one of these five courageous

young men...decked out in cap and gown”, says the Director of Education, had “fine print” in their lives. “What if I were to tell you that the fine print each of these brave young men overcame is much greater than anything any of us will ever have to face?”

For Josh, Frank, Robert, Scott and Joseph, in overcoming their individual “fine print” they have accomplished something “commendable, heroic.” Tim continues, “With the support of their family, friends, and staff, they faced their fine print head on and conquered it in the process. They embraced their

fine print, learning from it, and used it as a blessing, in a sense, to help them move on.”

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It was clear to everyone assembled, as each young graduate took the stage, that indeed

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MISSION STATEMENT

Building positive futures for youth, their families, and our communities.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE CORNER

Enjoying people as I do, I often enter into those familiar conversations with people I meet just about anywhere (much to the chagrin of my teenage sons!). Invariably, if we talk long enough the question of my work comes up. For years I would share that I was a social worker working with troubled youth. Years later, I added that I worked in education. Now when asked, I simply share that we at New Haven work to provide hope to young people.

Restoring Hope has long been a tag line found on New Haven stationery and business cards. Believing in its necessity in the lives of our youth has become more apparent and the heart of our treatment and education programs. Providing hope to youth with troubled lives has also been our greatest challenge. To teach hope, we must be hopeful, believing that all children can learn and that an effective and creative education can dramatically improve the lives of our youth.

To be a counselor or teacher at New Haven is not easy. It is probably not an easy time to do youth work anywhere. However, more than ever, it is crucial that we teach well, and to reach within ourselves that source of hope in one's own life in order to project that hope onto our youth. When we project a state of hopefulness about our work and for the youth that we serve, we communicate our belief in them and all the possibilities that life can hold for them. It is in "believing" that we assist each youth in the development of personal strength, pride and sensitivity, and to not despair when the "going gets rough" or the odds seem stacked against them. Even though hope is not enough to pay the rent or even guarantee survival, it is absolutely a necessity.

One cannot help but get the spirit of hopefulness when reading through this newsletter. From our graduation and awards celebrations to the community support and hosted events, I certainly can't help but remain hopeful. Our work at New Haven Youth & Family Services is about restoring hope in young lives. I am grateful for all of you who believe in our youth and in our work at New Haven. It is amazingly restorative. If you are a source of hope and believe in great possibilities for our youth, please join us. After all, we can never be too hopeful!

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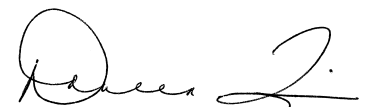
It was a year of many firsts:

- The 1st Super Bowl
- The 1st Earth Day
- The 1st Airing of Sesame Street
- Elvis and Priscilla Got Married
- It was the year of Bell Bottoms, Bee Gees and "The Graduate"

and, it was the year New Haven Youth and Family Services was founded.

Don't miss a very special 40th Anniversary Celebration including a spectacular Glassblowing demonstration by local Vista Artisans, and much, much more.

Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, December 1st, 2007 and look for more to come.



Doreen Quinn
Chief Executive Officer

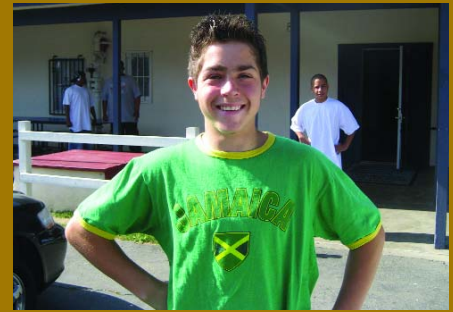
The Hoffman Award recognizes as its most distinguishing characteristic the concept of change and our need as humans to adapt to the world both within us and outside of us. This concept, which captivated philosophers for centuries, confronts each and every one of us moment by moment, day by day. Change dominates the world we live in – we cannot avoid it. We must learn to grow with it and adapt to it.

THE 2007 HOFFMAN AWARD WINNER

Our work at New Haven School is about change. It is about demonstrating necessary skills for our students to function within a dynamic world. We strive to help our students become successful participants in the school community.

Each year, the Hoffman Award goes to that student who, in the course of his stay at New Haven School, has demonstrated the willingness and effort necessary to make significant positive change in his participation in the New Haven School community. The staff at New Haven School is very proud to present the 2007 Hoffman Award to Isaac P for his hard work and dedication to change.

All of us at New Haven congratulate Isaac and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.



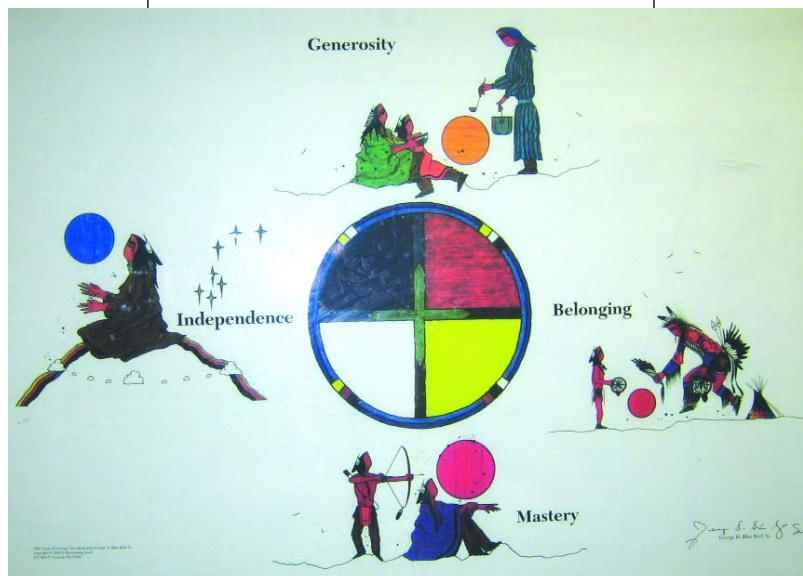
Hoffman Award Winner, Isaac P.

“Reclaiming Youth; Restoring Hope”

A Look Inside New Haven’s Emotional Growth Program

At New Haven we work with youth struggling with a number of challenging behaviors. Many social service agencies utilize a system of consequences and behavior plans, with a focus on stopping the behavior. While this may be effective in the short term, it is not necessarily an invitation to the type of growth that results in self-discipline, responsibility, and a sense of community. We believe that these challenging behaviors are borne from four unmet needs, specifically, the universal human longing for attachment; relationships of trust with significant others in our life, “I am loved;” our inborn thirst to understand our world and the sense of genuine competence in it, “I am good at something.” We all possess the desire to exercise free will and claim our independence, “I have power to make

decisions.” And finally, we have an inborn yearning to make our lives matter, to contribute, “I have a purpose for my life.”



Without opportunities to learn how to pro-socially fulfill these unmet need(s), youth often engage in misconduct. Our program’s central focus is guiding youth through a sequence of phases in which those needs for belonging,

mastery, independence, and generosity are systematically addressed. The communal recognition of their success is celebrated each month in a Moving-

Up Ceremony. Each young man stands before the community and receives acknowledgement for the hard work required to graduate from one phase to the next. The program also cultivates a positive peer led culture, wherein the young men who have moved through the program and achieved high levels of success can mentor and be role models for the newest young man joining the community. The phases and Moving Up Ceremony are aimed

at encouraging youth to continually reassess and evaluate their own behaviors, draw inspiration from others’ success, and recommit to their own desire to succeed.

Discount Tire – A Company That Exemplifies the Meaning of Giving Back to the Community

On Wednesday, March 14, 2007, five women, representatives of Discount Tire Company's Regional Philanthropy Program visited the New Haven campus. Kris Winiecke, wife of Discount Tire Regional Manager, Ray Winiecke, explained Discount Tire's philosophy of supporting local communities in which its stores are located.

David Piazza, Director of Development, spoke with the women about New Haven's mission and work with at-risk youth. The group then toured the New Haven campus, including the school, the Woodshop and one of the three on-campus residences. While in the Woodshop, the women saw the students making beautiful wooden pens, which they sell to support the Woodshop program. Gaining an understanding of how some young men come to New Haven, several of the women were visibly moved by the resiliency and accomplishments of the students.

We want to provide the young men in our care a sense of what it means to be a part of a small community and an opportunity to live in a more family-like situation."

Kris Winiecke called David Piazza soon after leaving the campus to inform him that New Haven had been selected by

the Discount Tire representatives. "The next step," said Winiecke "is that a proposal would be sent to Discount Tire headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona, requesting funding for New Haven's program." On June 15, Kris Winiecke informed the Director of

Tire management, for their efforts on New Haven's behalf, and for their generosity and compassion for our boys," said Piazza. Discount Tire Company deserves a very special salute for their strong example of giving back to the community.



Left to right: Kris Winiecke, Lysa Cutler, Doreen Quinn, Sarina Gutierrez, Kate Ferguson..

Development that the proposal had been approved and a check for almost \$8000 was on its way to New Haven. Discount Tire's generosity, however, did not stop there; the company is also giving New Haven a 50% discount on tires for its fleet of 14 vans.

On a second visit to New Haven, Kris Winiecke, together with Lysa Cutler, Sarina Gutierrez and Kate Ferguson, personally donated almost \$2000 worth of supplies for the boys' residences including comforters, bed linens, towels, kitchen utensils and much more.

"We are truly overwhelmed and deeply grateful to all at Discount Tire Company, and especially to Kris Winiecke and the wives of Discount

Did You Know...

- We have been effectively working with youth and families since 1967
- We operate 12 residential facilities located throughout the cities of Vista, San Marcos, and Oceanside
- New Haven currently contracts with more than 50 school districts from throughout Southern California

United Way Recognizes New Haven's YouthBuild Program as its 2007 Zanville Helping Hand Award Recipient

The Helping Hand Award was created in 1977 to honor Leonard Zanville's service as a United Way volunteer. Over 30 innovative programs have been recognized since the award's inception. On Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at its annual Board meeting, the United Way of San Diego County recognized New Haven's YouthBuild Program as this year's "innovative and creative response to San Diego's human care needs."

This year over 288 programs were reviewed for the Zanville Award from which 11 programs were selected as semi finalists. A selection committee made up of faculty from the School of Health and Human Services was tasked with selecting the finalist for the 2007 Zanville Helping Hand Award.

New Haven's YouthBuild program, an affiliate of the national YouthBuild program, engages at-risk adolescents who have dropped out of high school, or are at-risk of dropping out, providing both an academic program leading to a high school diploma, as well as

vocational training and on the job pre-apprenticeship training in the construction trades. YouthBuild enables New Haven's youth to serve their communities by building affordable housing and assists them in transforming their own lives and roles in society. Most recently, students participating in New Haven's YouthBuild program have been engaged in a home remodeling project at the Women's Resource Center in Oceanside.



Left to right: Donn Bleau, New Haven Board Chair; Larry Johnson, NH Board Member; Dr. Beverly Wulfack, Professor, SDSU School of Speech and Hearing Sciences; Bret Calhoun, Teacher, NH Youth Build Program; Doreen Quinn, CEO New Haven Youth and Family Services; Doug Sawyer, President, United Way of San Diego County; David Stecher, Board Chair, United Way of San Diego County.

Doreen Quinn was quoted as saying, "This is really a huge event for New Haven. We are exceptionally passionate about our YouthBuild Program and the transformation we see in the lives of its members. We are so grateful to have been recognized from among so many other worthwhile programs throughout San Diego County. We are very grateful to both the selection committee and the United Way of San Diego County for the recognition, and for the great work they do on behalf of the citizens of San Diego County."

Six New Haven Students Meet Mr. Irwin Herman, aka "THE BOOKMAN"

On May 17, New Haven students and staff were treated to a visit to a San Diego treasure. It wasn't a trip to a museum in Balboa Park, or to Sea World or even the Wild Animal Park; it was something more magical. It was a visit to see Mr. Irwin Herman, aka "The Bookman." Filled with a lifetime of "down home" wisdom, which he freely imparts along with his books, the former Chicago appliance repairman, is one of those rare individuals who knows that books can take you places your mind can only dream of.

As you walk into the 5,000 square foot room filled with 50,000 volumes, stuffed animals, toys, old fashioned wagons, cameras, globes, posters, pictures, and hundreds of objects of



yesterday, you feel time has stopped. Mr. Herman introduced the New Haven students to his "elves", retired gentlemen who donate their time cataloguing books and guiding visitors through aisles of books on every topic imaginable. And most unimaginable, the books are free for the taking; however, Mr. Herman stresses the importance of sharing the books you take with friends.

Once beyond the shock of knowing they could take all the books they would like, the students quickly zeroed-in on topics of interest to them, and to their fellow students and teachers. It was a heartwarming experience to watch these wide-eyed young men as they were caught-up in the magical spell of "The Bookman." By morning's end, the students had

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Steve Jackson and Cristine Clark Host Friend Raiser Event

On April 18, 2007, Cristine Clark and husband Steve Jackson, long time supporters of New Haven Youth and Family Services, opened their home to approximately 20 friends and business associates to hear New Haven CEO, Doreen Quinn, board member, Patty Sprotte, principal, Sprotte Watson Architecture, talk about New Haven's plans for the future. The guests were treated to a first time showing of New Haven's recently produced video entitled "Reclaiming Youth; Restoring Hope," documenting New Haven's work with at-risk adolescent boys.

2007 marks a special year for New Haven as it celebrates 40 years of service. Originally known as New Haven Home for the Developmentally Disabled, and serving developmentally disabled adult women, today New Haven is committed to working with troubled youth and their families. Quinn spoke of her 20 years experience at New Haven, clearly demonstrating her deep passion and commitment to this special group. "Society tends to shy away from working with older adolescent boys," stated the CEO. An intensive comprehensive service approach that provides for special education, vocational training, and mental health treatment is critical and are few and far between.



Steve Jackson and Cristine Clark

The attentive audience listened as Doreen Quinn detailed New Haven's emotional growth program, "The Circle of Courage".

Cristine Clark, owner of Realty Executives states, "I could not think of a more worthy cause to be involved with. It does not seem possible to me, for someone to meet some of the boys, hear about some of their lives, and then not be willing to step up to the plate and help. You cannot put a price on the importance of investing in our youth and being a part of a turnaround organization like New Haven."

If you would like information about hosting an event at your home, becoming a volunteer, or to make a donation to New Haven please contact Director of Development, David Piazza, at 760-630-4035, ext 223.



The Friends of New Haven

New Volunteer Group Forms

The benefits of Cristine Clark's and Steve Jackson's Hosted Event for New Haven seem to be unending. A major outcome of the evening is the formation of an auxiliary named The Friends of New Haven. Spearheading the formation of The Friends of New Haven is Nancy Irwin, a very active member of the Vista community. "During the holiday season", says Nancy, "I had the opportunity to spend time with many of the young men from New Haven. What a terrific bunch of kids. They are so grateful for any positive attention they receive. Being the mother of two teenage boys myself, I knew I needed to help support the cause. New Haven provides the structure and discipline desperately needed to raise good men. Their program changes the course of each boy's life... and that's good for all of us."

About 15 women attended the first meeting of The Friends of New Haven to discuss the function and structure of the organization and how their efforts could best benefit New Haven. This energetic and passionate group generated some wonderful ideas as a means of enhancing the life of each young man in New Haven's care. Some of the ideas are the Birthday Brigade to help to make each boy's birthday an extra special celebration; Making A House A Home – an extreme makeover giving each New Haven residence that special touch, and fundraising events to support meaningful programs, such as recreational opportunities, forming sports teams, horseback riding, and surfing.

If you are interested in joining "The Friends of New Haven," please email Nancy Irwin at nancyirwin@cox.net.

Eight Students Go Trail Riding at Camp Pendleton

New Haven Goes To The Marines

It was a particularly warm spring day when eight New Haven students, accompanied by two staff members, mounted 12 beautiful steeds at Stepp Stables located on the Marine Base at Camp Pendleton for a one-hour trail ride. It was the first time for most of the students to be on horseback, and as teenagers tend not to show fear, there was a slight bit of anxiety as each young man stepped forward to mount his horse. A growing amount of evidence supports the claim that a “symbiotic



relationship” exists between horses and youth experiencing emotional and developmental challenges. The return trip to New Haven would clearly support that claim as each rider exhibited a “quiet calm” much unlike the drive to Camp Pendleton.

The trail ride itself was peacefully uneventful except for the occasional horse stopping for a mid-morning snack on his favorite vegetation, or of course, those pit stops needed along the way. It was an amazing sight to see all twelve riders single file slowing trending their way through Camp Pendleton’s sometimes quite uneven terrain. Despite a few gasps, the entire trail ride came off without a hitch. The boys had a great time, and though a bit saddle-sore, one student was overheard boldly announcing he felt like a cowboy.

Our hope is to be able to continue providing all New Haven students the opportunity for trail rides, as well as exploring opportunities for a more in-depth program in the future.

New Haven is very grateful to a gracious benefactor whose donation made the experience possible. Our hope is to be able to continue providing all New Haven students the opportunity for trail rides, as well as exploring opportunities for a more in-depth horseback riding program in the future. We are currently seeking donations to help defray the cost of each trail ride, which costs \$150 for eight students and two staff. If you are interested in contributing to this very therapeutic program, please contact David Piazza at 760-630-4035, ext 223.

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they have “moved on”. The graduates spoke with a sure confidence, tinged with both pride and humility, about their individual challenges, achievements and set backs, while thanking and acknowledging family, friends and staff who helped them not only to put the fine print behind them, but to realize a dream and a future filled with hope and promise.

We salute the New Haven Class of 2007, Josh, Robert, Joseph, Frank, and Scott on a job well-done, and wish them all great success. All five graduates will be attending college!

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gathered six cartons of books for themselves, their friends back at New Haven, as well as several volumes for New Haven’s library. Each student was also treated to one special treasure, like a Lucite miniature baby-grand piano music box, or a teddy bear named Bob.

All of us at New Haven send a very special thanks to very a special man – Mr. Irwin Herman, aka “The Bookman”.

La Jolla Music Society Brings the World of Classical Music to New Haven Students

The motto of the La Jolla Music Society is “We bring the world to San Diego.” On Thursday evening May 24th, the La Jolla Music Society brought fifteen New Haven students and four lucky staff members to Copley Symphony Hall in San Diego for an outstanding performance by the Philadelphia Orchestra. Hannes Kling, La Jolla Music Society Production and Education Manager, provided New Haven tickets, all of which happened to be in the Orchestra section of Symphony Hall. It was a priceless opportunity for the students to observe first-hand the mastery of world-renowned conductor, Christopher Eischenbach, as he led his equally renowned orchestra through two exceptionally well performed works, Mozart’s Symfonia Concertante and Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 5.

It was the first time New Haven students had the chance to see and to hear a performance of classical music by a world famous orchestra. In the words of one New Haven student who attended the concert, “I didn’t even know music like that existed.” As part of the holistic emotional growth program, New Haven strives to offer students a wide variety of experiences ranging from attending theatre performances to horseback riding and hiking, camping and fishing trips. It is important for our young men to realize the fullness of life and the countless enrichment opportunities available to them. We are all very grateful for the generosity of the La Jolla Music Society and for their commitment to bring the gift of music to young people throughout North San Diego County.

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