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*Saving Lives, Changing Lives and Building Hope for Children and Families*

Spring/Fall 2015

***Ettie Lee's fully accredited, restorative programs serving at-risk, abused, abandoned and neglected children, youth and their families:***

- Foster Family/Adoption Agency (in a network of 40 loving foster homes)
- Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC)
- Nurturing, Caring Group Homes (6) for Youth (ages 10-21)
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## — Doing Whatever It Takes —



Recently, Maria Martin, an Ettie Lee foster mom, hosted a party for her foster child, Daniel, who just turned 1. More than 150 family and friends joined in the celebration, traveling from as far as Fresno, all to wish Daniel a Happy Birthday!

Maria really does whatever it takes for children! For Daniel's party alone, she hired a balloon man and a caterer and put up a terrific set of bouncers. Maria, a single mom who is already raising her own two biological children, said, "I wanted to make a difference in the lives of the children, but this little boy came and changed our lives for the better."

Maria has been a foster parent only since last November, but according to Ettie Lee Social Worker Claudia Cuevas, it's already made major, positive changes in Daniel's life, and her own. "Maria has been very important in the life of Daniel and his biological parents," she said recently. "She works very well with Daniel's biological parents who are very young and just out of prison."

Maria Martin is just one example of the quiet heroes who work as foster parents for Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services. The staff and foster parents are committed to each and every child...and there are more families coming through our doors each and every day. All of them need positive, stable, loving and permanent homes, and Ettie Lee is committed to making that happen.



## From the President's Desk



**Terri Varnum, M.A.**

I am honored to be in the business of helping people. It's an easy task to be able to embrace the mission of Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services,

where we are Doing Whatever It Takes to save lives, change lives, and build hope for children, youth and families.

At the same time, we are a business of course. If we do not meet our fiscal and organizational obligations, ultimately we will not be able to help anyone. In addition to keeping the doors open, as President/CEO I am always looking for opportunities that will move the mission of Ettie Lee forward.

We have recently been awarded two contracts that will allow Ettie Lee to increase our continuum of care and serve additional children, youth and families. The first program is the Transitional Housing Program (THP) for foster or probation youth who are between the ages of 18-24. Since the beginning of the year we are able to boast that those receiving THP services are meeting the very important goals that have been set for them. Goals include school attendance and/or working, taking over their personal budgeting and home care responsibilities and expanding their community relationships.

The second program that Ettie Lee will begin is the Wraparound program. Wraparound is an integrated, multi-agency, community-based program grounded in the philosophy of unconditional commitment to support families to safely and competently care for their children.

Yes, we are Doing Whatever It Takes!

# A Planned Gift, 50 Years in the Making



Mary Iverson Hartwick

Family Services that would benefit the children, youth and families we serve, please contact **Vicki Mastro**, Ettie Lee's Director of Development—[vicki\\_m@ettielee.org](mailto:vicki_m@ettielee.org) or 626-960-4861.

"In the 60's," said Ann Iverson Pelato, her brother, Peter Iverson, "was helped" by Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services. Fast forward approximately 50 years where we were honored to receive a generous \$10,000 donation from, Peter and Ann's mom, Mary Iverson Hartwick, upon her death.

"Although my brother predeceased my mom, she never forgot what Ettie Lee did for my brother during his time of need," said Ann, "and she wanted to make sure that she could continue to help out other youth." We thank you from the bottom of our hearts Mrs. Iverson!

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**Also the following are items that are always needed:**

- Toiletries of any kind: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, shower gels, soaps, perfume and cologne, towels and lotions
- Hairdressing items: gel, brushes, combs, hair ties, headbands
- Clothing: grey short-sleeved t-shirts, ankle socks, polo shirts with collars, athletic shoes
- Bedding: twin bed sheets, pillow cases and comforters
- Art Supplies: canvases, sketchbooks, watercolors, charcoal, colored pencils, construction paper, and paints
- School supplies: backpacks, notebooks, pencils, crayons, rulers, binders, white out, stick glue
- Tickets: movies, sport events, plays, amusement parks
- Sports Equipment: balls of all kinds—basketball, soccer, volleyball, soccer and volleyball nets, ping pong tables
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# Every Picture Tells A Story



A young man participating in Ettie Lee's Transitional Housing Program recently earned his Guard Card from A.V. Security Academy.



Each year Ettie Lee participates in the LA DWP's Employee Association's annual fair. Pictured here, at Ettie Lee's table, is Ann Marie de La Riva, President of the DWP Employee Association.



For the past 5 years, Pacific Palms Resort has hosted Ettie Lee for a first-class meal at the premier resort. Our thanks to Hee-Won Lim, Vice President and General Manager and Ruby Goodwin, Human Resources Manager at Pacific Palms Resort for all you do, and have done, for the kids of Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services.



The Schlatter family of Chino are pictured here with Commissioner Anthony A. Trendacosta who finalized the adoption of 3 siblings, Brianna, Emily and Suzanna, in late 2014. —Doing Whatever It Takes—.



For the Thanksgiving Holiday Assembly Member Roger Hernandez and Suburban Water donated 12 turkeys for needy families to Ettie Lee. Pictured with Roger Hernandez is Ettie Lee's director of development Vicki Mastro.

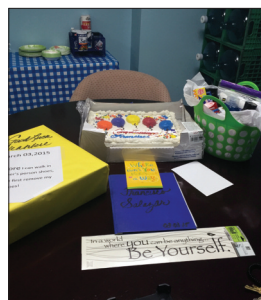


Jean Arnott, (center) is pictured with Ettie Lee's Melanie Beck (l), Group Home Administrator of the Robertson Home, and Karen Turner (r), Director of Residential Programs at the last California Utah Women's (CUW) luncheon on October 25, 2014. Then: After more than 70 years of producing the event, CUW past president Joyce Wing sadly remarked that due to several years decreasing sales it was necessary to discontinue the event. Jean Arnott and Women of Faith Interfaith Service Comm have sponsored Ettie Lee's Robertson Home for more than 6 years. Some of the activities they are involved in include celebrating all birthdays, holidays, bringing in speakers, and coordinating craft days.



Top: Dodgeball—Many of Ettie Lee's youth who participate in the drug and alcohol program played in a volleyball tournament.

Bottom: Basketball—In February, clients from Ettie Lee's drug and alcohol program also played in their first, of many to come, basketball games.



Frankie, who lived in Ettie Lee's Robertson home and participated in Ettie Lee's daily drug and alcohol program went home in March. He was sent off with some goodies and lots of love and well wishes. Frankie stated, "I've learned things here that will last me a life time." Ettie Lee Drug and Alcohol counselor Jacci Fuller responded, "We are counting on it."



Joseph Rene (standing with reindeer antlers), former Ettie Lee resident came by during the holidays with gifts for current residents at Ettie Lee's Oak Knolls home.

We would like to change the way  
**foster children** are moved from home to home  
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# Statement of Financial Position

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 234,405	322,635
Accounts receivable – net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$50,000	1,547,938	1,058,798
Prepaid expenses	204,160	145,630
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,986,503</b>	<b>1,527,063</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Investments (Note 3)	323,830	748,267
Property and equipment (Note 5)	339,921	344,88
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>663,751</b>	<b>1,093,155</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,650,254</b>	<b>2,620,218</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 223,499	214,116
Accrued payroll	168,400	117,410
Accrued vacation	167,180	149,671
Other accrued expenses	4,698	12,593
Accrued unemployment liability (Note 6)	26,972	31,183
Deferred revenue	1,452,839	1,376,978
Current portion of note payable		
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,056,020</b>	<b>1,901,951</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Long-term portion of note payable	48,669	
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,104,689</b>	<b>1,901,951</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	404,606	671,862
Unrestricted – board designated (Note 2)	50,000	3,758
Temporarily restricted (Note 9)	72,220	23,908
Permanently restricted (Note 10)	18,739	18,739
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>545,565</b>	<b>718,267</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,650,254</b>	<b>2,620,218</b>

## Statement of Activities

<b>Revenue and Support</b>		
Fees from government agencies (Note 10)	\$ 5,942,063	5,509,764
Contributions	342,134	379,728
Interest and dividends	83,967	178,900
Other Income	7,006	17,857
Interest and dividends	10,761	11,181
Net assets released from capital restrictions		
Net assets released from program restrictions		
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b>6,385,931</b>	<b>6,097,430</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services	5,701,824	5,594,707
Support services	708,857	818,162
Fund development	147,952	207,937
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>6,558,633</b>	<b>6,980,806</b>
<b>Change in net assets before other changes</b>	<b>(172,702)</b>	<b>(883,376)</b>
<b>Other changes</b>		
Gain on sale of property and equipment		2,237
<b>Total other changes</b>		<b>2,237</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>(172,702)</b>	<b>(881,139)</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>718,267</b>	<b>1,599,406</b>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 545,565</b>	<b>718,267</b>

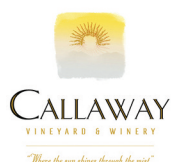


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