

THE OAKLEAF

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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Oaks is pleased to announce that we exceeded our goal in the GivingTuesday Matching Grant fundraising. Each donation is a blessing and very appreciated. At Oaks of Hebron, we understand that there are many good programs to support and we are blessed that you chose Oaks.

Oaks of Hebron, Inc. exists to honor and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ by providing services to persons with developmental disabilities.

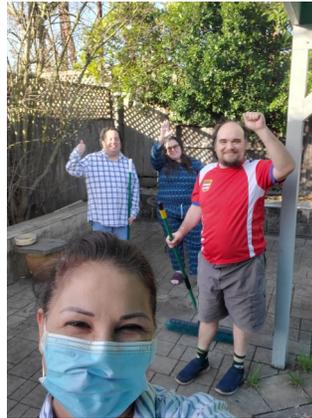
WINTER PHOTO CONTESTS

What else do you do in winter during a pandemic? A photo contest! In December and January, we engaged our clients to enter their best pose, and below are the winners. This was a great way to get people's minds off of sheltering, colder weather or whatever else was preoccupying their thoughts. The winners received gift cards of their choice, \$25, \$15 and \$10.

December's Winners



January's Winners



FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Stay tuned on plans for Family and Friends.

We hope to hold this beloved annual event this summer, however, the uncertainty of COVID-19 is keeping us from setting a date at this time.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online

You can give to Oaks online through our website:
oaksofhebron.org

Your gift is tax deductible. We will send a receipt for your records.



Amazonsmile- log onto Smile.Amazon.Com and designate Oaks of Hebron as your charity and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase to Oaks of Hebron, Inc.

Financial contributions may be sent by mail. Make checks payable to: Oaks of Hebron, Inc. 6950 Commerce Blvd. #7 Rohnert Park, CA 94928

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Unfortunately we had to postpone our client Christmas celebration due to COVID. In early December, we planned a drive through Christmas party, complete with caroling, dinner and a gift; however, this was the week after Thanksgiving and COVID cases were spiking across the state and the event was postponed. It was a hard decision to make, but the health and safety of our staff and clients is important. Because Christmas is a wonderful event and worthy of celebration anytime, the party is postponed for later in the year. Stay tuned.

We also modified our staff Christmas party, but held the white elephant gift exchange. It's such an important part of the fun; it just wouldn't be Christmas without it. Instead of being together to open the gifts, staff came into the office at staggered times to open. Below are some pictures.



AN AUTHOR AMONG US

I would like you to meet Julie. Julie is an accomplished author who is publishing her second book of poems. "Not So Distanced Now" is at the printers and will be out soon. Her first book, "This Will Be The Day" is a publication of 31 of her poems.

Julie's desire for publication began in 2011 when she started attending Alchemia Theatre for Life Program in Petaluma. By 2013, Julie published two poems in "A Room of Golden Shells," an anthology of works by artists and writers with Down syndrome. This motivated Julie to apply for a microloan to begin her own publishing company, Backwards Hat Publishing. The full article on Julie can be found at this Argus Courier link: <https://www.petaluma360.com/article/entertainment/not-so-distanced-now/?artslide=0>

Oaks of Hebron provides Independent Living Skills for Julie and assists her with living her best life! Julie is bright, articulate, has a great sense of humor and is always a joy to work with.



GROWING TOGETHER

A lot is happening at Growing Together Farm. We have increased our growing capacity, added a ram (Sinclair) and are doubling the number of chickens.

Prime time for CSA baskets is coming! CSA or Community Supported Agriculture has become a popular way for consumers to buy local, seasonal food directly from the farmer. Oaks of Hebron started offering CSA baskets over 10 years ago and they have been very popular. When you sign up for a subscription, you will receive 2 baskets (half or full) of produce a month. Each basket includes seasonal produce, eggs and for add an extra special touch, a bouquet of flowers.

Half Basket: \$15.00 monthly

Full Basket: \$30.00 monthly



VICTORY GARDENS

Spring is around the corner and you'll want to be ready for spring/summer growing season. Your raised garden will be a garden for victory over COVID by giving you a fun project and by producing fresh home grown vegetables to keep you healthy. Don't delay, order today!

6 feet by 4 feet = \$95.00

Custom sizes = call for pricing

4 feet by 4 feet = \$75

Top Soil = call for pricing

We used reclaimed lumber when requested.

Send your order for CSA Baskets or Raised Garden Bed to:

growingtogether@oaksofhebron.org

Or call Laisenia "Lai" Qarase at 707-795-5927 ext. 107

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SERVING PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SERVICES PROVIDED:

SUPPORTED & INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES: Lori Fox, Program Director

GROWING TOGETHER: Adult Development Farm Program: Laisenia "Lai" Qarase, Coordinator

TAILORED DAY SERVICES: Eric Martin, Executive Director

We are available to assist individuals and families with needs pertaining to developmental disabilities. Please feel free to call our office or visit our website for information.