



THE CEDARS OF MARIN

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SERVING ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO FOSTER INDEPENDENCE, DEFEND DIGNITY, AND REALIZE EACH PERSON'S FULL POTENTIAL



SAVE THE DATE

LA VENDEMMIA A HARVEST CELEBRATION

An elegant evening to benefit

The Cedars of Marin

Saturday, October 6, 2007

*in the Cascade Room at
the Mill Valley Recreation Center*

Honoring Our Past

PAVING OUR FUTURE

Please help us to complete The Cedars Ross Campus renovation by purchasing a commemorative bluestone marker (\$500) or a brick paving stone (\$100) in honor or in memory of someone whose life was enhanced by The Cedars.

Forms to order paving stones are available on our website, www.thecedarsofmarin.org

BRENDA PLANS RETIREMENT

After 40 years with Cedars, Brenda McIvor plans to retire. The Cedars of Marin was a very different place back in 1964 when the newly-married Brenda McIvor began teaching there. Her husband, John, was studying at the nearby San Francisco Theological Seminary, unaware that his life, their lives, would soon be consumed with defending the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

John and Brenda's passionate commitment and consistent action have made a world of difference to countless families, and their legacy lives on at The Cedars of Marin. In the 60s and beyond, resources for this population were limited at best and there was no formal mechanism for protecting their basic human dignity. Thanks to the work of John and Brenda McIvor and many others, families of those with developmental disabilities find comfort in the knowledge that their loved ones are treated with respect and afforded opportunities for personal growth and accomplishment.



Under Brenda's leadership, The Cedars has pioneered nationally recognized programs that are thriving today. At the Textile Arts Center, our clients weave, tend organic gardens and care for farm animals. In the Community Challenges program, conceived and launched by Brenda, we send more volunteers out into the community than any other local organization. Brenda's steadfast

care for the individuals in her charge, her intimate knowledge of and concern for each client's needs and wishes, has brought great peace of mind to Cedars families.

Now, as The Cedars moves toward completion of a major Capital Campaign, dedicating the newly renovated Ross Campus, and enacting the tenets of a new Strategic Plan, it's time for us to share Brenda more fully with her precious grandchildren. We hope that you'll join us in honoring Brenda's outstanding contributions to The Cedars of Marin at **La Vendemmia 2007**, our second annual celebration fundraiser on Saturday night, October 6th. Stay tuned for details!

SUCCESS FOR VICTORY ARTISTS

The turnout and response at the Victory Center's 2007 Marin Open Studio event was tremendous, with gross sales of more than \$4,500!

Not to rest on their laurels, our artists are hard at work creating pieces for the next few shows. A selection of Victory Center artwork will be displayed and sold at MarinLink, 2620 The Mall at Northgate, San Rafael, through the end of September. On July 19th, from 4-6pm, there will be an opening reception with refreshments.

Also, work by Victory Center artists will be featured in the Sausalito Art Walk for one month beginning mid-July at L&L Property Management, 212 Caledonia Street, in Sausalito.

And then there's the Marin County Fair, where Cedars artists win awards each year. Think we're getting enough exposure yet? No way!



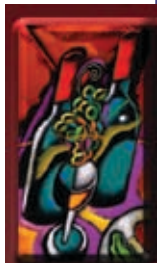
Victory Center Manager Lisa Scandurra presents Anna Price with a check for her artwork that sold at Marin Open Studios

Marin Food And Wine Experience

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 1:00 – 4PM at the PEACOCK GAP COUNTRY CLUB in SAN RAFAEL

Sample the best of 45 California wineries and more than 20 gourmet restaurants at the Marin Food and Wine Experience.


A Silent Auction at the event will benefit The Cedars of Marin. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. To purchase tickets, phone 415-526-1355 or write to info@thecedarsofmarin.org. The Cedars will also receive a portion of the proceeds of each ticket we sell.





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Amanda Dougherty will be a freshman at Scripps College this fall

In the words of one of our treasured NATIONAL CHARITIES LEAGUE youth volunteers. . .

“THERE IS GREAT EXCITEMENT AND JOY in every activity shared among staff, clients and volunteers at The Cedars. I will always remember one of the first visits

to laugh and talk with one another. Over time, volunteering at The Cedars became a family affair: my father and brother went to Monday night bowling every week and my mother and I did a variety of events from baseball games and trips to the deYoung to Wednesday night bingo.

we had. People were somewhat nervous and uncomfortable, but fortunately all the volunteers were able to meet

I came to The Cedars thinking of the service I would render others, yet found myself surprised by the way people interact with one another and the way they thrive in these relationships.

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These individuals, my friends, are quite remarkable; they simply exude kindness and generosity. I

admire their emphasis not on who is prettier, funnier, or smarter, but instead on who took the time to pay a visit and be a friend.”

broke the ice wonderfully with what appeared to be his unique rendition of break-dancing. From there on, volunteers and clients were more comfortable

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ROSS SCHOOL forges PARTNERSHIP with THE CEDARS

AS A MEMBER OF THE ROSS SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL looking for speakers to foster global awareness among middle schoolers, Kristin Hogan looked to her neighbors at The Cedars. “Many of our students struggle with learning issues at school,” said Hogan. “Getting to know Cedars residents, and the challenges they face daily, puts life in perspective for our kids.”

On a visit to the Ross School, Denise Bondy of The Cedars demystified developmental disabilities and shared examples of the artwork and weaving that our residents create. Then, on June 3rd, a group of students and their parents toured the Ross Campus and a few musicians from the

middle school band entertained everyone. “When I handed out percussion instruments,” said Bondy, “every family member took one and participated. It was great to see our communities celebrating together!”

Eighth grader Ryan Hogan commented that

“Ross is a pretty undiverse place and getting to spend time with Cedars residents was definitely something new for my friends and me. No one made fun of anyone. I think spending time together



Ross Middle School band members perform at Cedars

makes a big difference.”

Ross School students will have many opportunities to get to know Cedars residents as Denise is organizing a special walking group on Wednesday afternoons and has invited students to join the Monday night bowling

group. Ross School Vice Principal Greg Meyers is enthusiastic about this emerging partnership. “Now we can build a relationship with The Cedars that will benefit both residents and our students.”