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

MAR-CHET JEWELERS Support CEDARS ARTISTS



WHEN IRA HOCHERMAN of Mar-Chet Jewelers in San Anselmo first saw the jewelry that Cedars' Victory Center artists were creating, he was "blown away". Ira and his partner Jon Knowles moved to Marin from San Francisco two years ago

and take pride in supporting the local community. They appraised the jewelry sold at La Vendemmia, loaned us display materials, donated bags, advised us on pricing, and are now selling Victory Center jewelry at their store.

"When you know the stories behind these pieces," said Ira, "they're even more outstanding." A beautiful beaded necklace, on display at Mar-Chet Jewelers, was made by blind artist Pam Oncina. "It inspires us as designers," said Jon, "to see what individuals with developmental disabilities are able to create. It reminds us that anything is possible."

Mar-Chet Jewelers, 326 San Anselmo Avenue, is donating 100% of the proceeds from the sale of any Cedars-made jewelry back to the organization.

LOIS POPE, OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIST

THE PRESENTING SPONSOR OF LA VENDEMMIA 2007, Lois Pope, was named Outstanding Philanthropist and honored by host Tom Brokaw at the recent 22nd Annual Great Sports Legends Dinner in NY. Mrs. Pope is the Founder and President of Leaders in Furthering Education —LIFE, and President of the Lois Pope Foundation, which funds medical research, college scholarships and more.



Lois Pope co-founded the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, scheduled for dedication in 2010 in Washington D.C. A veteran of the Broadway stage, she is a great supporter of the arts and serves on numerous boards.

Mrs. Pope's commitment to The Cedars dates back to 1986 when her daughter, Lorraine, joined The Cedars family. Lois and her husband, Generoso Pope Jr., publisher

of the National Enquirer, heard about The Cedars from their friend, who had investigated the options nationwide and chosen The Cedars as the best possible placement for his son. The Cedars was and remains both families' first choice for their children with developmental disabilities.



LA VENDEMMIA RAISES OVER \$100K

MORE THAN 200 CEDARS SUPPORTERS enjoyed cocktails, dinner and entertainment by the a cappella group Clockwork at our second annual fundraiser. Proceeds from sponsorships and the highly successful auction, primarily of Cedars-made artwork, netted in excess of \$100K for programs and services.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED: VISIT thecedarsofmarin.org!

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS UP TO DATE on our activities and concerns, and to reach out to the larger community interested in services for adults with developmental disabilities, we've created a new and expanded website.

Please spend some time perusing the pages that tell our story — from descriptions and photos of our award winning day programs to the personal introductions of each and every one of our residents and board members. Learn about



the impact we've had on our community in the News section and read about our origins on the History page. Check out volunteer opportunities and ways in which you can support our organization. Our glossary and resource links provide a wealth of information that we hope will help you to navigate the world of developmental disabilities. We will update the site frequently, sharing the latest on our accomplishments in stories and photos

Please visit our site often and share the news with others who might be interested in our services. Feedback and suggestions are welcome; email joanne@thecedarsofmarin.org.

SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO inquire@thecedarsofmarin.org FOR UPDATES!



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**THE CEDARS FAMILY
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

Sunday, December 8th, at 1pm

at Duncan Hall, First Presbyterian Church, San Anselmo
Entertainment will be provided by the Ross Commons Singers
and holiday gifts made by Victory Center artists will be on sale.

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knows what's important in life: "to be responsible for your actions and to know your limits; to know who you are and what you are, and to be aware of what's around you." Her wisdom shines through.

Susie came to The Cedars at the age of 40 in 1996 and loves spending time exercising, doing her budgeting, and playing bingo. She enjoys reading about election politics and is impressed with Barak Obama, whom she says is honest and speaks the truth.



An avid sports fan, Susie has great memories of attending the S.F. 49ers training camp.

Over the years, Susie has treasured frequent visits with her parents, John and Barbara Shell, having barbecues and going to the circus or the movies. She's looking forward to their upcoming trip to Carmel and Monterey.



Susie had a wonderful Halloween this year and, along with her parents, John and Barbara Shell, enjoyed celebrating the completion of the Ross Campus last month.

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McIVOR HALL unveiled at ROSS CAMPUS DEDICATION

SOMEHOW, EVERYONE AT THE CEDARS was able to keep the surprise from Executive Director Brenda McIvor. On Saturday morning, October 6th, under sunny skies, Brenda was brought to tears as the final building on our newly remodeled Ross Campus was dedicated in her name. TAC Director Connie Pelissero unveiled McIvor Hall to honor both Brenda and her late

husband, John McIvor, who led The Cedars for more than 20 years.

Standing before a sign that read "We Did It," Cedars Board President Terry Ross recounted the journey that it took to complete the project. The nearly \$15 million capital campaign, now approaching completion, was launched in 2001. Key partners in the remodel spoke, including general contractor Tony DiGiorgio, architect Matt Guthrie, and Director of the Marin Community Foundation, Dr. Tom Peters.



Final building on Ross campus (far left); Brenda McIvor and Lourdes Martinez of Marin Community Foundation dedicate the building; supporters celebrate; John and Brenda McIvor at The Cedars in the 1960s.