

Ettie Lee's FIRESIDE

Saving Lives, Changing Lives and Building Hope for Children and Families in Family-Like Settings May/June 2011

ETTIE LEE YOUTH & FAMILY Services provides the following services for abused, abandoned and neglected children:

- Nurturing, loving environments, for boys 8-17, in 9 group homes
- Adoption Agency
- A network of more than 35 loving foster families
- On-site, fully-contained school
- Permanent placement for boys and girls of all ages
- Fully accredited substance abuse treatment
- Outpatient after-school mental health programs
- Evidence-based treatment program
- After-Care program

Congratulations All!



Joseph T. and his cousin Karen are all smiles after the graduation ceremony (and just before they cut into the cake!)

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Remember Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services when you designate your United Way gift.

Joseph T. donned his cap and gown and walked in Fontana High School's graduation ceremony on May 26, 2011. Joseph T. lived in Ettie Lee's Fontana home for the past 4 years.

During that time he was very active in Fontana High School's ROTC program and looks forward to becoming a Marine. Although the situation that placed Joseph at Ettie Lee was not the best, he has worked hard to make sure that he will lead his life the best way he knows how. Also, for the last year, he has worked with the Department of Children and Family Services Permanency Planning Department to find family members. After graduation he was able to go home with his aunt and cousin! Congratulations Joseph!



Also graduating this month are Kirk G. and Chris S. CONGRATULATIONS ALL!

From the President's Desk



Clayton Downey

"Each new member brings new energy and experiences that will ultimately help Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services move forward."

I am pleased to announce the recruitment of three new members to Ettie Lee's Board of Directors.

They are John Barlow, Attorney, Marlin Cardon, self-employed businessman and, Carlo DeAtouguia, VP of Operations of an import/export company.

In seating the members, Chairman of the Board Ron Bateman commented that each new member brings new energy and experiences that will ultimately help Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services move forward.

The role of the Board in an organization such as Ettie Lee is an important one. Board members are the link to the community as well as serving as the governing body for Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services. They also serve on Ettie Lee's program, development and strategic planning and executive committees. Each Board Member attends a day-long orientation which includes visits to many program sites.

Our full list of current board members are as follows:

- Ronald J. Bateman, Chairman
- James Jay Smith, Treasurer
- Pat Giles, Secretary
- Walter Allen
- John Barlow
- Grant Christiansen
- Marlin Cardon
- Carlo DeAtouguia

Kids in the Foster Care System are helped by Women of Faith

February 2011, Redlands, CA: Jean Arnott, leader of the Women of Faith, an interfaith service community hosted by the Redlands CA Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has started a whole new program. It's called Birthday-in-a-Box. If one of the residents in Ettie Lee's Redlands' Home is reunited with his family before the group has a chance to celebrate his birthday at the home, a Birthday-in-a-Box is sent to him, at his home, for him to enjoy.

"We establish a relationship with each and every boy that comes to the Redlands Home," says Arnott. "Part of that relationship involves remembering his birthday and we want to make sure that he knows we remember and care about him even after he has left the Ettie Lee Home."

Birthdays are only a small part of what the Women of Faith in Redlands make possible for the boys at the Ettie Lee Home. "The Women of Faith are a one of a kind treasure," said Clayton Downey, President and CEO of Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services, the not for profit that manages residential facilities and a foster family adoption agency, "they are not only involved during many of the holidays

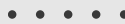
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during the year—from the popular winter season's celebrations to Mother's and Father's Day, they also celebrate Valentine's Day and have purchased recreation equipment such as a foos ball table to movie tickets."

For more than 60 years Ettie Lee has served the complex needs of at-risk youth with emotional and behavioral problems and their families in Southern California. When Miss Ettie Lee opened the first group home in 1950 she introduced the model of providing a family atmosphere. Although Ettie Lee has grown significantly since 1950, providing a family atmosphere has been so successful that we still follow that model in all of our nine group homes and 30 foster homes. Last year Ettie Lee served 342 unduplicated boys and girls and their families: 69% were Hispanic, 17% African-American, 11.5% Caucasian, 1.3% Asian/Pacific Islander; .4% American Indian; .8% other and over 97% were from low-income and/or disadvantaged families.

Ettie Lee's residential group homes expertise is in serving older children—teenage boys (aged 13-18)—who are on probation. All of group homes are located in residential areas and provide family-style residential treatment that focuses on the importance of being active in the community to develop the skills for success in life.

Ettie Lee also operates a therapeutic Foster Family Agency and Adoption Agency. It is located in Covina and the boys and girls are placed in the loving homes of foster parents who are trained and licensed.



Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services is a nonprofit child welfare agency serving the complex needs of at-risk youth who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Its mission is to assist troubled youth who are in need of guidance and support to develop values and skills that will facilitate their success in life. Ettie Lee complies with the highest standards of Community Care Licensing, Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services, and Los Angeles County Department of Probation. Ettie Lee is accredited by the California Alliance for Children & Families and the Council on Accreditation.

Every Picture Tells A Story



Brad and Spencer Marks are featured in Ettie Lee's new video. To view video go to: www.ettielee.org



In December Baldwin Park Police Chief Lilly Hadsell (center) presented a check to Ettie Lee's John Eccles home in Baldwin Park.



Ettie Lee's Foster Family/Adoption Agency was hosted by Tolco, Corona (and Santa) during the holidays in December.



Karen Cash, (on right) Director of the Foster Family/Adoption Agency and her staff at Ettie Lee's annual employee gathering.



IKEA Covina associates Yessica Berrera, Local Marketing Specialist and Brian Drozd, Operation's Manager delivered 20 bikes to Ettie Lee—a donation from IKEA Covina community-minded employees, who already owned a bike. The bikes were given to all 12,400 U.S. employees during the 2010 holiday season.



Azusa Pacific Volunteers planted a vegetable garden at Ettie Lee's Brandes home.



Boys at Ettie Lee's John Eccles home play with equipment purchased by Friends of Foster Children.



In November 2010 Ettie Lee celebrated their 60th Anniversary. Linda Brandes is flanked by Clayton Downey, Ettie Lee President/CEO on left and Ron Bateman, Ettie Lee Board Chair on right.



Students from a local San Gabriel Valley school helped Ettie Lee spread a recycling message with posters that they created.



Eagle Scout Haskell Scoville (center) from Troop 56 built 3 sturdy pool side benches for Ettie Lee's Fontana home.

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There were lots of smiles while kids participated in an art's day sponsored by Free Arts in April 2011.

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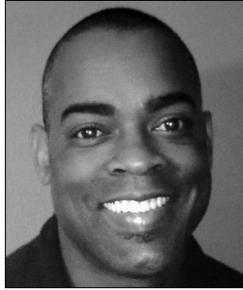
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Victor Williams, past resident Proud owner of Resume Scribes

Former Ettie Lee resident Victor Williams is truly an inspiration. A bachelor of Science in Psychology graduate of California Lutheran University, Victor also earned his Juris Doctorate at the University of California, Hastings College of Law. But when he was 12 he was angry, volatile and had difficulty opening up to strangers. Removed from his home due to child abuse, he found himself in an Ettie Lee Home in Fontana “When I arrived at the Ettie Lee Home, it was immediately obvious that this was a home. It’s was not your traditional home, but definitely a home. A home filled with love, tradition and rules,” said Victor. “We, the boys,” continued Victor, “could rely on the fact that home life was constant and we knew what to expect.” Victor tested every rule and questioned everything. It wasn’t easy, but Victor, working with the dedicated and caring professionals at the home, eventually learned how to manage his anger. In the 10th thru 12th grade, he was in college prep classes, on the varsity basketball team attended school functions and had a part time job.



Early in his career he was a teacher and then found a niche in the executive search world. Most recently he was the president and owner of a consulting firm that specialized in securing permanent and temporary positions for individuals in accounting and finance, electrical and civil engineering and IT and biotechnology fields. Using his multiple skills, Victor is now the president and founder of Resume-Scribes. Resume-Scribes is the creation of a group of executive recruiters, corporate recruiters, career coaches, career counselors and career development professionals who noticed that an extensive number of professionals—good at what they do—did not look appealing on their resume and/or did not perform well in interviews. This is disconcerting, given the global economic downturn and high national unemployment rate where looking good on paper, performing well in an interview or choosing the right career coach or development specialist is of paramount importance. Check them out on line at www.resume-scribes.com.

Ettie Lee

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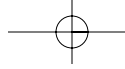
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(new or gently used items are accepted)

Household items

- Throw rugs for bedrooms
- Light switch covers for bedrooms
- Pictures for bathroom walls
- Shower mats
- Blankets for twin beds
- Alarm clocks
- Books for boys age 8-17
- Pillows and Pillow protectors
- Gift cards for book stores
- Couches
- Board Games
- Pool sticks

Personal Items

- Wall posters for bedrooms
- White towels and wash cloths
- Beach Towels
- Sun Block
- Hygiene supplies
- Super Cuts gift certificates
- Backpacks
- Prepaid phone cards
- Hand held electronic games
- CD players
- Grey undershirts (all sizes)
- Gift cards to clothes and shoe stores

Outdoor Activitites

- Sports equipment (excluding baseball bats)
- Karate, Music or Art Lessons
- Ping Pong Tables

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- Art supplies
- Movie theater passes
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