

# OPPORTUNITY HOUSE



empowering people with developmental disabilities

August 2020

## August Birthdays



Frank Trevino  
8/6



Diane Ostrom  
8/29



Sarah Bullmer  
8/30

## A Hedberg Birthday Celebration!



There's no way OH staff would miss out on the Hedberg twin's drive by birthday celebration held on Monday, July 13. The staff put on their party hats and headed over to wish a happy birthday to our clients Andy and Danny Hedberg. Here's to another year of life!

## Drive Thru Luau



It's tiki time! Recreation and Home-Base Services hosted a Drive Thru Luau on Friday, July 17. There were bubbles, flower leis, and tasty pudding cups. But the best part of all was getting to see each other. Thank you for stopping by to say 'aloha'!



## Family Fun Fest



OH staff volunteered at the Family Fun Fest Drive Thru at Hopkins Park on Tuesday, July 21st. The event was a success! At one point there was a line of vehicles stretching out onto Sycamore Road. The children got excited when Kelsey spun the large prize wheel. Johanna and Shaylee introduced themselves to the visitors and handed out activities and prizes. A few OH clients even stopped by to visit them! The event was a great way to connect Opportunity House to the community.

## Appreciation Breakfast



The staff at Opportunity House work hard to achieve their organization's mission. They are dedicated to maintain a valuable relationship with all clients and assure that they lead happy lives.

With the help of others, HR Assistant, Laura Chessman organized a breakfast to thank staff for their hard work and dedication on Wednesday, July 15. Coffee, donuts, and bagels were provided for staff to enjoy. No matter the title or department, every employee is appreciated for their impact on this organization.



Executive Director, Bob Shipman, delivered the appreciation breakfast to all nine of the group homes for staff to enjoy.  
Thank you Opportunity House staff!

## Metal For Terry



On Thursday, July 9, R&B Services and Little Buck Loader started a metal collection for our residential client Terry.

Terry is well known in the Sycamore community as the "Can Man". He enjoys collecting cans and other aluminum and metal to be recycled at B&O.

People in the neighborhood think of Terry and save their cans just for him. Terry could be seen making "rounds" on his 3-wheeled bike throughout town collecting the items from the community.

Terry was recently in an accident and has not been able to make his rounds. R&B Services donated a large dumpster that is placed in front of the family owned business, Little Buck Loader.

Luke Persson, from Little Buck Loader is a friend of Terry and helps him transfer the metal to B&O every Tuesday.

"Let's fill this and make Terry smile!" said Persson on a Facebook Post.

Like many others in the community, Persson and his family have known Terry for many years.

"He's our buddy, he knows all of us!" said Persson.

Since Thursday, July 9, the dumpster was overflowing with items and on the ground around it. All the money from the recycled items will be saved for Terry while he recovers.

Opportunity House is excited for Terry's recovery.

The staff at Sacramento house and his housemates have made him care



packages with snacks, homemade cards, and his favorite homemade goulash. They call him every day to check on him.

We can't wait to see the famous "Can Man" back on his bike!

## Mark's Got Talent



After months of hard work, Mark completed his model train table on Monday, July 6!

"I have always loved trains, tractors, and anything with an engine!" said Mark. He combined both his talent and his passion to create an amazing work of art. Mark began designing his train table in April with the help of Linden staff. Mark said that he has created numerous train tables in the past, but this is the most detailed one so far. The hardest task for Mark was creating and painting the mountains so that it looked realistic.

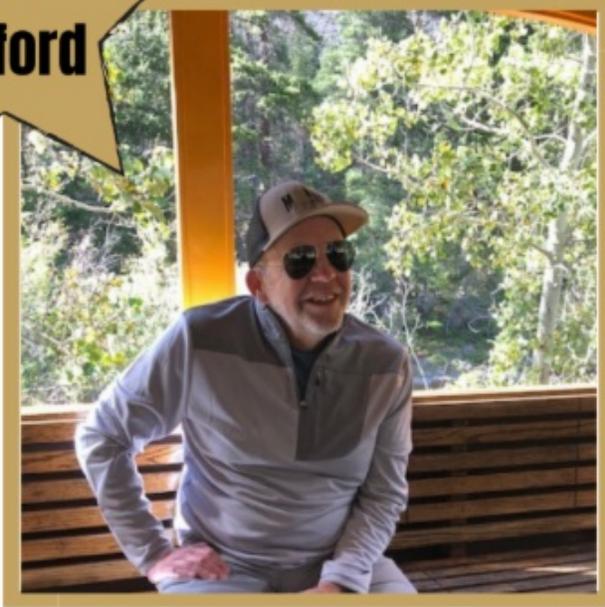
"In the end that is the piece I am most proud of," said Mark.



Congratulations Mark! We are so proud of the way it turned out.

# EMPLOYEE WALK OF FAME

**Ken  
Safford**



Ken has been a part of the OH team for 17 years. When he is not working he enjoys spending his time outdoors. A few hobbies of his include biking, swimming, and hiking. He once hiked 14,000 feet up Mount Bierstadt in Colorado!

A fun fact about Ken is that he can brew his own beer! He created his first recipe for a Pale Ale beer six years ago and it has been a hobby of his ever since. He enjoys coming up with names for his recipes. He and his granddaughter once picked raspberries that were used in a new recipe he created. While they were picking, his granddaughter was playfully running around with the raspberry bucket on her head. This memorable moment inspired him to name the beer, Raspberry "Bucket Head" Ale.

## **Thank You for 100 Followers**

Thank you for helping OH reach 100 followers on Instagram!! Can we reach 200 followers by



September?? Click on the link and give us a follow if you haven't already!

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## Corn Fest T-Shirts



Each year, Corn Fest selects a local nonprofit to raise money for. Although the popular event is canceled this year, Corn Fest has kindly selected to raise money for Opportunity House by selling T-shirts.

They will be donating 100% of t-shirt proceeds to OH.  
**T-shirt sales will close Thursday, August 6th at 5:00 PM.**  
Click on the link to buy your shirt today!

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## In Memory of Shane Bird

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and  
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"You will be greatly missed by your MODOT family"

The Petit family made furniture donations made to three of our group homes.

Lynn Roberts funded a grill and cover for the Alden House.

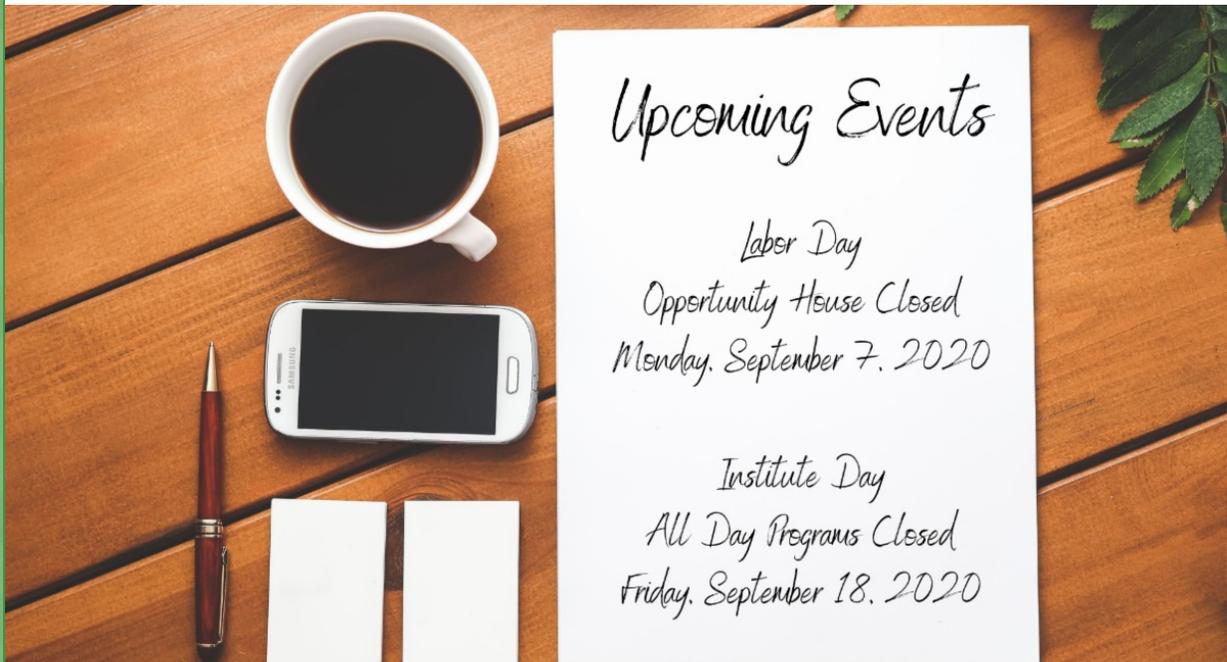
Jim Ryan donated dishes to the Maplewood Home.

Maurice & Cara Killey funded a pizza party at the Linden House.

Shannon Steinbis-Vanatta donated craft items to the residential clients.

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