



# Child & Family Center

Spring 2004

## Boards Installed at Recognition Dinner

### Outpatient Counseling

- Behavior problems
- Improving relationships
- Delinquency prevention
- Child abuse prevention & treatment
- ADHD treatment
- Individual, Family & Group Therapy

### Crisis Intervention

- Stabilization
- Hospitalization if needed

### School-based counseling

- Therapists on campus

### Substance Abuse

- Prevention:
  - DAPEC program
- Treatment:
  - Individual counseling
  - Family counseling
  - Support groups

### Parenting Classes

- Improve communication
- Parent "Chat Room"
- "Out of Control" Teens

### Circle of Care Teen Parenting

- Life skills
- Support group
- Child abuse prevention

### Foster, Adoptive & Kinship Care Services

- Counseling
- Support Services

### Family Preservation Program

### Preschool/Daycare

### School Based Intensive Outpatient Program

- School program for students ages 12 and over who have severe emotional problems

### CalWorks

- Help for adults entering or returning to work



Center Board of Directors 2004-05  
(not all members pictured)



Cheri Fleming, outgoing Foundation Board Chair, receives L.A. County Commendation from Supervisor Michael Antonovich

*"Together - staff, volunteers, board members - we are making a difference in the lives of children."  
Wes Toy, Center Board Chair*



Dr. Alan Sandler, Medical Director of Child & Family Center & his wife Elisabeth were honored as Philanthropists of the Year



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Cheri and Don Fleming of Valencia Acura were awarded Business of the Year



Barbara Stearns-Cochran receives Volunteer of the Year award from Liz Seipel & Carol Gelsinger

# Center Programs

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### **Emeritus Board**

Alan Barbakow  
Betty Seldner

### **Legal Counsel**

Jeff Hacker

## Child & Family Center Receives National Award

Child & Family Center received the National Community Provider Award of Excellence 2004 presented by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare at its annual meeting in New Orleans in March. The Center was recognized for its innovative School Based Counseling program available on Santa Clarita campuses.

Larry Schallert, Director of Community and School Based Services for Child & Family Center and designer of the program, and Liz Seipel, CEO of Child & Family Center, accepted the award at the organization's national convention on March 1.

"I am honored that this program has been selected from the thousands of great programs serving their communities throughout the country," says Schallert. "It's a real tribute to the community of Santa Clarita, local school districts, and the staff at the Child & Family Center who have worked so hard to help these students and their families. I would like to thank all of the people who contributed to its success. It has been a real collaborative effort."

The School Based Counseling program is an elaborate community collaborative that uses public and private funds to provide counseling and mental health services to children ages three to twenty two, in six different school districts. The convenience of seeing a therapist lessens the stigma many people have about mental health problems. Parents are sometimes uncomfortable about seeking professional help for their children, are in denial, or may have transportation problems or other issues that prevent them from bringing their child to the Center. In addition, the child's problems can be addressed early before they escalate and create further difficulties.

On-site therapists may observe classroom interactions and are available for consultations with teachers, counselors, school psychologists and administrators to offer appropriate classroom interventions for the teacher in dealing with the student. It is also cost effective as it allows agencies to pool resources.

The program has been the model for much of the school based programs throughout Los Angeles County and has been selected by the State of California Association of Marriage and Family Therapy as the model to be presented at their state conference in May 2004.



*Larry Schallert and Liz Seipel with  
Aaron Conden of the National Council for  
Community Behavioral Healthcare.*

## Center Opens Second Newhall Site

Center therapists Ed Deane, MA and Deborah Evans, MFT welcome guests to an open house for the Center's newest site at 23502 Lyons Avenue #304. Newhall. Thirteen counseling offices providing services for CalWORKs and Family Links clients are in the suite. The Center also has seventeen counseling offices in suite 204 in the same building.



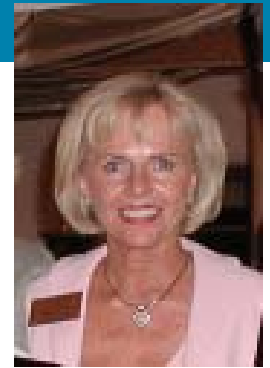
## Betty Seldner & Alan Barbakow Appointed to Emeritus Board

Betty Seldner and Alan Barbakow were appointed to the Center's Emeritus Board. Candidates are chosen based on their years of commitment and service to the Center.

Betty joined the board in 1983 when the Center was known as St. Stephen's Special School. In those early days she helped out wherever she was needed – including stuffing envelopes for mailings. She chaired the community relations committee, and for many years was responsible for all of the publicity on the Center. She also established a speakers bureau, setting up speaking engagements for staff at various local companies. She worked on the planning committees for the wine & cheese parties, black tie events, reverse auction drawing, 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, and volunteered at the M-Car races. She also chaired the United Way campaigns for several years.

Alan has always been a visionary, coming up with innovative, exciting ideas. His positive attitude is an inspiration. Alan joined the board in 1985. He served as Board President for two terms and on the board development committee for several years. He developed the Adopt-a-Child annual giving campaign, and served as the committee chair for many years. To promote the program, he organized a phone-a-thon to increase donors. He started the annual Holiday cards, helping with the design and contributing a poem for the card's message. He continues to send cards to all of his friends and clients every year, indicating that a gift has been made in their name to the Center. In addition, he always donates a gift to the Center in the name of friends and relatives for birthdays, weddings etc. He hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at his office building, hosted numerous parties and retreats at his beautiful Malibu home, helped organize the black tie dinners, and co-chaired the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

The Center is honored to have two such dedicated individuals who continue to lend their support, guidance and experience.



## Cheri Fleming Outgoing Foundation Chair

Friendship is the slogan for Valencia Acura which reflects owner Cheri Fleming's upbeat, positive attitude and sparkling smile. Leadership best describes her role as Foundation Board Chair, a position she has held the past two years. The Foundation has flourished under her guidance.

It seems like she and husband Don have been around for ever, but they are seven-years new to Santa Clarita. Cheri joined the Foundation Board in 1998 and immediately joined the committee planning the first golf tournament. Over the past six years, Cheri and husband Don have been a tremendous asset to the tournament, bringing in sponsors and teams to ensure its success. It has grown from \$30,000 the first year to over \$90,000 last year. Cheri and Acura have also volunteered and sponsored the Harvest Ride and M-Car events.

Cheri co-chaired the Taste of the Town two years in a row. It was under her direction that the event broke the \$100,000 mark! Valencia Acura has sponsored the event every year, and has been title sponsor the past two years. She has also served as Sponsor Chair for the event, helping to raise thousands of dollars!

Cheri's outreach in the community which brings in volunteers and increases the Center's name recognition is priceless! At her last board meeting, incoming Chair Paul Frease presented Cheri a pair of size 13 tennis shoes to signify the "big shoes he has to fill." Indeed, Cheri will be a tough act to follow.

## Grant Update

Wells Fargo made a \$2500 grant to continue the Kids Corner Preschool's music & arts program. The children participate in drama and singing with community professionals who visit the classroom weekly.

The City of Santa Clarita granted \$8,314 to support the School Based Counseling Program.

The Center relies on the generosity of community donations to offer expanded services to our children. We thank all of our donors for their continued support.

# Child & Family Center Foundation

## Taste of the Town



Benefits Child & Family Center  
Sunday, May 2, 2004  
1:00 - 6:00 pm

A cornucopia of delights. Over 40 local restaurants and caterers prepare and serve samples of their specialty dishes.

We're celebrating the 40th anniversary of the invasion of the Beatles with a live performance by: "Twist & Shout", the Ultimate Beatles Revue



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Adult event, ticket price \$75 (\$80 at the door)

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Parking at: Saugus High School, 21900 Centurion Way. Shuttles to the event.

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# Save the Date!



6th Annual  
Child & Family Center  
Golf Invitational  
Monday, July 19, 2004  
Valencia Country Club

## bid4thekids - an online thrift shop

Now is your chance to donate any item and we will sell it on ebay. Anything and everything sells on ebay - *One man's trash is another man's treasure*. You receive a receipt for your in-kind donation and the Child & Family Center receives the proceeds for the sale.

Help us launch this exciting new fundraiser and raise money to help children and families in our community. Call the Foundation Office today at 661-255-6847 ext. 3018.



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