## VITAVISTAS



CREATIVE CARING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**SPRING 2018** 



## PURPLE Target MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS

CHICKEN Work/Get a Job

EAT OUT AT LUBY'S

## — ALL ABOUT ME

MY FAVORITE FAMILY ACTIVITY

Watch A&M Games

DOLLAR STORE

BRUNO MARS CHICKEN

LANDSCAPING



## 10 MORE SLOTS

### Group Home Renovations at Peppermill and Livernois

Renovations to the Peppermill and Livernois group homes will allow for ultimate accessibility for our aging residents, and an automatic improvement in quality of life. A change in décor opens doors for improved moods amongst both residents and staff.

Upon completion, we successfully opened **10 MORE RESIDENTIAL SLOTS** for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to have a permanent home in the community.

#### Renovations to the homes include the following:

- Bathroom, bedroom, and kitchen remodels
- Widening hallways for wheelchair accessibility
- Installation of new windows and water heaters
- Painting of indoor walls and ceilings
- New Roofs and exterior paint









## MEET OUR TEAM

#### **Clinical Team**

The staff team consists of one clinical psychologist and four nurses (two RNs and two LVNs). Altogether, our clinical department completed a combined total of 3,000+ hours in 2017. While the clinical psychologist oversees the department and the behavioral care of our residents, the nurses' duties include the following:

- Medication administration
- Training of staff
- Assistance with medical appointments
- Triage for doctor visits
- Seeing to various medical needs

#### **Transportation Team**

Our clients participate in a variety of activities in Houston, including bowling, church services, and special events like the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. For each of these outings, Vita Living provides transportation for all residents.

We also provide transportation for their 300+ medical appointments each month and daily transportation to the Vita Living Center (our day program) from our group homes. The staff team consists of one transportation coordinator and 9 drivers. Through an extended effort with partners like the Carl C. Anderson and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation and Tommie Vaughn Ford, much of our fleet has been replaced—significantly lowering maintenance and upkeep costs.







## WHY I GIVE a



When asked to explain "why I give" it immediately occurred to me that it should be "why we give," because it is really a family effort in our case.

-Forrest Wynn and family

I started giving to Vita Living over 12 years ago but on Vita Living has seen an incredible transformation over while the quality of services has increased. More long-term goal of our Chairman Chris Mehling to people are doing harder work every day, and doing "SERVE MORE. BETTER." We will continue working



## MERCHANT SERVICES

#### New and Improved

#### AmegyBank.

donating to Vita Living is now easier than ever! Together, we have created a secure and convenient portal for charitable giving online.

With these convenient merchant services, each donor can track online donations and print Giving Statements on-demand. Additionally, receipts can be produced immediately, showing proof of your generous tax-deductible gift.

As feasible for you, please consider giving on-line instead of utilizing other methods.

Thanks to our friends at AMEGY BANK, Please note that the new Amegy system will only track on-line giving. Statements of giving outside this portal (including checks, cash and in-kind) will still be substantiated via the existing Gift Letters.

> We are grateful for our friends at Amegy Bank, where Vita Living recently moved its business. Amegy is providing its enhanced banking services to us at reduced nonprofit rates to support our mission.

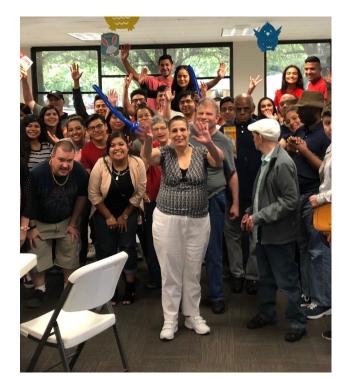
> > FOLLOW THIS LINK TO DONATE:

www.vitaliving.org/donate

## VOLUNTEER WITH US!

#### Volunteer Work

Beautification and landscaping; crafts and games with residents at the Vita Living Day Center; holiday activities; and more. Individuals as well as adult and youth groups enjoy volunteering at Vita Living and making a difference in the lives of our residents.





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#### Chevron Houston Marathon's Run for a Reason

Offers the perfect opportunity for passionate race participants to help fundraise for a meaningful cause. We encourage the runners in your congregation to join Vita Living's team.

#### REGISTER AT THIS LINK:

http://www.vitaliving.org/events/

#### Adopt-a-House Program

Congregational or corporate partners "sponsor" a single residence throughout the year, getting to know the residents, assisting with beautification projects, and helping our residents to celebrate the holidays with cheer.



## EVENTS RECAP

## CHEVRON HOUSTON MARATHON RUN FOR A REASON



CHEVRON HOUSTON MARATHON'S RUN FOR A REASON, on January 14, 2018. The Run for a Reason Program connects Houston's philanthropic community to passionate race participants willing to fundraise for a meaningful cause. This year's team of 18 runners, under the leadership of event chairs Jeff and Jodi Bishop, far surpassed our fundraising goal by raising over \$35,000 in support of our services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Memorable moments from the marathon weekend also included the Saturday 5k race, in which three Vita Living residents participated as well as

Vita Living once again participated as a featured charity at

Vita Living will participate for the 4th year in a row in Houston's Run for a Reason marathon and half-marathon on **JANUARY 20TH, 2019**. Sign up now to run for Vita Living and avoid the marathon lottery altogether! Join Vita Living's team and help raise much-needed funds in support of our services for individuals with disabilities.

SECURE YOUR SPOT IN NEXT YEAR'S MARATHON OR HALF-MARATHON AT

http://www.vitaliving.org/events/runfor-a-reason/

siblings and agency staff.

#### **CLAYS FOR CARE**

Our 2018 CLAYS FOR CARE SPORTING CLASSIC was better than ever! Chaired by Whitney and Kyle Janke, the February 16th event held at American Shooting Centers surpassed its fundraising goal of \$50,000 in support of Vita Living, while participants and teams enjoyed some friendly competition, delicious BBQ, and an extremely popular raffle. While Silver Eagle Distributors finished with the winning score, we thank all of our team sponsors and participants for helping make this year's Clays for Care such a successful event.

The 2019 Clays for Care Sporting Classic will be a **FALL EVENT.** scheduled for **FRIDAY. OCTOBER 18TH**.



INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING OR SPONSORING A TEAM? VISIT:

http://www.vitaliving.org/events/clays-for-care/

## PEARLS OF WISDOM SPEAKER SERIES

The hallmark fundraising event for Vita Living, the PEARLS OF WISDOM SPEAKER SERIES raises crucial funds in support of the nonprofit agency's services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This year's Pearls of Wisdom event was held on May 3rd at River Oaks Country Club and raised a record-breaking \$125,000. Co-chairs Tany and Chaz Klaes and Molly and Dane Johnson, with the support of Vita Living's Development team, did a stellar job and attracted a record number of attendees this year. Katherine Whaley of ABC13 served as Master of Ceremonies and the Reverend Martin J. "Marty" Bastian of St. Martin's Episcopal Church gave a moving invocation. This year's featured speaker was none other than the blind and autistic musical savant Rex Lewis-Clack. Rex gave a beautiful and inspiring piano performance; his mother Cathleen Lewis accompanied him and helped to share his personal story with the audience. The event also featured a successful silent auction and cocktail buffet.

Join us for next year's Pearls of Wisdom event, scheduled for **THURSDAY**, **MAY 2ND**, **2019** at **RIVER OAKS COUNTRY CLUB**.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OF EVENT DETAILS AND UPDATES, VISIT:

http://www.vitaliving.org/events/pearls-of-wisdom/



# SPECIAL THANKS TO COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL

of **COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL'S 2018 CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC**, held on May 10th at the Sweetwater Country Club. This year's tournament sponsorships resulted in \$68,000 of additional support for our services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are grateful for this unique funding opportunity that also allowed us to raise awareness about Vita Living in the corporate community.

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As always, our ability to serve the residents and clients of Vita Living depends on the support of our community and friends.

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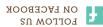
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