



PORTIA

MY FAVORITE COLOR

PURPLE

MY FAVORITE PLACE TO GO

Target

MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY

CHRISTMAS

MY FAVORITE SINGER

JUSTIN BEIBER

MY FAVORITE FOOD

CHICKEN

SOMETHING NEW I'D LIKE TO LEARN

Work/Get a Job

MY FAVORITE FAMILY ACTIVITY

EAT OUT AT LUBY'S

— ALL ABOUT ME —

GARTH

MY FAVORITE COLOR

BLUE

MY FAVORITE FAMILY ACTIVITY

Watch A&M Games

MY FAVORITE PLACE TO GO

DOLLAR STORE

MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Christmas

MY FAVORITE FOOD

FRIED

MY FAVORITE SINGER

BRUNO MARS CHICKEN

MY FAVORITE THING TO DO OUTSIDE

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



Livernois Group Home



Peppermill Group Home



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

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 a small level just because I thought it was a worthy cause—giving shelter and daily services for those in our society who need it most. Over time, my wife Katie, and now two kids, have increased our commitment to Vita Living because its needs have continued to grow while the quality of services has increased. More people are doing harder work every day, and doing it better than ever before which means resources are needed to keep that quality up and allow Vita Living to serve more people in need.

Vita Living has seen an incredible transformation over the past several years. More involvement from more people in the philanthropic community, as well as new vision from the management and incredible work by the staff, have laid the foundation for a real future. Our family is committed to the simple yet important long-term goal of our Chairman Chris Mehling to “SERVE MORE. BETTER.” We will continue working to fulfill Chris’ vision for the agency’s future and to support the incredible Vita Living team.

MERCHANT SERVICES



Thanks to our friends at **AMEGY BANK**, 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.

New and Improved

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 non-profit 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.



Junior League of Houston

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Mentis Neuro Health



Church of St. John Divine



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/run-for-a-reason/>

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



Vita Living once again participated as a featured charity at **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 siblings and agency staff.

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/run-for-a-reason/>

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

VITA LIVING was the selected charity beneficiary 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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Our 2017 Annual Report is now available online!

www.vitaliving.org/about-us/annual-report/



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