

HBIC SUMMER 2020

HELP FOR BRAIN INJURED CHILDREN SUMMER NEWSLETTER



LEARNING MUST GO ON: ADP

BY LOIS UM, HBIC INTERN

Even in the midst of uncertainty, learning must go on. 2020 is a year of unprecedented events, yet the Adult Day Program (ADP) continues to reach great heights. Known to focus on community integration, independence training, vocational training/job placement, and positive behavior support, the ADP strives to give thorough, helpful training to all clients.

However, with the COVID-19, it deemed a necessity for ADP to provide flexibility to the learning methods. Rather than having the face-to-face interactions in a big group setting, the ADP changed its training and support to be suitable for social distancing. The ADP switched to a remote access model which consisted of FaceTime, Zoom meetings, and individual visits to the clients' homes. Because the ADP and its days were structured around what the clients wanted, the ADP schedule as a whole was adjustable. However, without a doubt, everyone still longs for a day for the ADP to return back to normal and give a smile on the clients' beautiful faces.

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Before the ADP switched gears to distance learning, it was planning to have a garden where they implemented what they grew into their weekly cooking lessons. Engaging lessons such as these enable the ADP to give a hands-on experience on various fields. In addition, the relationships made from this journey undeniably seems to have a special place in the clients' hearts. The ADP director Quinn Tran reminisces over her favorite memory this year: "[we had] a client join on off-site activity for the first time in three years. That was very monumental for him and for us at ADP". Quinn Tran's words are a kind reminder that each and every relationship made from HBIC is precious in its own way, and it is through the wonderful people in ADP that make this happen. Yes, everyone is waiting for the day to come where they can see each other once again, yet this turmoil seems to not be of the slightest hindrance to the ADP's continual growth and success.

"HBIC is a place that brings joy and hope. I am blessed to be a part of such a great organization."

QUINN TRAN, ADP
PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Adult Day Program



Classroom

CLASSROOM NEWS

BY KARISHMA SETH, HBIC INTERN

The 2019-2020 school year has taken all of us by surprise. The unprecedented pandemic involving COVID-19 has caused many sporadic changes to be made within the Clela Harder Developmental School. Without much guidance, the staff had to take the entire school and proceed with an online only curriculum. Zoom accounts had to be made for all teachers and parents were trained electronically. Student goals were turned into online learning goals and teachers had to take a look at the schedule and modify the group based activities. The expectations ultimately shifted the curriculum from group to individual. Each student tried their best to attend meetings with their teachers to finish up the school year with a bang.

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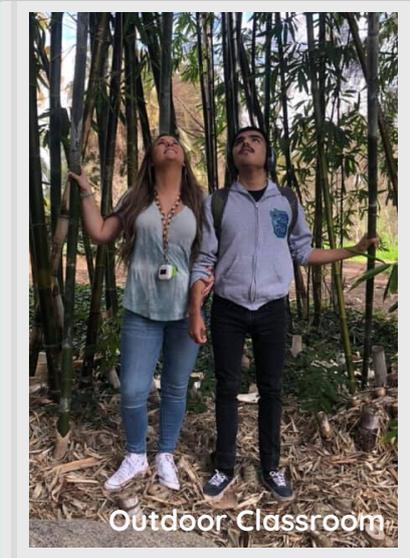
Due to the severity of the Pandemic, many summer water activities have been canceled unfortunately, however summer classes are still continuing to proceed successfully. Overall, it has definitely been a year of change and adaptation. At no point did any of the staff give up on each other, but instead they worked hardest to make sure their students get their deserved time. Though it has been particularly difficult and a lot more time consuming for the staff to individualize and modify each student's curriculum and schedule to the parental availability, the collaboration has essentially brought everyone together. The Cleta Harder Developmental School cannot be any prouder of their students and the progress they have continued to make during these tough times!

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

BY JUSTIN WANG, HBIC INTERN

Help for Brian Injured Children and its programs have always striven to improve the quality of life for people with severe disabilities and since 1967 they have followed their philosophy that *"all individuals have the right and the ability to learn."* These rare opportunities would never be possible without the grants and donations from the organizations HBIC reaches out to. As a high school summer intern at HBIC, I realized how crucial the business and nonprofit aspect of HBIC was and I wanted to share the ideas I learned with as many people as I could.

Given the opportunity to interview staff members Vanessa Perkins and Suzy Selden, I was able to gain a little bit more knowledge on what it's like to manage grants on a personal level. As the Administrative Assistant and Events Coordinator, Mrs. Perkins helps not only by running the front office and taking attendance, but she also plays a big role in fundraising, reaching out for donations, and just keeping everything together. With Mrs. Selden being the main grant writer, she puts a lot more focus on the fundraising aspect whether it be researching databases for grants, doing 3-7 page write-ups for nonprofits, or working on up to 250 online applications for donations.



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On top of these numerous funding contributions, the two staff members work hand-in-hand on planning fundraising activities in hopes of upping the administrative side but ultimately creating a bonding atmosphere for the people. Some of the many events that are planned include the Golf Tournament and the Poker Tournament. When it comes to events like these, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Selden must not only put thought into specific activities that engage all types of audiences, but they must seek out various businesses for donations including golf courses, restaurants, hotels, nail salons, pet stores, etc. For many years however, the main fundraising event has been the Gala, ranging between 200 to 250 people attending each year. The prestigious affair not only is a formal meal, but it includes silent auctions with up to 250 items and voice auctions with 8-15 items that the people will bid on the time. It was last year HBIC held the Breakfast at Tiffany's Gala theme and they raised a striking 107,000 dollars!

Speaking on the present, 2020 has not been the best as COVID-19 has put many restrictions in particular towards HBIC. On top of social distancing and virtual classes being enforced, it is especially hard for Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Selden to apply for grants and plan for future fundraising events. Businesses are struggling and fundraising might even be pushed to virtual platforms making it even more difficult to plan. It's hard to hear from the two that grant applications are on hold as other nonprofit organizations are struggling with their own problems. Nonetheless, I can tell HBIC stays optimistic for their people as staff are already finding ways around the difficult time through Zoom sessions, Facebook GoFundMe platforms, and ahead of time planning. Thus, let us all say that the 2020 Gala will quote from The Greatest Showman, and that

"the SHOW MUST GO ON!"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- JULY 7 - AUG 7: SUMMER SCHOOL (DISTANCE LEARNING)
- AUGUST 26: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (HYBRID MODEL)
- NOVEMBER 14: ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER "THE SHOW MUST GO ON"
- FEBRUARY 17: ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

