

Voice of the VILLAGE



A Look Back at the

2018 Helping Hand Gala!

Thank You!

At the Helping Hand Gala last September, Utah Youth Village was privileged to honor A. Scott and Jesselie Anderson for the many ways their activism and generosity of spirit and means have enriched our community.

Kem Gardner, one of our community's most prolific developers, entrepreneurs and philanthropists, helped honor Scott and Jesselie as the event's Honorary Chair.

Kem and Scott also lent their legendary energy and vision to raising funds for the construction of a second Utah Youth Village Alpine Academy campus. Alpine Academy is the Village's nationally acclaimed therapeutic boarding school in Tooele County for struggling teenage girls.

The new campus will be located near the first and will bring the same level of academic and therapeutic excellence to struggling teenage boys.

The Village received generous support from Kem Gardner, the Larry H. & Gail Miller Foundation, the Sorenson Legacy Foundation, Zions Bank, the FJ Impact Fund, the Beesley Family Foundation, and the Dinesh and Kalpana Patel Foundation.

Utah Youth Village board members Gary Crocker, Bill Nelson, Paul Taggart, Blake Walker, Russ Watts, and John D'Arcy together donated over \$1 million to name the therapy building on the current campus for long-time Village board

member, author, educator, church leader, and advocate for girls, Ardeth Kapp. The announcement was made at the gala, much to the surprise of Ardeth and to the acclaim of those in attendance.

At the request of Scott and Jesselie, the Gala also featured Time for Three, an internationally acclaimed string trio. Zions Bank underwrote the Gala performance and a performance for the Alpine Academy girls where the musicians generously shared their stories and humor along with their dazzling music.

The Helping Hand Gala is the community's opportunity to extend a loving and understanding helping hand to Utah's struggling children and families. A deeply felt thank you to all who helped make it a remarkable success.



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Village Facts

Mission

To heal and elevate lives through proven family solutions.

Family Homes

One for teenaged boys, one for teenaged girls, one for latency aged girls (6-12 yrs), and two for latency aged boys (6-12 yrs). Treatment provided by a highly trained married couple living in the home.

Treatment Foster Homes

Thirty-five homes throughout Utah, one to two children per home, ranging in age from infancy to 18. Care provided by highly trained married couples.

Families First

Intensive in-home training for parents of troubled children. Available to the public.

Alpine Academy

Therapeutic boarding school for troubled teenaged girls from across the country. Treatment provided by highly trained married couples living in the home. Available to the public.

Smarter Parenting

Online resources for parents with children who have behavioral problems. Free and available to the public at:

www.smarterparenting.com

Unaccompanied Refugee Minors

Refugee children from war-torn and dangerous countries placed in Village foster homes.

Children Served

Many are wards of the state and have been physically or sexually abused. Others have lost families due to political unrest. Others are suffering from emotional disorders such as Bipolar Disorder, Tourettes Syndrome, Schizophrenia, Reactive Attachment Disorder, Anorexia Nervosa, and Borderline Personality Disorders. All lack fundamental life skills.

Families Served

Families served through Families First have at least one seriously troubled child. Families are referred through the State Division of Child and Family Services, the Juvenile Courts, University Neuropsychiatric Institute (UNI), public schools, The Children's Center, Primary Children's Center for Counseling, private practice psychiatrists and word of mouth.

Special Tribute:

Martin & Darbie Pace

Martin and Darbie Pace have been treatment foster parents with Utah Youth Village for nine years. In that time, they have welcomed 38 youth into their family, including the six youth they have now. The Paces are extraordinary. They give consistent structure, understanding and love to the children in their care. Some even come back and thank them. Like Amberlie, the second youth in their home nine years ago. She was a handful. She would throw things, yell and steal whatever she could. However, she learned enough to be adopted after a year—a year the Paces will never forget.

Darbie recently reached out to Amberlie on Facebook. When Amberlie responded, Darbie sent her pictures from her time in their home. To Martin and Darbie's surprise, Amberlie came to visit. She apologized for how difficult she had been and she thanked Martin and Darbie for not giving up on her. In part because of



the Paces, she graduated from high school and is training to be a manager at a local fast food restaurant. She wants to attend culinary school and be a chef.

To All of Our Heroic Foster Parents:

To those of you who have been doing almost constant intensive teaching, working through extinction bursts and negative attention seeking, **THANKYOU!**

To those of you that have been yelled at, hit, threatened, walked around the neighborhood in the freezing cold, or stayed up all night, **THANKYOU!**

To those of you that have talked to an angry parent, caseworker, schoolteacher, and helped them to understand and be supportive, **THANKYOU!**

To those of you that have helped a youth take deep breaths, practiced a phone call to a parent, or wiped tears, **THANKYOU!**

To those of you that taught a youth to laugh, taught a

youth that they are awesome, taught a youth that they can accomplish any goal they set, and then said goodbye to that youth, **THANKYOU!**

To those of you amazing individuals who give everything you have, every single day, to change the lives of the hardest youth in your care, **THANKYOU!**

You are our heroes!



Thank You, Santas:

2018 Sub-for-Santa

Christmas is a time of miracles at Utah Youth Village.

Christmas at the Village begins with a Village-wide party where the kids get a bag filled with donated goodies given by our friends at Workfront and Mountain America Credit Union.

Hundreds of other donors spent the season as true Subs-for-Santa. Individuals, families, civic organizations, schools, and businesses worked to ensure that every Village foster child would have a very merry Christmas morning. We would especially like to thank the Spring Hollow 2nd Ward, Watts Enterprises, Ivan Gonzalez (and friends), Laura and Tyler Denney, Basecamp Franchising, Denton House Design, and the Holladay City Youth Council for sponsoring many children each.

If you would like to become a Sub-for-Santa next Christmas, please call Justin Anderson at 801-308-1058 or contact him by email at janderson@youthvillage.org.

Aptive Puts Families First!

One again our good friends at Aptive Environmental, provided an amazing Christmas for 92 of our Families First families. That's about 460 happy people whose lives were lifted at a time when troubles can seem especially acute. One dad visited the Aptive employees to thank them and tell his story. He is putting his life together after drug addiction cost him custody of his young son. When he reported that he is now drug-free, in custody of his son, married, working construction and going to college, his friends at Aptive gave him a standing ovation.

Thank you, Aptive for lifting the life of this young man and so many others.

Interested in reaching out to a struggling family next Christmas? Call Denise Kimber at 801-709-4898 or contact her by email at dkimber@youthvillage.org.

Best wishes, and have a very happy 2019!

 Smarter Parenting

Special Announcement:

Smarter Parenting

Smarter Parenting is our online resource for parents of difficult children.

If your child or grandchild is acting out in destructive ways, or if he or she suffers from behavioral or mental disorders, Smarter Parenting can help.

Smarter Parenting provides:

- Video lessons teaching parents what to do
- Information on behavioral issues
- Downloadable resources for children of all ages
- Supports for parents so they can improve behaviors in their children
- Easy lessons for families to do in their own homes

A complete course for children with ADHD will be available soon.

www.smarterparenting.com



Save the Date:

You're Invited!

Come Celebrate our kids.

You are warmly invited to the Lila Award Luncheon, Friday, April 12 from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building.

The Lila Award Luncheon honors and celebrates Village children who have worked hard to overcome abuse and neglect. It is named for our late founder, Lila Bjorklund, who dedicated her life to Village children. She would have been so proud of these children.

The luncheon is free. You will be asked for a donation at the end but there is no set amount. Just give what you can or simply attend and support our children.

To RSVP, or find out more about the Lila Award Luncheon, call Rebecca Heal at 801-308-1053.

Memorials & Honoraria

January 1, 2018 - March 15, 2019

Memorialize a departed loved one or honor a living one with a tribute gift to Utah Youth Village. A card acknowledging your gift without mentioning the amount, is mailed to the family of the deceased or the person you are honoring. Tribute gifts can be given online or call Rebecca Heal, 801-308-1053.

In Loving Memory of...

Sophie Ray Allred
Alan and Barbara Bunker

Joseph A. Anderson
Jess C. and Jodi Cheney

Mark B. Anderson
Justin and Alison Anderson

Beverlee Carter
Rick Carter

Reverend Elvin Gallagher
Peggy J. and Tim Newman

Clyde Harvey
Werner and Dorothy Weixler

Larry Myers
Don and Deveda Vernon

Cathy Perryman
Lesley Jones

Ray Phillips
Alan and Barbara Bunker

Joyce Taylor
Robert and Audrey McBride

In Honor of...

A. Scott & Jesselie Anderson
Werner and Dorothy Weixler

Katia Bachelder
Ayco Charitable Foundation

Jeff & Michele Boguslofski
Martha Browning & Peter Fetterman

Sunita and Chris Jennings
and their new baby
Julia Silge

Harris & Amanda Simmons
Werner and Dorothy Weixler

Janet Sloan
Sloan & Sloan, P.C.

Emily Ulinch
Gloria Francis

Kayla Walker
Angie Alvey



Past, Present & Future...

Cleone LaVon Gotberg

More children and families will reach their full potential because lifetime educator, Cleone LaVon Gotberg left a legacy for Village children. Her generous bequest will bless many generations to come.

LaVon graduated from South High School, the University of Utah and Stanford University from which she earned her master's degree.

Her first teaching position was at Uintah Grade School and she ended her educational career in the Portland school District where she taught 7th grade.

She was a hands-on teacher and mentor for teenagers for over 45 years. She traveled worldwide and was beloved by students, friends and family.

It is fitting that the Education Center at the new Alpine Academy campus be named in her honor.

She has joined the Lila Legacy of Caring, a select group of generous people who leave a bequest or other planned gift to Utah Youth Village. Lila's Legacy of Caring members are listed on the enclosed annual report and in a special plaque in the Village office.

If you'd like more information or simply want to tell us that you've included the Village in your will, please contact Rebecca Heal at 801-308-1053 or rheal@youthvillage.org. She'd love to hear from you.

(See Legacy of Caring Gifts in our 2017 Annual Report, page 2.)



Cleone LaVon Gotberg





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"A child is a curly dimpled lunatic."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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