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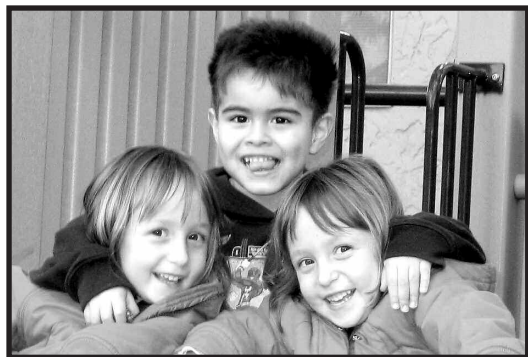
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Palo Alto Community Child Care Child Development Subsidy Program Helps Many

Life is full of choices that all of us make on a daily basis. However, for some of Palo Alto's neediest residents, the choices that must be made each day are troubling and have more far-reaching consequences. Who will watch my children during the work-day? Can I afford to pay for child care and still have money left for monthly bills? These are choices that no parent wants to make.

Alex, a participant in the Child Development Subsidy Program at Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC), is a single father with two small children. Each day, he works full time at a local hardware store in order to pay for the small apartment that he shares with his children. While Alex struggles to make ends meet, he also takes classes at DeAnza College in an effort to improve his employment prospects and create a better life for his children.



activities at the Kids' Club are fun, but more importantly, they are helping Alex's children develop their social, emotional and cognitive skills; an opportunity they might not have if it weren't for the Subsidy Program.

The Child Development Subsidy Program at PACCC serves more than 100 children from ages two months to 11 years. The Program exposes children from low-income families to a learning environment with peers from diverse economic backgrounds while improving lan-

guage, developmental skills and academic performance. Additionally, it allows parents to enter the workforce, pursue an education, emerge from debt, and/or move to a more suitable residence. The Child Development Subsidy Program breaks the cycle of poverty by helping children and families achieve a more self-sufficient future.

An integral part of PACCC's mission is to serve and strengthen families at all income levels. For over 30 years, PACCC has delivered quality child care to infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children living in the Mid-Peninsula region. Through its 17 centers, all located in Palo Alto, PACCC provides daily child care to more than 750 children. Currently, more than 15 percent of PACCC's total enrollment consists of children receiving subsidized care. Over 120 children are currently waiting for a place in the Subsidy Program.

We thank the donors of the Palo Alto Community Fund who helped fund the 2005 grant which enables PACCC to support the Child Development Subsidy Program. Fortunately, the program is able to provide parents like Alex with the support necessary to help our community's children and families grow healthy and strong.

"...the help that the PACCC Subsidy Program provides is almost immeasurable to both my children and me."

—Alex, parent of PACCC participants

In Alex's own words, "the help that the PACCC Subsidy Program provides is almost immeasurable to both my children and me, and has greatly improved our outlook for the future." After school, Alex's two children are able to walk safely across the playground at their elementary school to one of PACCC's Kids' Clubs. A warm, caring staff of trained professionals waits to help them with their homework, lead outdoor activities or discuss any problems the children might have. The

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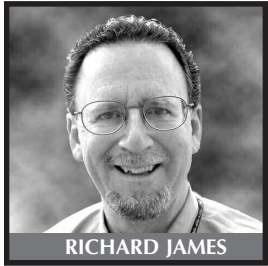
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The mission of the Palo Alto Community Fund is to build and sustain a philanthropic endowment that responds to the goals and needs of our community by supporting new or existing programs sponsored by a broad spectrum of Palo Alto area non-profit organizations.

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PACF Welcomes Three New Board Members

The Palo Alto Community Fund is pleased to introduce three new board members for 2006. We welcome Richard James, Walt McCullough and Karen Ross.



RICHARD JAMES

Richard James is the Director of Community Services for the City of Palo Alto where he has worked in a variety of capacities for the past 27 years. A life-long resident of the Bay

Area, Richard holds masters degrees in Theatre and Business Administration.

His non-profit experience includes 15 years as an executive officer of the San Jose Jazz Festival, and board work with the California Parks and Recreation Society, the US Institute of Theatre Technology, the League of California Cities, and the National Parks and Recreation Association. Richard lives in San Jose with his wife, Peggy, and when not working he loves playing drums in a blues band and hitting the golf links.

Palo Alto resident, Walt McCullough, brings to our board years of experience with non-profits, particularly in the area of housing and seniors. He has served as President of several organizations, including the Lesley Foundation, which builds and manages housing for low-income seniors, the Elizabeth Armstrong Foundation providing assistance to children

with special needs, Mills Hospital, and San Mateo Rotary. A retired Senior VP of Morgan Stanley, he now wants to focus his energies on local community needs.



WALT McCULLOUGH

Walt enjoys spending time with his wife, Mary, their two daughters and five grandchildren, playing tennis and golf, and acting as a beekeeper with his hive of bees.



KAREN ROSS

Karen Ross comes to us with a distinguished background in community service. She is a past president of the Junior League of Palo Alto Mid-Peninsula, past board member at Avenidas, past Chair of

The Board of Trustees at Hidden Villa, and past chair of SCAN (Sports, Cardio-vascular and Wellness Nutritionists), a practice group of The American Dietetic Association.

Karen and her husband, Steve, live on "Christmas Tree Lane" in Palo Alto, and are the parents of two grown children. Karen's hobbies are reading, cooking, walking, and traveling, and she is an enthusiastic fan of Stanford Men's Basketball.

PACF Embarks on a Strategic Plan

Over the last few months PACF has been involved in a strategic planning process to help the board assess our strengths and weaknesses and determine goals for the next few years. Maridel Moulton, a highly experienced consultant in strategic planning and facilitation, is guiding us through this process. All members of the PACF Board, including the Advisory Board, are active participants in this process as

we explore and identify critical issues and plan the desired vision and outcomes for the future of our organization. We expect to have a strategic plan complete and ready to adopt by July 2006. We welcome your feedback and encourage you to send your comments by e-mail to cammie@paloaltocommfund.org.

—Beth Martin & Anne Taylor, Co-Presidents

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2005 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Achievekids
- Adolescent Counseling Services
- AIDS Community Research Consortium
- Charles Armstrong School
- East Palo Alto Children's Day Committee
- East Palo Alto Mural Art Project
- East Palo Alto Senior Center
- Edgewood Center for Children and Families
- Family Connections
- Friends of the Palo Alto Jr. Museum & Zoo
- Hidden Villa
- InnVision the Way Home
- International Institute of San Francisco Serving East Palo Alto
- Kara, Inc.
- Music in the Schools Foundation
- Palo Alto Area American Red Cross
- Palo Alto Community Child Care
- Palo Alto Housing Corporation
- Peninsula Stroke Association
- St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room
- YES Reading
- Youth Community Service