

“Spring”
by Ben Simendinger

The Hope Beat



A Half Note



Spring 2010

Mission Statement

Hope University transforms the lives of adults with developmental disabilities through the arts.



Help us reach our goal of a new building!



Kimmie Nielsen
enjoying our annual
Valentine’s Day Party.

Looking For An Angel

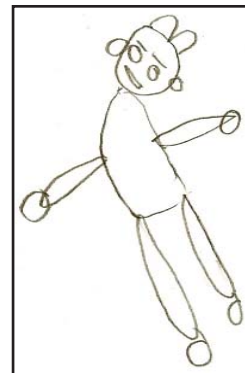
By Janice Reyes, Executive Director

Entering the second quarter of 2010, we continue our mission, in spite of the ongoing economic challenges. As you probably know, our ultimate goal is a facility of our own. For years we have searched available properties, and now we have found an ideal site. The location is close to two freeways and a short walk to public transportation. The overall size, arrangement of the rooms, and parking access is excellent. The asking price of \$1,500,000 is much more within reach than anything else we have seen in the past. A move to a building like this is crucial in our next step towards growth. We currently do not have the funds needed to close the deal, but we are writing grants and exploring every avenue of creative financing to make it work. Now, more than ever, we need an angel to donate to our building fund.

In support of this goal, our own “guardian angels” (Board of Directors) are swiftly moving forward to hire a Fund Development Director who can focus solely on seeking monies for the new facility. We have our down payment, but that is just the tip of the iceberg. Everyone who has bought property knows all the expenses that go into the purchase and maintenance of a building, such as property taxes, fees, the cost of moving, and minor renovations. We have come a long way towards realizing this goal, and with the economy the way it is, now is the time to take quick action.

To further increase our potential to reach this vital objective, we continue to recruit new members because there is much to be accomplished. Although we have been fortunate in the last two years to build our board in numbers, we are still in need of new members who can help us with their expertise and fundraising skills. If you have an interest in being a part of a very exciting time in the growth of Hope University, please give us a call and we will advise you of the process of becoming a board member. We will all be grateful!

We feel very fortunate to have the ongoing support of the families and loyal friends that we have gained over the last 30 years. We move forward with gusto towards a new building and a larger board so that we can continue to transform the lives of those that we serve as we enter our 31st year! And remember, every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings...



“Angel”
by Patty Mount

Hope University Artists Honored

by Laguna Beach Festival of the Arts

By Shelley RuggThorp,
Artistic Director

For the second year, the jurors (art selection committee) from the Laguna Beach Festival of the Arts have been present at the VSA's art selection opportunity to choose artworks for their Junior Art Exhibition. This show features artworks by 300 Orange County students, as well as artworks by adults with disabilities. This year, the Laguna Beach Festival of the Arts jurors were very impressed by our artwork and selected six pieces for inclusion in this special exhibit. In fact, one juror remarked, "You have great artists at Hope University." Artists selected include: Miguel Aldaz, Joanna Buon-Cristiani, Christie Cook, Margaret Kelley and Tamara Grant.

We encourage everyone to visit the exhibition in Laguna Beach to see the work of some of our Hope University artists. The exhibition runs from July 6th – August 31st, and is open from 10a.m. – 11:30p.m. daily. General admission is \$7; \$4 for seniors and students. All general admission tickets to The Festival of Arts are season passes. Patrons are encouraged to make repeat visits. Laguna Beach residents with ID receive free admission, as do children under the age of 12. Laguna Beach Transit provides free trolley service from various parking areas in Laguna Beach (parking is \$7 - \$12 for the day), which makes it very fun and easy to attend.



Linoleum block print by Miguel Aldaz "Arnold as a Bodybuilder" chosen for the Laguna Beach Festival of the Arts.

Fred Mezzo receives recognition for his artwork at the Junior Art Exhibition last year.



Linoleum block print by Tammy Grant "The Simpsons" was selected for the exhibit this year.

Hope University Selected to Provide Music Therapy Internship Program

By Minako Kamimura, Music Therapist

When I was studying to become a music therapist, I had the experience of going through an internship program. I was very fortunate that my experience was not only educational, but very inspiring, instilling in me a passion for music therapy. I was saddened to discover that many music therapy students were not as lucky, and due to their unpleasant experience during their internships, they lost the desire to continue in the practice. This sparked a yearning in me to be able to create a fulfilling internship program here at Hope University, knowing that we could provide a meaningful and enriching experience.

After much hard work over the past few years, attending workshops and putting together a 53-page package detailing our proposed music therapy internship program, the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) has approved Hope University as an internship site for the training of aspiring music therapists. Now that we have been approved, we will be able to provide an internship opportunity to one intern a year for as long as the need exists. There are 19 programs in California that provide this service, and Hope University is proud to join the ranks.

On January 11th of this year, we welcomed our first Music Therapy Intern, Maria Ramey, a graduate of California State University Northridge. Maria is a very warm, diligent and aspiring music therapist. She spends 5 days a week, 8a.m. to 3:30p.m., with the Hope University staff and students. She began by observing classes to get comfortable with the program structure and content. Next she co-facilitated music therapy classes with all 4 of our music therapists, as well as assisting in other classes. Maria's responsibility has increased gradually over time, and now she facilitates music therapy groups independently. In addition to planning and implementing music therapy classes, our intern has other assignments to broaden and challenge her internship experience. They include observation of other music therapy sites, assisting with administrative duties, journaling her experiences, writing book reports, attending staff meetings, and then preparing a final project at the end of the internship. Throughout the 6-month period, the intern works in close contact with me, the music therapy internship director, and our other music therapists. Her presence has already added more creative music and energy to Hope University.

Maria, like all music therapy students, must work hard and put in many hours to earn her Bachelor's degree in music therapy. Upon completion of college course work, a 6-month internship that covers at least 1,040 hours of on-site work experience is required to fully complete her bachelor's degree or equivalency program in Music Therapy. We aim to inspire and train young music therapists like Maria, and help them to gain the experience and confidence to continue serving in this field. We are very excited to have her on board as our first music therapy intern, and look forward to continuing our partnership with her.



Music Therapy Intern, Maria Ramey, works with student Patty Mount during a music therapy session.



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Hope University's 30th
Anniversary Gala

Saturday, May 1st
Crowne Plaza Resort
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Social Hour & Silent Auction begins 5:30p.m.
Dancing to Music by Hi Hopes at 8p.m.

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Linoleum block print
"Mermaid"
by Ron Langlo

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