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From Williams to Doolittle - A New Home for San Leandro's VDC.

It was a huge effort! But with dedication, perseverance and some strong backs, the San Leandro Vocational Development Center (VDC) is now open for business at 14700 Doolittle Drive.

"We had a July 31st deadline to vacate our other building," said Arc Executive Director Ron Luter, "and with lots of help from staff and clients, we made it!"

Check out the names of the individuals who went above-and-beyond-the-call of-duty; they're listed in the left hand column.

While the Arc operates VDCs in Hayward, Union City and Livermore, San Leandro clients work on the bigger packaging jobs, such as the Shasta Beverage contract, so the equipment is larger and more difficult to move.

Loaded onto trucks were; one large automated shrink-wrap machine, a shrink tunnel, two shrink bundling machines used on the Shasta contract, and a large postal scale used to weigh pallets. And of course there were also hundreds of palates, tables, chairs, shelving along with tons of other material.

In time, the Doolittle location will also house the San Leandro SCOPE Program, the new Right Track Program and our administrative staff. Combining operations into one location, rather than two, is expected to save the agency thousands of dollars.

We are working with the San Leandro Chamber to conduct a Ribbon Cutting ceremony. We'll let you know the date and time.



**A Big
High-5!
to Everyone Who
Helped Us Move!**

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Foreman**

**Marcel Lewis
Driver**

**Juan Ramirez
Maintenance**

Clients/Staff Ready for Bowl-a-Thon

The Arc of Alameda County heads to Fremont for this year's Bowl-a-Thon! Some 117 bowlers are registered - at least 50 are clients - to participate in the event on Saturday, August 22nd at Cloverleaf Bowl located at 40645 Fremont Blvd. There will be 5 bowlers per team with trophies going to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Each team bowls two games and every bowler gets a free T-shirt. At the end of the day, there will be the traditional match between managers and members of the Arc's Board of Directors. A spaghetti lunch will be served once the pins stop falling. Check-in at 10 a.m. - bowling starts at 11. Beware of the Union City group (three of whom are pictured above) - they're regulars bowlers at Cloverleaf on Tuesday afternoons and promise to be very tough competitors.



KGO TV Visits Walpert

One of the most popular people at the Vocational Development Center at the Walpert Center in Hayward was interviewed for a Channel 7 news story recently.

Kathryn Logue (pictured with reporter Laura Anthony) is slated to move into one of the two homes being built a short walk from the program center. Kathryn was interviewed regarding the fact that the project, called the Village at Walpert Center, does not have enough funding to provide the necessary supports to ensure that residents are comfortable and safe in their new homes.



ABC 7 reporter, Laura Anthony, discussed the phenomenon of aging parents still taking care of their senior-aged children and the critical need for the homes to open with long-time advocate Jean Rolf and Arc spokesperson, Dick Fitzmaurice.

Anthony also interviewed Julie O'Connor with HomeAid Northern California, the group building the homes at a fraction of the normal cost. Noting that builders and trades people put a lot of time into the project, O'Conner added, "we wanted to make sure the homes open on time and serve the people we want to serve."

Laura Bone, Executive Director of the Village at Walpert Center, told Channel 7 that the homes will be completed this fall and asked the public for help in raising the \$150,000 necessary to operate them.

Ms. Rolf summed up by saying Arc clients "deserve the advantages we all look for; having a comfortable life in their old age."

Wanted: Presentation Opps

The Arc is always looking for opportunities to tell our story. If you're a member of a service club such as Rotary, Kiwanis, or Soroptimist, find out when they need a speaker and we'll be there. Contact Richard Fitzmaurice - his contact information is below.

Dear Reader,

We're in the process of raising approximately \$2,500 to resupply our SCOPE Life Skills Instructors with the educational material they need to get the job done; educational games, art supplies, math and spelling workbooks, etc.

We call it the "Teaching Tubs Project" because each teacher keeps the material in a portable storage container. Make a \$25 contribution (or more) at www.arcalameda.org. Click on the "Donate" button. Additional details about the program are there, too.

Thanks,

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