



Winter 2017

Lighting the pathways that lead to home

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"THE STAR STILL KEPT HOPING THAT ONE YEAR THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT. DEEP DOWN, THE STAR KNEW IT HAD A GREATER PURPOSE THAN THIS."

There is a children's book titled, *A Christmas Star's Wish*, by James Gordy. This is a story of a star that sits on a store shelf year after year waiting to be bought. With aspirations of being a beloved decoration on somebody's tree, this simple star watches as all the "latest and greatest decorations fly off the shelf." Yet this star still remains hopeful. One day, a "kind-hearted girl sees great potential for the plain and simple star and pleads with her mother to make the purchase." When they bring the star home, it comes to life and turns into a beautiful piece of art work--a lovely story of patience, hope, ability and love. Thank you for bringing STAR into your home and recognizing our greater purpose. Thank you for your faith--it helped make so many things possible this past year. Thank you for your hope--it helped make many things

work. Thank you for your love--it helped make a lovely life for the residents of the STAR Homes.

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS, OUR DEDICATED STAFF, OUR VOLUNTEERS; TO ALL THE



FOUNDATIONS, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY GROUPS; TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS; AND TO ALL YOU INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO SUPPORT OUR RESIDENTS IN SO MANY WAYS. AND TO OUR RESIDENTS WHO MAKE US SMILE, WHO INSPIRE US, AND WHO PUT LOVE IN OUR HEARTS EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR, THANK YOU!!

WISHING ALL OF YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND THE HAPPIEST AND BRIGHTEST OF NEW YEARS AS WE RING IN 2018 AND OUR NEW CHALLENGES--WHICH INCLUDE THE PLANNING OF A STAR HOUSE 4. WE HOPE YOU WILL BE THERE TO ACCOMPANY US ON THIS NEW JOURNEY.

Wine Tasting Island Style

Thank you to everyone who supported **Wine Tasting Island Style** on Oct. 8th. STAR is happy to report that we made a profit of \$34,000.00 !!!

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And to all of you who contributed to this event in so many different ways, we thank you for your kindness and generosity. It took each and every one of you to make this fundraiser a success !!

Congratulations to the Raffle Winners:
Grand Prize Winner: Cathy Magdarilla
Second Prize Winner: Ed Sakaguchi
Third Prize Winner: Elyssa McFarlin



MAHALO TO THOSE WHO MADE OUR "MYSTERY WINE GRAB" AND SILENT AUCTION POSSIBLE





This year STAR lost someone who meant so much to all of us, Helen Scalabrini. Her loving nature, her heart of gold--we have such memories of her that we will treasure always. All of us at STAR wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Helen's family and friends. Thank you to the Scalabrini Family for remembering STAR during this difficult time with requests for memorial donations in Helen's memory.



Ben & Helen Scalabrini

One might say that Helen's home was actually the first STAR House. She and her husband, Ben, were dedicated to STAR from the very first time they were introduced. They had a passion for STAR's mission and a love for the residents.

Helen opened her heart and her home to STAR. Helen's home became STAR's home as she offered a space for a STAR Office, This place has been the hub of STAR for so very many years. The meetings, the phone calls, the decisions, the dilemmas---so many of the chapters of the STAR story began and ended in her home filled with love, compassion, and determination to succeed for those beloved residents.

STAR is proud to announce that because Helen and Ben have served the STAR community with a sense of humor, kindness, energy, and graciousness which has enriched the lives of the residents of the STAR houses, STAR House 1 is re-dedicated as the Ben and Helen Scalabrini House as we recognize their contributions with great affection, admiration and appreciation.



Ben & Helen's Children:
Pamela Scalabrini-Broderick
Lori Scalabrini-Blackwell
Gary Scalabrini

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Check out the Palos Verdes Resale Thrift Shop
2321 Pacific Coast Hwy,
Lomita, CA 90717

(between Crenshaw Blvd and Narbonne Ave)

310-534-1722
And while you are there, please think about representing STAR as a volunteer!! Contact STAR for details.

STAR now accepts donations via PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to complete this transaction. Please go to our website: star-homes.org and click on "DONATE" for more information! Thank you for your support.



Philanthropy is often an important aspect of estate planning. Your legal & financial advisors can help you develop and implement strategies that take advantage of tax benefits while supporting STAR. Creating your legacy is a way to honor your life and benefit future generations of those within the intellectual and developmental disabilities community who will be depending on STAR to aid them in their life's journey.

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A Special Gift Is Enclosed



This ornament is a gift from the STAR House residents as their way of saying *Thank You* for all your support.

The holiday season is the perfect time to show our loved ones how much we care by making a contribution in honor of or in memory of someone special as a gift this holiday season.

Remembering When . . .



In the early years of STAR, sisters Alice Jones and Sylvia Bacca created and designed the first ornament as a token of appreciation for our friends and supporters. For many years thereafter, Sylvia and her husband, Jack, produced and donated the ornaments each year in honor of their nephew, Michael, Alice's son, who was one of the first STAR House residents.

