

WHAT'S UP? GREATER OPPORTUNITIES

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Who's new at GO?

Executive Director - Craig King

Craig joined GO as its new Executive Director starting September 4. Craig brings over 25 years' experience in managing disability services, and this is his third stint as non-profit CEO. He comments that: "It is my great pleasure to be selected by the Board of Directors to lead the team at Greater Opportunities. In my first weeks it has been delightful to meet our 109 consumers and 55 staff, and to become part of an organization that has promoted the independence of people with disabilities for 29 years. A warmly welcoming family atmosphere at GO is shown in the heart-felt caring and dedication of our talented staff, and the smiles of our consumers who are learning skills and living independently in the community.

My priorities as the new ED are to build GO's capacities to meet evolving needs, and to promote the organization's presence and support in the community. We are recruiting new Board members to strengthen governance, fundraising, building a new website, and state-of-the-art practices in our Independent Living, Supported Living, and Day Services Programs. It's a fun and exciting opportunity to work at GO."



Director of Operations - Anthony Rowe

Anthony has hit the ground running as Director of Operations at GO, bringing with him years of experience in community-based day program development and operational management at Employment and Community Options. Anthony is a charismatic team leader who radiates a good-humored sense of humor and takes initiative to do *whatever* needs to be done.



Summer Camp 2012

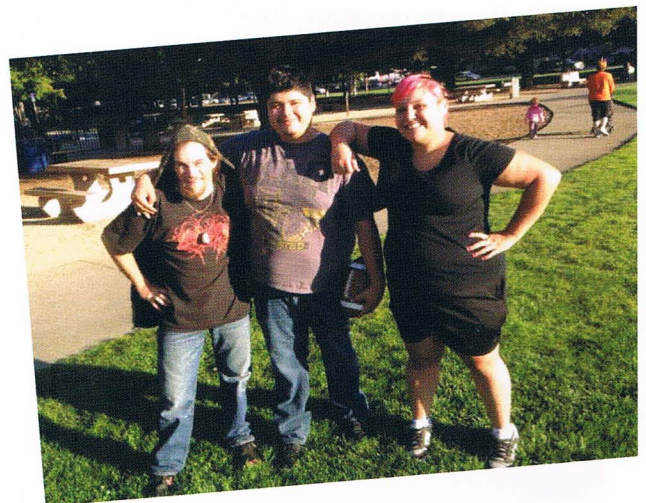


A grand time was had by all at this year's annual GO Summer Camp. Eighteen consumers and seven staff camped for five days at Del Valle Regional Park. Led by camp director/ILS Coordinator extraordinaire Cliff Bishop, participants had fun learning how to set up and maintain their tents, swimming in the reservoir, fishing, driving a pontoon boat, cooking and serving delicious Mexican dinners and pancakes for breakfast, chopping firewood and cooking smores on the campfire, telling scary ghost stories and disco dancing.



Bar B Que

It was party time on September 19 at the annual GO Bar B Que at Washington Park in Sunnyvale. Hot dogs and hamburgers for a buck? What a deal! Everybody enjoyed touch football, basketball and catching up on the latest gossip!



Program Updates

Day Program Services.

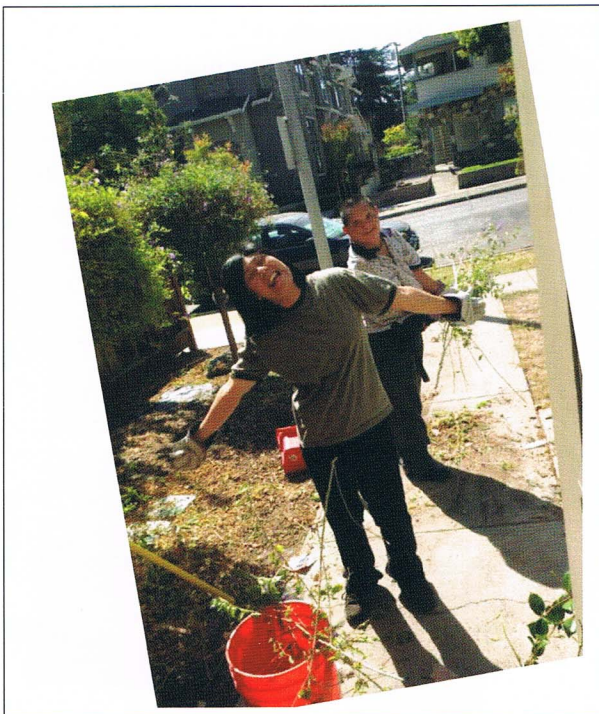
Building renovations will soon be under way at GO's Day Services Program at 2842 Story Road, San Jose. Building improvements will meet new code requirements and cosmetic changes will provide a colorful, bright face to the program.

Supported Living Services

Go Consumers with the greatest needs receive on-going, in-home support from GO SLS staff to maintain their independence in the community. Services are tailored to the need of the individual and may range from a few hours to a week 24/7 for persons with multiple impairments.

Independent Living Services

160 GO consumers live independently in apartments throughout Santa Clara County. The six-unit Cortez Street building in Sunnyvale owned and operated by GO provides transitional housing and hosts ILS classes taught three hours per day, four days per week. Topics include cooking, nutrition, anger management, money management, bargain shopping, laundry and housekeeping and much more.



Upcoming Events

Halloween Party!!

GO's annual Halloween Parties are coming frighteningly soon on October 31, at the GO Day Services Program 2842 Story Road, San Jose 11-2PM. And the Cortez apartments 1215 Cortez Dr., Sunnyvale 4-7PM. Come one, come all and show off your costume (trick or treat!)



Thanksgiving Time!

Once again it's that time of year when we all get together to give "Thanks" to the people in our lives, our families, friends, and neighbors. It's also time to carve the pumpkin, roast the turkey and watch the ball game or the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Have a safe Thanksgiving!!!

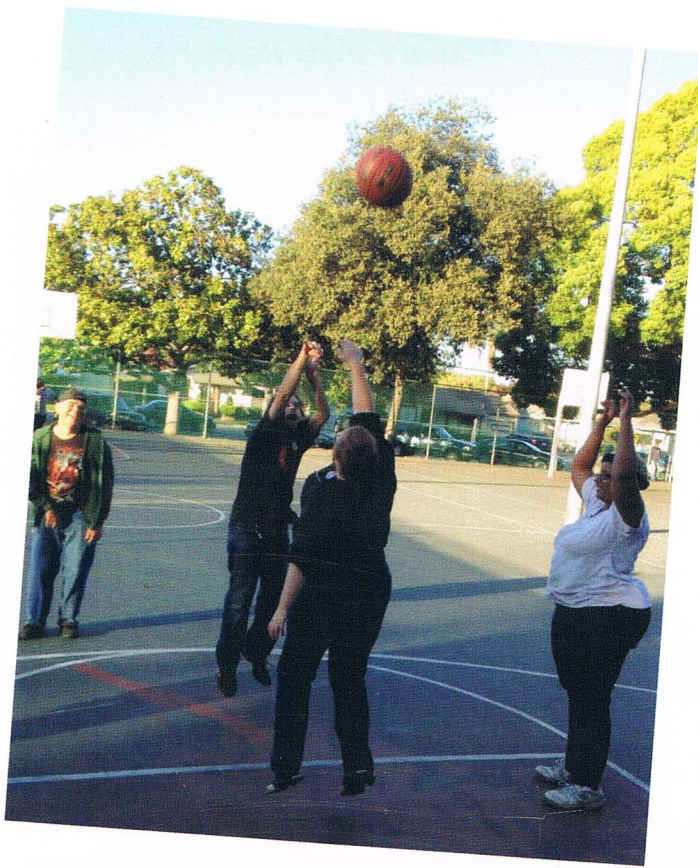


Holiday Party!

GO Holiday revelers will be gathering at the San Jose Airport Garden Hotel on Thursday December 13, 2012, from 6:00-10:00 PM. Last year 200 participants enjoyed a delicious meal and festivities including an awards ceremony, and a slide show.

This year's event promises more fun and good cheer. Happy Holidays!





Help GO participants reach
their potential!

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- ❖ Volunteers, tools and supplies to replace the lawn and sprinkler system and plant new trees at the Cortez transitional housing program.
- ❖ Volunteers and supplies for interior painting, and donations of new vinyl-covered chairs for the Day Program.
- ❖ Join the GO Board of Directors.
- ❖ Give generously – we love donors at GO!

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