

the ANTHESIS BULLETIN

JUNE 2019

A MONTHLY UPDATE OF PARTICIPANT HAPPENINGS

Going Out and About



ANTHESIS DELIVERS LETTERS TO STATE LEGISLATURES ASKING THEM TO “KEEP THE PROMISE”

In May, a group of program participants and staff were able to deliver over 200 advocacy letters from all of our programs to the offices of Senator Connie Leyva and Assemblyman Freddie Rodriguez. Supporters of services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities got serious this year about demanding funding relief from our legislators and the governor’s office as they worked through the final phases of the 2019-20 California State budget. Our participants and staff attended a rally in Los Angeles, they signed the advocacy letter and made phone calls to bring attention to the dire need for additional funding for programs like Anthesis throughout the State. Our efforts were successful, as an 8% average funding increase was included in the budget this year. This is a great relief but not enough to stabilize the funding system and we will continue to advocate for implementation of the Rate Study that was presented to the Legislature in March. Everyone associated with Anthesis is doing their civic duty and fighting for their fair share of funding.



Put your hands together for the best fans on the planet! ADC! ADC! ADC! Last month, American Idol Top 3 contestant, Alejandro Aranda visited Downtown Claremont. As soon as we heard, we pressed our markers to all the poster boards we could get! Instructor Nicole M. and Raquel T. made it their mission for their groups of program participants to meet him. Our very own Bethany D. got a high five from Alejandro himself and the two groups even made it to the local news showing off their amazing neon signs while cheering their hearts out for their American Idol pick!



Inland Empire (IE) Aktion Club supports Operation Community Cares (OCC)! After months of raising funds to purchase toiletry items and making personal ‘Thank you cards’, Mike Petry, CEO from OCC, visited our club as a guest speaker and received the abundant donation. Mike invited IE Aktion Club to OCC Pack Day, which was held on Saturday, May 18th. The Aktion Club members were able to pack care packages for soldiers, as well as making it personal by submitting family names. This was certainly a memorable service project!



Cal Polys ‘Spring on the Farm’ Strawberry Patch Festival was without a doubt a berry fantastic day! Filled with gardening activities, learning to get friendly with farm animals, and even hand picking our own strawberries, our participants learned what being a farmer is all about. Barbara E. was determined to fill her basket to the top, then she didn’t want to stop. Program participants and senior companions absolutely did not want their joyful day on the farm to come to an end, but definitely came back with the sweetest pick of the patch.

Power of the Flower Family Fun Festival



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
NEW LOCATION:
AYALA PARK IN CHINO, CA

WORD SEARCH

G S D F I M E R R R
 Y F U M A C J E G O
 Z C R P I M E L I N
 W X A V P T I L K R
 T L R C N O M L R E
 C E B U O Z R H Y V
 S Y L L Q V E T I O
 J O Z E J H D D S G
 V A Y A L A P A R K
 Y W W R A C T I O N
 O S Y N U O K B F G
 L A V I T S E F V M
 Y K S N Y G K X T W

ACTION	GOVERNOR
ADVOCACY	LEARNING
AYALA PARK	SERVICE
FAMILY	SUPPORTS
FESTIVAL	VOLUNTEER

Upcoming Events



STARS & STRIPES DANCE
 Friday, July 12th
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

FALL SPORTS GALORE
 Friday, September 6th
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

WESTERN HOEDOWN DANCE
 Friday, August 2nd
 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

POWER OF THE FLOWER FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL
 Saturday, October 5th
 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Getting A Closer Look

INTERVIEW WITH SAMUEL J.

How is IECBS different from other programs that you have attended?

I get to go out in the community and volunteer. I get to meet other people. I've gotten to go whale watching and take an Amazon tour.

What do you like the most about IECBS?

Volunteering. My favorite place to volunteer is the community center. My favorite task is serving food.

What have you gained from this program?

Learning new things everyday.

What are you hoping to gain from this program?

Get a job with UPS or at a supermarket, like Albertson's or Stater Bros.



Samuel J. is a participant in our Integrated Employment Community-Based Support Program.



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