



VILLA ESPERANZA SERVICES

*Where Hope is Hard at Work for Individuals
with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities*

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A GOLD-MEDAL DAY OF HOPE FOR VILLA ESPERANZA SERVICES

SUPPORTING CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND SENIORS WITH INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DIFFERENCES

SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA – *October 15, 2024*– Villa Esperanza Services held their 37th Annual Tournament of Hope on Monday, September 23rd. The Olympics-themed golf tournament brought over 150 golfers and guests together at the podium-worthy San Gabriel Country Club for a victorious event, and raised over \$190,000 for Villa’s children, adults, and seniors with intellectual/developmental differences.

Golfers enjoyed a golden day of golf followed by cocktail hour with an array of raffle items and opportunity prize of \$2,000 cash. The atmosphere for dinner was enhanced by creative gold medal centerpieces, each featuring the face of a different Villa participant. This unique design showcased the true champions of the Villa, celebrating their remarkable achievements. The dinner program was emceed by former Spanish language radio host for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and longtime Villa supporter, Jorge Jarrin. Highlights of the program featured a powerful speech from Hugo Nuño, Chair of Villa’s Board of Directors. Hugo brought his brother Senen, a Villa Dimensions program participant, on stage to share how Villa has positively impacted the Nuño family and improved Senen’s daily life.

Villa is grateful to all of our supporters, especially our event sponsors: The Goodspeed Family; Ernie Posey and The Sloan Family; Pillsbury and Whittier Trust; CIT Commercial Services, Marion and Scott Darling, Dip Dip, Driver SPG, First Foundation Bank, Gallagher Risk Management, Goehner Accountancy, IMA, Practice, Stone Tapert Insurance Services, Wrapper USA, and Kelly White. Thank you to Tournament Event Committee Co-Chairs Debbie Meymarian and Chuck Tapert and Event Committee members Joseph Chen, Walter Ching, Marion Darling, Brij Lal, Nadia Lee, Mary Marasco, Paul Marks, Bill Waller, and Jamen Wurm.

Villa Esperanza Services, established in 1961, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing love, care, and hope for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families. We create a transformative environment to empower neurodivergent children, adults, and seniors to reach their fullest potential and lead fulfilling lives.

For children, our services include The Villa School, the Hjelte-Phillips Speech and Language Center, an Occupational Therapy Clinic, and Behavioral Therapy. For adults, we provide “Person-Centered” services, including Adult Day Programs, a Community Integration Program, Employment Services, and our Residential Program, which includes group homes and an Independent Living Skills Program.

At Villa, we are passionate advocates working to forge pathways to a lifetime of independence and hope for people with special needs. To learn more about Villa, visit www.VillaES.org.

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