Making a Difference

Board Member Susy Duggins with her reading protégé Keyona Wilson
“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”
— Edith Wharton

President George H. W. Bush put forward an idea in 1988, based on the phrase “a thousand points of light,” as a way of encouraging individual contributions to our communities. I’ve always loved the visual image that President Bush invoked in that inaugural address. That image becomes much more real each day at Lena Pope Home when I have the opportunity to witness the incredible impact that our volunteers have in our mission.

In some cases, our volunteers are “the candle” by demonstrating to others how to make a difference in a child’s life – much like the example of Lena Pope Home Board member Frosty Tempel and his family (see page 10). In other cases, our volunteers are more like the “mirror that reflects” the light such as the weekly dedication of another Board member Susy Duggins who can be counted on to be there every week for our students at Chapel Hill Academy (see page 4). Whether the candle or the mirror that reflects it, these board members and the hundreds of other volunteers like them are bright, shining examples for our kids.

I am sometimes asked by friends in the community how one volunteer can really make a difference. I often think about the scene in the Harry Potter film after the death of Professor Dumbledore when the staff and students all raise their wands to the sky. Each wand creates only a tiny spot of light but together they create a vast sea of light illuminating the darkness. In much the same way, each Lena Pope Home volunteer is but one light but, together, they create a vast light illuminating the way for our kids toward hope, happiness and success.

I hope the stories in this edition of LEGACY will inspire you to add your light to our army of volunteers — either as a candle or the mirror that reflects it.

All the best,

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**Get ‘em ready!**

On the first day of school, some Lena Pope Home students come with little more than a pencil. While you and your family are doing your own back-to-school shopping, would you consider throwing a few more items in your basket? Please call 817-255-2648 for donation details.

- Uniform Clothing (Pre-K to Grade 8: navy, khaki, or blue denim pants and white or navy collared shirts)
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- Erasers: pencil top and large
- Rulers: with centimeters and inches
- Scientific and graphing calculators
- Protractors and compasses
- Crayons

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Susy Duggins joined the Lena Pope Home Board of Directors in 1985, and has been a faithful supporter ever since. Even while raising twin boys with her husband, LPH Foundation Board Member Ralph Duggins, Susy has made serving the children and families of Lena Pope Home a priority for the last 26 years.

It was during a recent Program Committee meeting that Susy learned of a volunteer opportunity at Chapel Hill Academy that was right up her alley. While most students are on or well above their grade level in their reading ability, there are a few who have started their elementary school years behind. To help them, CHA staff members were asking for volunteers to come tutor these students once a week throughout the school year. With full support and guidance from Chapel Hill Academy’s certified teachers, these volunteers are provided a specific remediation plan tailored to each individual student’s needs. The ability to read is empowering. Statistics have shown that if a child is not able to read by the time they are in the 3rd grade, they will struggle through the rest of their education. With several students needing assistance, it made perfect sense for Susy to roll up her sleeves and take on the role of “reading teacher.”

“For the last five years,” Susy explained, “I’ve been a substitute teacher at Reading Friends near Camp Bowie Boulevard. This program gets kids reading when they are two and three years old.” With hands-on experience under her belt, Susy was able to begin tutoring two Second Grade students at Chapel Hill Academy, a boy named Anthony and a girl named Keyona.
“Ms. Duggins,” as her new students call her, began with the basics, using reading flash cards with the simplest of words, then moving Anthony and Keyona through more challenging exercises. The ultimate goal, of course, is to have each child read from a book, cover-to-cover, on their own. To accomplish this, Susy spent time getting to know them and chose books that would capture their imaginations and ambitions. For example, Anthony loves baseball, so he picked out a book about Satchel Paige, one of America’s greatest African American pitchers who helped the Cleveland Indians win the pennant in 1948.

“Starting off was a process for us. We had to establish our routines and learning habits,” Susy said. “I really didn’t realize how far behind a few of these students were until I visited a Kindergarten class,” Susy explained. “With a little extra effort by volunteers, we can help them get on a positive path that they can maintain for the rest of their lives,” she said. Anthony, who was held back a grade at his previous school, now says that he’s reading every day. “When I first met Ms. Duggins, I asked her if she could help me read better,” he said.

Susy’s weekly, 45-minute sessions with her two students yields slow but steady progress. “I wish we were further along, but these two have certainly gotten better,” she said. “When other students are asking if they can come too, that makes me feel like I’m making a difference.”

Susy concluded, “Anyone who can commit to this process on a regular basis will get out of it as much as the children do. It’s not everyday that you can help change a child’s life.”

If you would like to join Susy Duggins as a Chapel Hill Academy Reading Tutor, please call Marilyn Sammons at 817-255-2606, or email her at msammons@lenapopehome.org
Could Joe Garcia have possibly imagined after opening his small family restaurant in 1935 that thousands of people would still be enjoying his gardens 75 years later? Could it have crossed his mind that his descendants would carry on his legacy by sharing the picturesque patio for 32 years to help children and families in this community? Lena Pope Home is so grateful to the Garcia-Lancarte family for their continued support, presenting the 32nd Fiesta de Oro in April.

Though a typical spring hail storm threatened early, the cool evening could not have been lovelier. Our sincere thanks to co-chairs Janey Korth and Lauren Pavell, the hardworking event committee, dedicated sponsors, friendly volunteers, generous auction donors and the family and staff of Joe T. Garcia’s.

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Fiesta co-chairs Lauren Pavell and Janey Korth

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Thank you to Leslie Hunt and Amy Shineman for co-chairing this year’s delectable Sweethearts Dessert Fantasy on March 20. With a room full of fantastic confections, it was a difficult decision whether to sample every ounce of sugar and chocolate decadence, or enjoy the incredible eye candy of the Fantasy Cakes.

A record crowd enjoyed the lovely Fort Worth Club’s twelfth floor, and the judges agreed that the restaurant and pastry chefs had really outdone themselves this time. Our thanks to Calloway’s Nursery for once again presenting this special evening. We also appreciate the many sponsors who mean so much to every event, the incredibly talented chefs and artists, and the always faithful Sweetheart committee and volunteers.
A Great Granddaughter’s Wedding

“SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW...”

Before Erin and Andrew signed the contract to have their wedding ceremony at a chapel near the Four Seasons in Dallas, they knew that there was something missing — they just were not 100-percent certain it was the perfect place for their wedding ceremony. Erin’s mom and dad, knowing of the couple’s hesitation, continued to search for other locations. One day, Erin’s dad, John Aldrich suggested that they consider the Marty Leonard Community Chapel in Fort Worth. “After all, it is on the grounds of Lena Pope Home and your great grandmother, Mom Pope, would have been so happy for you,” said Aldrich.

Once Erin and Andrew saw the beautiful chapel architecture, they were certain that this was the perfect place. Erin had heard stories all her life from her father of the many happy days he spent with his grandmother on and around the grounds of Lena Pope Home. With her family legacy, and the fact that Andrew’s career in and passion for helping students in need find success through education, the choice was very clear.

Erin and Andrew are now Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shean, and the couple is living in San Diego. There is no doubt that Mom Pope would have been proud to have been a part of her great granddaughter’s most special day. Like Mom Pope, Erin has a natural drive to offer her best at all times. An accomplished Olympian, her favorite advice is “The harder you work, the luckier you get.” More than likely, Lena Pope would have agreed.

Staff Milestones

Congratulations to our dedicated Lena Pope Home staff members who have reached their service milestones of five, ten and 15 years.

Bottom row left to right: Carl Pollard, Dana Robinson, Andrew Mack, Erin Kaufmann, Andres Valdez

Top row left to right: Andre Sykes, Bernard Pereira, Cruz Rodriguez
Rooftop Rock

Summertime in Texas is all about good barbeque, good music and good company. Guests at the third annual Rooftop Rock got to enjoy all three, set against the backdrop of the Fort Worth skyline at dusk.

Local band The Beat Daddies kicked off the night with some Texas rock n’ roll and were followed by Texas Country artist and headliner, the Bart Crow Band. In between the two bands, the Young Professional Advocates (YPAs) held a first-time live auction to raise funds for much-needed items at Chapel Hill Academy. Some of the items included a High Definition Document Projection System, Media Lab Electronics, and TIME Magazine for Kids subscriptions.

Every year Rooftop Rock brings people the Fort Worth community together to enjoy an entertaining night in downtown, all while benefitting the efforts of Lena Pope Home’s charter school. Many thanks to the YPAs for hosting such a spectacular event. Event co-chairs Deirdre Goodman and Brandon Waits, along with their dynamic committee, seamlessly coordinated this year’s festivities, and we appreciate their hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank our sponsors, volunteers, and donors who made Rooftop Rock a night to remember.
“Are you giving money away and not paying attention to how it is used?” asked the book I was reading. The author was suggesting that philanthropy can be done in many ways, offering several different suggestions for supporting charities. My wife Sarah and I wanted to focus our giving and model to our daughters what philanthropy means to us: to give of our time, talents and treasures. What traits and characteristics are important to our family of the charities we support? We took an inventory of how much money we were donating to the organizations we supported. We realized we were giving to many organizations without knowing how our funds were being used and understanding of each charity’s focus.

We both knew that one of our priorities was to help children and families in need, but how do you select from the dozens of local not-for-profit organizations?

Lena Pope Home is one of the organizations we have supported for a number of years. We found that it was a perfect fit for our new approach. Lena Pope Home has changed so much in its 80 plus years; from being an orphanage to foster care, to alternative education and counseling. Lena Pope Home doesn’t just provide programs and hope for better results. They research the best practices being used in the nation, searching for “evidence-based practices” that have been proven to work. They implement improved techniques and measure their outcomes. We appreciate Lena Pope Home’s ability to change and adapt, to new problems and issues the community is facing, but also the way they execute their business in order to be as successful as possible.

We have seen the commitment of the staff and volunteers at Lena Pope Home. People go above and beyond their jobs to help children and families in the community. We’ve seen the organization eliminate one of their legacy programs in foster care for a new focus on early childhood education. The research and studies over the last 20 years are pointing to that being the best and most productive way to impact children’s lives.

Lena Pope Home continues to provide a wide range of counseling services and work with the juvenile justice systems and has embarked on a research-based charter school program. Thoughtful, purposeful change in our ever changing world has become a hallmark of Lena Pope Home.

It was a natural extension of our “inventory” that certain philanthropies would be included in our estate planning. Lena Pope Home was first on our list. We want to make sure that our children knew, that as our lives here came to a close, that we wanted to “pass it on” to other families. Our commitment to help our community be a better place doesn’t end, but continues to live on after us. We wanted to make sure we had continuity in our estate plan: that it reflected what our life statement was to begin with. Philanthropy is a cornerstone of a life well lived. Consider leaving some part, or all, of your estate to a charity that you trust and believe can further your goals after you are gone.
YPA Fun & Games

The Young Professional Advocates may have had more fun than the kids by hosting “A Minute to Win It” at Chapel Hill Academy’s Family Math and Science Night! Congratulations to all the winners!

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- Reservations are required—call your favorite participating restaurant and ask for Restaurant Week reservations. Seating is limited, so don’t delay! Beverages, tax and gratuity are not included in the $35 price. For additional information, visit our website at www.lenapopehome.org.

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Calendar of Events

For information about Lena Pope Home’s Special Events call 817-255-2616, or visit www.lenapopehome.org

| August 15–21 | KRLD Restaurant Week, presented by Central Market |
| September 4 | Angela Stanford Foundation Let Your Light Shine Golf Tournament |
| September 14 | Community Connect Luncheon, Marty Leonard Community Chapel, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. |
| October 7 | 18th Lena Pope Home Nike® Golf Classic — Hawks Creek Golf Club |

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The Marty Leonard Community Chapel is available for anyone seeking a spiritual refuge while on Lena Pope Home’s campus. Contact the Chapel Coordinator at 817-255-2576 for information regarding weddings, concerts and other scheduled events. Chapel visitors are welcome Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the second and fourth Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.