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Dear Friends,

Fall is here, with Thanksgiving around the corner, and we have so very much to be thankful for as 2011 rolls to a close: our new Silver Center, up and operating, so many volunteers and sponsors, and a home full of motivated women who are working hard to get their lives back.



There is a lot of work going on here at WISEPlace, and a very serious agenda - but there is also laughter, and joy in the little things, and overriding feelings of hope and optimism in what the future holds for our residents.

We thank you for that, because it is your caring, your giving and volunteering, that makes WISEPlace what it is; a helping hand and a beacon of hope for women in need of both.

I hope to greet each of you personally this year at our annual *A Home For The Holidays* Gala. If that is not possible, know that we wish you good cheer and good health as we head toward the holiday season - and that we appreciate, more than you know, your unwavering support and encouragement.

Cordially,

Kathleen Davis Bowman

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Feeling Social?



A Home for the Holidays 2011

It is that time again, the 12th Annual A Home for the Holidays Gala will dazzle its guests Saturday, November 5th! Reception, exciting Live auction, gourmet dinner, opportunity drawing and much more!

Spend a lovely evening with your friends and purchase a [table for 8 or 10 today!](#) (individual tickets also available for purchase) OR try your luck at the [opportunity drawing!](#)

You won't want to miss our LIVE Auction! Here is a sample:

- * Professional design services and \$5,000 of custom furniture from Bassett Home Furnishings
- * 1 week in a [Donner Lake](#) Luxury Vacation Home that sleeps 15!
- * Honda Center Luxury Suite for the concert or event of the winner's choice in 2012
- * Off-Road Race car adventure with winning race car driver and instructor, Mike Bilek
- * 4 nights/ 5 days stay at Exclusive Resorts Luxury Destination (*locations pending)



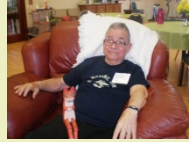
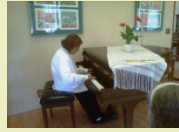
For more information, or to **place a bid by proxy**, please contact Terri Galvan at (714) 542-3653 x 22 or via e-mail at tgalvan@wiseplace.org

Our Silver Center at Work

The Silver Center at WISEPlace, providing quality care to the area's elderly, is now open on a limited basis and ready to grow. Participating seniors and their families are thrilled to have this local resource, and we are thrilled to be able to provide it.



For information, please refer families with a need for senior daycare to Silver Center Director Cecilia Chavez at 714-542-3577 or cchavez@wiseplacesilvercenter.org



Working Wonders for WISEPlace

Nearly 100 guests enjoyed a musical poolside lunch and raised almost \$6,500 for WISEPlace's Steps to Independence Program recently, when our Working Wonders for WISEPlace Guild hosted their third annual 'For the Love of WISEPlace Jazz Brunch' at the home of Mike and Lucy Peak in Nellie Gail Ranch.



Catered by Newport Harbor Catering, the event included a moving talk by WISEPlace graduate Dicky Mares and the upbeat jazz sounds of Yve Evans and The Peak Experience Ensemble - a 'way cool' group featuring composer and arranger Mike Peak, pianist Ron Kobayoshi, saxophonist Carol Chaikin, and drummer Kendall Kay.

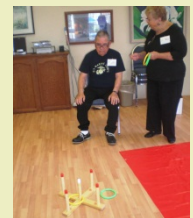


Thanks to the Guild and to our wonderful supporters for endorsing our mission to house and support women in our community who are working hard to change their lives for the better.

Volunteer Spotlight & Opportunities

This season, we are proud to honor Maeva Hutter, a dedicated WISEPlace volunteer and a member of The Ebell Society of the Santa Ana Valley.

Maeva became involved with WISEPlace through a philanthropic section called The Wise Thing To Do - women who support our vision by providing a Thanksgiving dinner, a summer Bingo party, and special treats for our residents on other holidays. Currently, they are also working hard to help redecorate the bedrooms here at WISEPlace.



In addition, Maeva and her niece, Brittney, have been volunteering in the Silver Center two days a week. Maeva and Barbara Wood, both Ebell members also volunteer weekly in our office. The women at WISEPlace so appreciate the support of volunteers like these, and the generous contributions of our good friends at the Ebell Society.

No matter your interests, there are so many ways you can [volunteer](#) and help the women at WISEPlace. Please check out our Fall opportunities flyer to see how you can help:

Love all of the details that make a great party?

Help us set up for, or work the evening of, our biggest event of the year. *A Home for the Holidays* is November 5th with our set up day scheduled for November 4th.

Have skills to share?

Help teach life skills like health, employment readiness, budgeting, career development on Wednesday evenings at WISEPlace.

Like to talk?

Be a WISEPlace ambassador by presenting introductory programs to let groups throughout Orange County know who we are and how they can help.

Email Geo Sanchez at gsanchez@wiseplace.org to volunteer your time and talents.