



CHRIS SELAK AND MICROSOFT TO BE HONORED AT THE HELP GROUP'S TEDDY BEAR BALL

Tuesday, March 20th, 2018 at The Beverly Hilton



Chris Selak

The Help Group is pleased to announce that Chris Selak, Executive Vice President and Head of Worldwide Scripted Television at Lionsgate, will be the recipient of its 2018 *Help Humanitarian Award* for her wonderful humanitarian spirit and commitment to giving back. As a parent of a child on the autism spectrum, Chris understands how important it is for children to have access to opportunities that enable them to realize their fullest potential.

That same evening, The Help Group will present its *Corporate Philanthropy Award* to Microsoft. Celeste Alleyne, Director, US Citizenship & Public Affairs, Microsoft, will accept the award on Microsoft's behalf. Celeste has been a strong voice in support of our young people, and The Help Group's efforts on their behalf.

Both awards will be presented at the 20th Annual Teddy Bear Ball on Tuesday, March 20th at The Beverly Hilton Hotel International Ballroom.

Chris is a media veteran who has shepherded several critically acclaimed and award-winning shows through development to series for Lionsgate including the ground-breaking *Orange is the New Black* for Netflix; the fan favorite *Nashville* on CMT and Hulu; the hit drama series *The Royals* for E!; and the Golden Globe® nominated *Casual* for Hulu.

Building on Lionsgate's legacy of iconic series, Chris has also expanded Lionsgate output, scope and range of scripted programming. This includes the breakout success *Greenleaf* for OWN, the critically-acclaimed *Dear White People* for Netflix, the political comedy *Graves* for EPIX, *Nightcap* for POP, the

3-hour special event *Dirty Dancing* for ABC, *Manhunt: Unabomber* for Discovery Channel, *White Famous* for Showtime, and *Step Up* for YouTube Red.

Microsoft will be recognized for its dedication to helping young people with special needs achieve their dreams by providing grants that increase their access to technology and help them acquire skillsets relevant to the 21st century workplace. To date, Microsoft has awarded The Help Group four generous product grants valued at \$2,400,000. The most recent product grant awarded – *Youth Achieving More Through the Power of Technology* – promotes student digital literacy, learning, achievement and preparation for post-secondary education or vocational workplace opportunities.



Microsoft
Celeste M. Alleyne

Through its philanthropic initiatives, Microsoft has opened new doors of opportunity for our young people – especially in the areas of computer science and STEM. The Help Group is proud to be a member of Microsoft's global community.

The Teddy Bear Ball is attended by several hundred prominent entertainment and community leaders. This annual gala is a celebration of the beauty and potential of the children whose lives are touched by the spirit of giving that is at the heart of the Teddy Bear Ball.

For sponsorships, reservations and additional event information, please contact Julie Hirschberg at 818.779.5212, or visit our website at www.thehelpgroup.org.

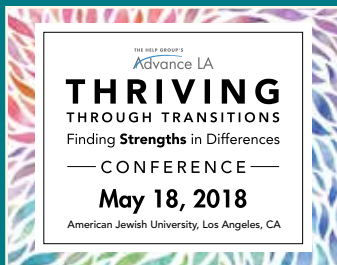
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GOLF CLASSIC HONORING JAY BORZI



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A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS

We're delighted to share this winter edition of the HelpLine with you. Here are a few highlights of our Help Group happenings.

At this year's Teddy Bear Ball on March 20th, we will present our *Help Humanitarian Award* to

Chris Selak, Executive Vice President and Head of World Wide Scripted Television at Lionsgate. We will present our *Corporate Philanthropy Award* to Microsoft.

Our 26th Annual Keyes for Kids Teddy Bear Golf Classic on September 25th honoring Jay Borzi was a record-breaking, over-the-top success. We thank all involved for their tremendous commitment, energy and support.

Throughout the month of December, our longstanding philanthropic partner, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf®, hosted its annual Holiday Giving Campaign in support of our children. And, on December 9th, our Holiday Carnival brought the joy of the season to hundreds of families in need.

The Help Group held its 21st Annual Summit on Autism, Learning Disabilities, and ADHD at the Skirball Cultural Center in October. The conference convened 25 of our nation's leading experts to present their latest research and clinical expertise to nearly 500 parents and professionals.

In November, fine-art photographer and physician, Dr. Richard Ehrlich and Dr. Barbara Firestone, presented their book – *Faces of Promise: Looking Beyond Autism* – at the UCLA/LACMA Conference On Art, Neuroscience, and Psychiatry.

We are most grateful to our community of friends whose spirit of philanthropy touches the lives of so many children whom we serve each year.

Best regards,

Gary H. Carmona ~ Dr. Barbara Firestone

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26TH ANNUAL KEYES FOR KIDS TEDDY BEAR GOLF CLAS

The Help Group's 26th Annual *Keyes for Kids Teddy Bear Golf Classic* honoring Jay Borzi was held on September 25th at the Valencia Country Club. The event was truly an over-the-top, record-breaking success.

After a fantastic day on the greens, The Help Group presented the *Help Fore Children Humanitarian Award* to Jay at the Lockton Insurance Awards Reception in recognition of his remarkable commitment to giving back. Jay serves as Senior Managing Director of Eastdil Secured and has had an outstanding career as a successful commercial real estate investment broker. He and his wife Carol have such a tremendous spirit of philanthropy, which is an important family value.

This year's Co-Chairs included Phil Belling, Managing Principal and Co-Founder of LBA Realty; John Brady, Managing Director & Portfolio Manager for Oaktree Capital Management and 2013 Golf honoree; Victor Coleman, Chairman & CEO and 2002 Golf honoree, Hudson Pacific Properties; Warren de Haan, Founder & Managing Partner, Acore Capital; Jonathan Firestone, Managing Director, Eastdil Secured; Michael Hackman, Founder & CEO, Hackman Capital; Jonathan Klein, Managing Director at Fortress Investment Group; Michael May, Senior Managing Director at CCRE and 2015 Golf honoree; Michael Rosenfeld, Founder & CEO of Woodridge Capital Partners and 2011 Golf honoree; Jesse Sharf, Partner in the Century City office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and Co-Chair of the firm's Real Estate Department and 2009 Golf honoree; Steve Silk, Managing Director, Eastdil Secured; Judd Swarzman, Judd Swarzman & Associates and Help Group Board Member; Howard Tenenbaum, Vice President of Keyes Automotive Group & Help Group Board Executive Vice Chair; Michael Van Konyenburg, President, Eastdil Secured and 2006 Golf honoree, and Jeffrey Worthe, President, Worthe Real Estate Group.



1. Dr. Barbara Firestone, Carol Borzi, Jonathan Firestone, Jeff Worthe, Jay Borzi, Phil Belling, Steve Silk 2. Jay Borzi, Jonathan Firestone 3. Steve Silk, 6. The Team From Keyes 7. Jay Borzi, Michael Hackman, Jonathan Firestone 8. Michael May 9. Michael Hackman 10. Warren DeHaan 15. Tom Komp, Dr. Susan Berman 16. Student Speaker Nancy 17. Dr. Barbara Firestone, Sara Borzi, Caitlin Borzi Stetson, Carol Borzi, Jay Borzi

SIC SALUTES JAY BORZI – A RECORD-BREAKING SUCCESS



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Gary H. Carmona, Chairman of the Board, and Dr. Barbara Firestone, Help Group President & CEO, commemorated the reception with opening remarks. Jesse Sharf joined the stage to help emcee the program and introduce The Help Group Choir.

After the choir's special performance, Jesse welcomed Michael Hackman to the podium to lead a fun and spirited auction with items generously donated by AJ Capital Partners, Jeff Worthe of Worthe Real Estate Group, Jay Borzi, and Keyes Automotive Group.



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Golf Classic Chair, Jonathan Firestone, and Warren de Haan, the 2016 *Help Fore Children Humanitarian Award* recipient, welcomed Jay to the stage to honor his humanitarian spirit. Jonathan congratulated his longtime friend, mentor, and colleague, and spoke fondly of Jay's enduring commitment to helping young people with special needs realize their potential.

In his acceptance remarks, Jay thanked The Help Group for the honor, as well as his family, friends, and colleagues for all of their support.



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Jay shared, "It was an incredible experience to visit The Help Group's campus. It's an amazing place that makes a difference every day for so many kids."

Dr. Firestone thanked Jay for having such a special place in his heart for the children and families of The Help Group, and announced the naming of the Borzi Family Conference Center at The Help Group's Sherman Oaks campus.



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"We salute Jay for his commitment to caring and for being a friend to our children and to our organization. On behalf of The Help Group and the families we serve, I want to thank you," said Dr. Firestone.

Our many thanks and appreciation to the Borzi Family, Keyes Automotive Group, Lockton Insurance, our golf chairs, sponsors and donors who helped make the 26th annual Golf Classic an unforgettable day.

Sue Silk, Jay Borzi, Carol Borzi 4. Jeff Worthe, Victor Coleman, Phil Belling, Jay Borzi 5. Michael Rosenfeld, John Brady, Jonathan Klein 11. Jonathan Firestone 12. Dr. Barbara Firestone, Jesse Sharf 13. Jay Borzi, Gary Carmona 14. Jonathan Firestone, Jay Borzi 18. Jay Borzi and The Help Group Choir

FACES OF PROMISE PRESENTED AT THE UCLA/LACMA CONFERENCE ON ART, NEUROSCIENCE, AND PSYCHIATRY

Highly acclaimed fine art photographer and physician, Dr. Richard Ehrlich and Dr. Barbara Firestone presented their collaboration, *Faces of Promise: Looking Beyond Autism*, at the The UCLA Conference on Art, Neuroscience, Psychiatry – a joint initiative of The Semel Institute at UCLA and LACMA. The conference took place November 9 – 11 at the UCLA Luskin Conference Center and brought together a transdisciplinary faculty of neuroscientists, artists, academics, and psychiatrists for dialogue exploring contemporary social issues and science/art collaboration.

Faces of Promise, a beautifully designed photo essay book, was presented during the *Art and Autism symposium*. *Faces of Promise* had its beginnings when Dr. Ehrlich approached Dr. Firestone with an idea to contribute to the acceptance of children with autism through his photography. Utilizing large-format Polaroid and digital photography he captured, in portraiture, the essence and beauty of these children.

Dr. Firestone shared, “We decided that this book should include young people across the spectrum, from preschool to young adulthood, whose families are from all walks of life and are culturally and ethnically diverse. I suggested to Rick that, in addition to his photographs, it would be meaningful to accompany the images with thoughts from the parents, and sometimes from the young people themselves.”

To conclude the presentation, video excerpts of one of the parent interviews was shown. A mother poignantly spoke about the dignity and promise of her child that reflected the message at the heart of *Faces of Promise*.

Dr. Ehrlich and Dr. Firestone thank conference Co-Chairs, Dr. Andrew Leuchter, Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Science, Director of the Neuromodulation Division, and Senior Research Scientist at the Semel Institute at UCLA, and Dr. Britt Salvesen, Department Head and Curator, Wallis Annenberg Photography Department and the Department of Prints and Drawings, LACMA, for the opportunity to participate in such an informative and thought-provoking conference.



Dr. Richard Ehrlich, Dr. Barbara Firestone and Conference Co-chairs Dr. Britt Salvesen and Dr. Andrew Leuchter



Dr. Richard Ehrlich & Dr. Barbara Firestone



After the presentation, conference attendees were invited to a cocktail reception that featured artwork from *Faces of Promise*.

FACES OF PROMISE BOOK SIGNING AT CLASSIC PHOTOGRAPHS LOS ANGELES AT THE ROSE GALLERY - BERGAMOT ART CENTER SANTA MONICA

Dr. Barbara Firestone and Dr. Richard Ehrlich signed copies of their book *Faces of Promise: Looking Beyond Autism* at *Classic Photographs Los Angeles* on Sunday, February 4th at the Rose Gallery - Bergamot Art Center in Santa Monica.

Faces of Promise, widely recognized as a “masterwork” and recipient of numerous accolades, was met with enthusiasm by gallery attendees for its beautiful photographs and poignant reflections highlighting the promise of young people on the autism spectrum.

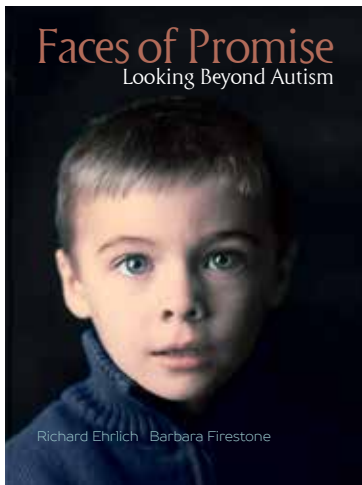
Over the past nine years, *Classic Photographs Los Angeles* has established itself as the premier west coast destination for discovering and buying the best in vintage, modern and contemporary photography. Exhibitors at *Classic Photographs Los Angeles* are internationally known for the quality of work they present, as well as their expertise. The works span the history of photography. The open camaraderie between exhibitors, collectors, curators, educators and students, all part of a vibrant community of photo enthusiasts, was welcoming to all.



(L-R) Dr. Richard Ehrlich, Dr. Barbara Firestone, Rose Shoshana, Rose Gallery Owner, Lisa Rozati, Director of Special Projects at The Help Group

“It was a pleasure for Rose Gallery to host the *Faces of Promise* book signing. The powerful portraits by Dr. Richard Ehrlich convey such a strong range of emotions, and when paired with the texts and work by Dr. Barbara Firestone, the children’s stories come to life,” said Rose Shoshana of Rose Gallery.

“Our thanks to Rose Shoshana for hosting such a wonderful afternoon. Rick and I are so grateful to her for sharing the message of *Faces of Promise* with the thriving Los Angeles arts community,” said Dr. Firestone.



Here are a few brief excerpts of praise for *Faces of Promise*

“This inspiring reflection and deeply moving book is a work of art that reveals the beauty and diversity of our humanity.” Louis A. Vismara, MD - UC Davis MIND Institute Co-Founder, Autism Advocate & Parent

“By looking beyond the stereotypes often associated with the autistic spectrum, it reveals with exquisite imagery and prose, the beauty and challenge that is life itself.” Peter C. Whybrow, MD - Director, UCLA Semel Institute

*“This extraordinary volume is breathtaking in both sheer beauty and the power of its message... *Faces of Promise - Looking Beyond Autism* will move you and fill you with a deep appreciation for what is uniquely human in us all.”* Robert M. Bilder, PhD, ABPP-CN - Tennenbaum Family Professor of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences and Psychology at UCLA

“...the gorgeous photos and moving text of this masterwork epitomize the underlying humanity of these youth, and their families.” Stephen Hinshaw, PhD - Professor of Psychology, UC Berkeley; Professor of Psychiatry, UC San Francisco

“Barbara Firestone and Richard Ehrlich have created an important contribution of heart and compassion that presents a uniquely authentic voice to those with autism and their families.” Robert E. Accordini, MD - US Founder Music For Autism - Chief of Psychiatry & Behavioral Health at CareMore Health

“My husband and I are so touched that Barbara Firestone sees in our children the very elements we hope everyone will see in them, as does Richard Ehrlich in his soulful portraits.” Hilary Kip - Parent

“...it is in the artistic presentation of this book that we are given an invitation to truly see these children, to feel them and experience their beauty.” Malissa Feruzzi Shriver - Executive Director, Turnaround Arts California

“Providing hope is key. Have a look, and prepare to be inspired.” Gary Cole - Actor, Autism Advocate & Parent

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For every purchase of a one pound bag of Holiday Blend Coffee, Holiday Blend Coffee sold in single-serve capsules, a Winter Dream Tea® tin, and Winter Dream Tea® sold in single-serve capsules, The Coffee Bean donated \$1 to The Help Group. This wonderful holiday program ran from November 27th to December 31st.

Starting on December 18th, patrons were given the opportunity to select and sign seasonal wall decorations and make a \$1 or \$5 donation to support The Help Group. These personally inscribed decorations adorned the walls of each store, and one-hundred percent of all donations went directly to The Help Group. The holiday campaign filled The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf® stores with cheer.

"The Help Group is most grateful to The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® for its ongoing commitment to our efforts on behalf of children with special needs and their families. These holiday campaigns demonstrate the true spirit of the season," said Dr. Barbara Firestone.



The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® Baristas with Bradley Shahine, Director of Public Affairs, The Help Group



HULU VOLUNTEERS BEAUTIFY THE CULVER CITY CAMPUS



The Help Group was delighted to welcome volunteers from Hulu's Give Back Program to our Culver City campus this summer.

Hulu employees, known as "Hulugans," graciously spent their Saturday beautifying The Help Group Culver City campus. They did an array of projects that included planting flowers, building and painting new lunch tables, assembling portable libraries and more.

The mission of Hulu's Give Back program is to offer service, support innovative programs, provide inspiration to youth in local communities through mentorship and STEAM education advocacy. Hulu believes their identity should not only be their digital footprint, but what they do after they shut down their computers. To help facilitate projects on Saturday, Hulu was aided by L.A. Works – a nonprofit, volunteer action center that creates and implements hands-on community service projects.

Julie Steele, Manager of Internal Communications and Corporate Social Responsibility at Hulu, remarked, "Thank you to everyone at The Help Group and L.A. Works for coordinating such a meaningful day of service for our Hulugans. It is a privilege to give back to an organization that makes such a positive impact on our community and touches the lives of so many. We hope that, in some small way, we've made the school year a little brighter for your students, faculty and staff. We wish everyone at The Help Group the very best as you embark on the coming school year."

"The 30 Hulu volunteers were fantastic on Saturday! With their enthusiasm and hard work, they really brightened the campus for the kids returning to school the following Monday." said Dr. Barbara Firestone.




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SUMMIT 2017 BRINGS TOGETHER LEADERS IN

On Friday, October 13th and Saturday, October 14th at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, The Help Group's Summit convened nearly 500 guests and 25 leading experts at the forefront of their fields in autism, learning disabilities, and ADHD and presented cutting edge research and evidence-based best practices. To kick off the Summit, Dr. Barbara Firestone welcomed guests, acknowledged distinguished presenters, and recognized the conference sponsors: NBC4, LA Parent, First 5 California, and First 5 LA.

Dr. Firestone served as Summit Chair with Co-Chairs Dr. Peter Whybrow, Director of UCLA's Semel Institute, and Dr. Robert M. Bilder, Chief of Medical Psychology and Neuropsychology and Director of the Tennenbaum Center for the Biology of Creativity at UCLA's Semel Intitute.

The Summit featured 21 sessions, including keynote presentations from Dr. Lonnie Zwaigenbaum on *Pushing the Boundaries of Early Diagnosis of Autism*; from Dr. Stephen Hinshaw on *The Latest ADHD Findings - Especially in Girls and Women* and insights from his latest book *Another Kind of Madness: A Journey Through the Stigma and Hope of Mental Illness*; and from Dr. Jack Fletcher on *Understanding Dyslexia and Its Implications for Identification and Treatment*. John Elder Robison gave a thought-provoking special presentation entitled *Life with Autism: A Different Perspective*, and followed his talk with a workshop entitled *The Challenge and Opportunity of Neurodiversity: A Community Approach*.

At the luncheon proceedings Dr. Firestone, joined by Co-Chair Dr. Bilder, reflected on the history of Summit. The conference is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Paul Satz,



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who established it 21 years ago with Dr. Firestone. Dr. Bilder remarked, "At the UCLA Semel Institute, Dr. Whybrow and myself take great pride in the Summit and in our innovative partnerships with The Help Group, and look forward to many more productive years."



Dr. Bilder also took an opportunity to announce the recent publication of *Faces of Promise: Looking Beyond Autism*, and said, "It is a remarkable collaboration between fine art photographer and physician Dr. Richard Ehrlich, who has a gift for capturing profound emotion in visual images, and Dr. Firestone, who has been a true champion of children with autism and their families."



Dr. Susan Berman, Help Group COO, presented The Help Group's *Champion For Children Award* to Raytheon in appreciation of its ongoing commitment to STEM education and diversity.



"Raytheon has provided enriching opportunities, mentorships, and advanced technology for The Help Group's STEM³ Academy – the first of its kind in the United States," Dr. Berman shared, "We are most grateful to Raytheon for providing young people with the opportunity to excel in STEM related pursuits."

Accepting on behalf of Raytheon was John H. McAlpine Jr., CCP, Senior Manager, Physical Security, HR & Security, SAS ES Security Management – Space and Airborne Systems, and Allison Chouinard, HR Generalist- Contracts and Finance Space and Airborne Systems.

Many thanks to our outstanding group of Summit presenters for sharing their important work and invaluable knowledge with us.

1. Dr. Barbara Firestone, Dr. Peter Whybrow 2. Dr. Robert Bilder 3. Dr. Jack Fletcher 4. Dr. Lonnie Zwaigenbaum 5. Dr. Barbara Firestone, Dr. Stephen Hinshaw 6. Dr. Maja J. Mataric 7. Dr. Barbara Firestone, John H. McAlpine Jr., CCP, Dr. Susan Berman, Allison Chouinard 8. Dr. Mirella Dapretto 9. John Elder Robison 10. Dr. Shafali Jeste 11. Dr. Lisa Aziz-Zadeh 12. Dr. Penelope Collins 13. Dr. Lorie Humphrey 14. Dr. Jason Bolton, Tom Komp, LCSW 15. Lois Jean Brady 16. Dr. Ty Vernon 17. Dr. Donna Werling 18. Pamela Clark, MA, Dr. Josh Mandelberg 19. Dr. Marian Williams 20. Amanda Tyree, MA 21. Dr. Steven Lee, Dr. Karen Enyedy 22. David Ewart, Dr. Ellis Crasnow, Dr. Amy Griffiths, Gray Benoist, Sr. 23. Dr. Alissa Ellis

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CARNIVAL BRINGS JOY TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEED



On Saturday, December 9th, The Help Group hosted its Holiday Carnival to make the season extra bright for hundreds of children and families served by The Help Group's Family-Centered Support Programs, Mental Health & Clinical Programs and Residential Services.

Longtime Help Group supporter Hasbro continued its tradition of donating toys and games to the Carnival so that every child could take home a wrapped present. Young people from the Kids Like Me club I.a. program and Advance LA helped pass out presents to all the children attending the Carnival. The major sponsors of the day included The Zenith, Hasbro, Firestone Family, Monkmarsh Family, Nu Color Printing, and The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® who served holiday beverages.

The Help Group's Sherman Oaks campus was transformed into a winter wonderland wherein guests enjoyed a joyful afternoon of games, rides, food, arts and crafts, face painting, and an unforgettable visit with Santa Claus. This annual holiday event benefits families from economically disadvantaged circumstances.

"The Holiday Carnival is truly a special time for all the families served by The Help Group. Our heartfelt thanks to the sponsors and over 100 volunteers who made this day so wonderful for the children and their families," said Dr. Barbara Firestone.



Left to Right: Help Group Board Vice Chair and CFO Barry Nagoshiner and his wife Peggy; Rochelle Carmona; Susan Berk, Help Group Board Director; Gary H. Carmona, Chairman of the Board; Mike Berk; Dr. Susan Berman, Help Group COO



THE HELP GROUP'S STEM³ ACADEMY HOSTED 2ND ANNUAL VERY SPECIAL INNOVATION FAIR



(L-R) Dr. Susan Berman Help Group COO, Pamela Clark, Director of Autism Schools at The Help Group, Dr. Diane Flannery, Senior Director of Design & Strategy at The Help Group

On Saturday, November 4th, The Help Group's STEM³ Academy held its second annual *Very Special Innovation Fair*, equal parts science fair, high-tech exhibition, art show, and community carnival, at the STEM³ Academy Valley Glen campus.



VERY SPECIAL INNOVATION FAIR 2017



The free event was a family-friendly celebration of talent, imagination, and discovery from young STEM enthusiasts, as well as some of the region's innovative companies. This year's event drew a big crowd – with 500+ in attendance.



Dr. Ellis Crasnow, Director, STEM³ Academy and STEM Education at The Help Group, with Innovation Fair Attendees

Inspired in part by the Maker Movement, the event had specific areas geared toward grade school, middle school, and high school ages and interests. In each area, there were interactive opportunities for young people and families to build things, get involved in experiments and demonstrations, and take various gadgets for a 'test drive.'

The *Very Special Innovation Fair* allowed hundreds of attendees to have a first-person experience in a range of STEM-related fields, including rocketry, robotics, 3D printing and production, virtual reality, and others.



STEM³ Academy hosted the fair to help people learn about the exciting things happening in STEM and how it's playing an increasing role in fields as diverse as manufacturing, medicine, design, and entertainment, among others.

According to Dr. Susan Berman, COO of The Help Group, "We're focused on developing strategies and fun programming for young people that encourage a passion for STEM. Our first *Very Special Innovation Fair* proved successful. It's a chance to show the community what is happening in STEM and how our young people can prepare to take these areas to an exciting new level in the future."

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Founded in 1975, The Help Group is the largest, most innovative and comprehensive nonprofit of its kind in the United States serving children, adolescents and young adults with special needs related to autism spectrum disorder, learning disabilities, ADHD, developmental delays and emotional challenges.

The Help Group's ten specialized day schools offer pre-K through high school programs for more than 1,600 students. Its broad range of mental health and therapy services and residential programs extend its reach to more than 6,000 children and their families each year. With more than 1,000 staff members, The Help Group's state-of-the-art schools and programs are located on five campuses in the Los Angeles area.

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ABOUT THE HELP GROUP

The Help Group is dedicated to the education, treatment and outreach of children, adolescents and young adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other special needs

SPECIALIZED DAY SCHOOLS

*Our Newest School...*STEM³ Academy provides an innovative and rigorous K-12 curriculum for students with social and learning differences, including autism, who have a passion for STEM fields and may benefit from experiential learning approaches. **

*With a 98% college acceptance rate...*Summit View School is a college-preparatory program for students with learning differences who possess average to above-average intellectual capabilities.*

Village Glen School is a college preparatory program that serves students K-12 with high-functioning autism and challenges in the areas of socialization, language development and peer relations. The Pace Program offers honors and AP classes for gifted students. The Beacon Program provides additional positive behavior support for students with behavioral challenges.*

Young Learners Preschool uses an evidence-based and interdisciplinary approach to intensive early intervention for children ages 2.9 to 5 with autism spectrum disorder.

Bridgeport School provides basic skills education, community based instruction and vocational training, for students ages 5 to 22 with mild to moderate cognitive delays and challenges with social communication and/or language development.

Bridgeport Vocational Education Center is for young adults with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental differences, ages 18 to 22, providing vocational skills training, including supported job placements.

Sunrise School is a functional life skills program serving students ages 5 to 22 with moderate to severe cognitive delays associated with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities.

The Help Group's Westview is a college preparatory program for students with mild emotional issues, ADHD and learning differences.

The Help Group's North Hills Prep offers a college preparatory curriculum while supporting students with social emotional challenges.*

The Help Group's Parkhill School is an intensive therapeutic program serving children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral challenges.

*A WASC accredited school

**WASC accreditation in process

MENTAL HEALTH & CLINICAL PROGRAMS

These programs provide a continuum of comprehensive outpatient services for children and families, including assessment; individual, family and group therapy; case management; psychiatric services; parenting groups; in-home counseling; school-based mental health counseling; REACH - after-school day rehabilitation; Stepping Stones - an intensive day treatment for children ages 3 to 5 and therapeutic behavioral services. Wraparound is an innovative program designed to maintain at-risk children in their homes and avoid placement in institutions or other restrictive settings.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER PROGRAMS

The Help Group Center for Autism Spectrum Disorder features multidisciplinary assessment, consultation, intervention, family support groups, as well as seminars for parents and professionals.

Paws and Pals for Kids with Autism is a volunteer-supported pet intervention program designed to engage young people with social and communication challenges.

RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Kids Like Me provides after-school enrichment, social skills groups and day camps designed specifically for children and adolescents with ASD and other developmental challenges. Teens on the Go is a travel camp for young people with ASD. club I.a. TEEN provides a supported social network for teens with ASD.

VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Community Employment Program assists adolescents and young adults with social-emotional and/or mental health challenges with the special guidance, skills and support needed to obtain and maintain successful employment.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Project Six is a therapeutic boarding option for teens ages 13 to 17 with Asperger's Disorder, ASD, mood and anxiety disorders, and learning differences.

Project Six Adult Residential Program provides community-based group homes for adults with developmental disabilities.

18 + PROGRAMS

Advance LA provides one-on-one life skills coaching for teens and young adults with unique challenges in their transition to independence.

Live. Advance. LA. offers a supported living experience on a college campus for young adults ages 18 to 29 who are learning the skills needed to transition to independence.

club I.a. facilitates activities for young adults designed to enhance social skills, meet people with similar interests and develop long-lasting friendships.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Doctoral Psychology Internships are full-time APA accredited internships in Health Service Psychology

Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellowships in Pediatric Neuropsychological Assessment and in Autism Evaluation and Treatment

Clinical Practicum Training for Psychology, Social Work, and MFT Art Therapy trainees

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Help Group – UCLA Neuropsychology Program providing neuropsychological assessments and consultations

The Help Group – UCLA Autism Alliance dedicated to evidence-based best practices in ASD diagnosis, intervention and treatment

The Help Group – USC Occupational Science Initiative dedicated to developing evidence-based programs for children with ASD

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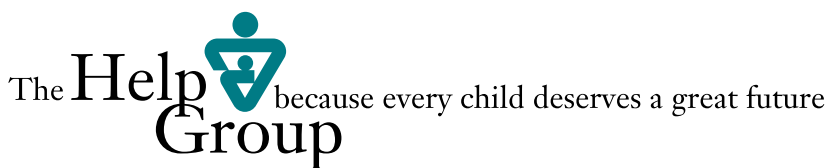
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Founded in 1975, The Help Group is the largest, most innovative and comprehensive nonprofit of its kind in the United States serving children, adolescents and young adults with special needs related to autism spectrum disorder, learning disabilities, ADHD, developmental delays and emotional challenges.

The Help Group's ten specialized day schools offer pre-K through high school programs for more than 1,600 students. Its broad range of mental health and therapy services and residential programs extends its reach to more than 6,000 children and their families each year. With more than 1,000 staff members, The Help Group's state-of-the-art schools and programs are located on five campuses in the Los Angeles area.

The Help Group is widely regarded for its high standards of excellence, unique scope and breadth of services. Through its public awareness, professional training and parent education programs and efforts at the state and national levels, The Help Group touches the lives of young people with special needs across the country and in other parts of the world.

At the heart of its efforts is the commitment to helping young people fulfill their potential to lead positive, productive and rewarding lives.

Schools

Village Glen School · Bridgeport School · Bridgeport Vocational Education Center · Sunrise School
 Young Learners Preschool · STEM³ Academy
 Summit View School · Westview · North Hills Prep · Parkhill School

Programs

The Help Group - UCLA Autism Alliance · The Help Group - UCLA Neuropsychology Program
 The Help Group - USC Occupational Science Initiative · Advance LA · Project Six/The Commons
 Kids Like Me Recreational Programs & Camps · club l.a./club l.a. TEEN
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UPCOMING EVENTS



The Help Group's Teddy Bear Ball
 The Beverly Hilton Hotel
 Tuesday, March 20, 2018



Resource Fair
 The Help Group Autism Center
 Sunday, April 8, 2018



Music for Autism
 The Help Group Autism Center
 Sunday, April 15, 2018



Advance LA Conference: Thriving Through Transitions
 American Jewish University
 Friday, May 18, 2018



Festival of Arts
 Santa Monica Art Studios
 Sunday, May 20, 2018



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