


2017 SHOWCASE AWARD WINNERS

A HEART TO SERVE


ROCKPORT HEALTHCARE SERVICES



Each month, residents with dementia, strokes, vision impairment and many other physical or cognitive challenges prepare a meal and serve men, women and children at local homeless shelters and soup kitchens throughout California. More than 60 skilled nursing facilities and 1,000 residents are currently participating in their local communities. The goal of the ongoing event is to show each resident with “A Heart to Serve” can still make a contribution to their community, feel needed and have a reason to get out of bed. The program helps residents discover that they remain a valued part of society and can contribute to a cause. It has allowed them to re-discover the joy of having someone genuinely say, “thank you.”

LITTLE MUNCHKINS' DAY


ARARAT NURSING FACILITY



Day shift employees and visitors were invited to bring their children and grandchildren to the facility to play and spend time with residents. More than 70 children participated. The day included entertainment and balloon play with a clown, dance classes from an instructor, nutritious snacks and a fun lunch. Older children read to the residents and spent time with them in small groups. The goal of the event was to bring a sense of spontaneity, excitement, and fun to the lives of the residents through the presence of children and to acclimate children to older adults with disabilities. As a result, more children are now visiting the facility in addition to attendees asking about volunteer opportunities.

INTERNATIONAL BUFFET

HEALTHCARE CENTRE OF FRESNO



The facility hosted a buffet fundraiser to raise money for the families of the Marjaree Mason Center. MMC is a local organization dedicated to assisting women and children who have been victims of domestic violence and abuse. The buffet consisted of the facility's team putting together an array of specialty dishes native to their respective ethnicities in celebration of diversity. There were dishes from Persia, Japan, Mexico, Italy and East India to name a few. About 200 people, including family, friends, vendors and healthcare partners attended. The goal of the event was to raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for the children residing at the MMC.