Hi Friends!

Happy Holidays! I hope your Thanksgiving was all it should be. I know my colleagues at PathPoint share my gratitude for the part that you play in enhancing the lives of our participants with disabilities and disadvantages and their families all throughout the year.

This has been a truly happy year for PathPoint- we have maintained our mission to support our individuals in living their best lives possible, we see growth and change at PathPoint on a daily basis, and we celebrated 50 years as an organization with plenty of joyful and reflective celebrations.

As we do every year, we will be mailing a letter to everyone in our extended family asking you to consider a year-end donation to PathPoint in this season of sharing. Thank you for all of your support during our milestone 50th year; may this year and every year bring you a lot to be thankful for.

Sincerely,

Cindy Burton
PathPoint CEO/President

A Proclamation for Santa Barbara

PathPoint was honored by the City of Santa Barbara and given a proclamation for our accomplishments and 50 years of service:

I, Helene Schneider, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby congratulate PathPoint on their 50th ANNIVERSARY and call upon the people of Santa Barbara to celebrate with programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting the full participation of individuals with disabilities and disadvantages in all aspects of community life.
Spreading Holiday Cheer in Bakersfield

Every year during the holiday season, Daniel Tipton assists with Home Depot’s Santa's workshop in their Bakersfield store. He builds the workshop from the ground up, and is so great at assembling the workshop, that the workshop has become his unofficial job every year. Once the workshop is complete, Daniel dresses as Santa and brings holiday cheer to the store!

A visit from friends at Kmart
Discoveries program participants Marcela, Cynthia, Marcellina and Davyka visited former program participant, now Kmart employee, Robyn while on her work shift. Robyn was proud to show off her department and describe her job responsibilities. Robyn is currently working as a **Soft Lines Merchandiser** at Kmart in Long Beach.

Touring Fire Station 106

PathPoint’s ACCESS program in Chatsworth had a fun and educational tour at **Fire Station 106**. The firefighters showed participants the ins and outs of the station, including where they sleep, eat, relax and exercise. The firefighters gave a tour inside of the fire engine, and participants were given the opportunity to try out the fire hose!

PathPoint Staff Spotlight: John Hoyer

John, a Marriage and Family Therapy intern, holds two different positions in the Behavioral Health Division: he is a Paths to Recovery Case Manager for part of the week and a Residential Support Services Specialist for the other days. While John provides first-rate support to all of his clients, he is also known for his athletic lifestyle and particularly his soccer playing and coaching in his spare time. Every Thursday he wears a Soccer jersey from a different international team to honor this undying passion. With winter coming however, John’s time-off will be split between sliding in the muddy soccer fields and flying down the snowboarding slopes.

Hope, Stop, Reinvigorate

Holiday Pot Luck
December 23
11:30 am - 12:30 pm
PathPoint
1406 Obispo Ave.
Long Beach, CA

Kern County

Kern Regional Center Board of Directors Meeting
December 2
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Kern Regional Center
3200 N Sillect Ave. Malibu Room
Bakersfield, CA

Area Board 8 Meeting
December 10
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Central Valley Regional Center
4615 North Marty
Fresno, CA

VOICED meeting
December 11
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
NAPD
2601 F St.
Bakersfield, CA

Vendor Advisory Meeting
December 23
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Kern Regional Center
3200 North Sillect Ave
Bakersfield, CA

Behavioral Health Division

Behavioral Health Division Holiday Tea Party
December 16
10:00am
Bradley Studios

Winter Holiday Party
December 18
1:00 pm
El Carrillo

Winter Holiday Party
December 19
12:00 pm
Artisan Court

Ongoing Events:

Healthy Living on a Budget
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
10:00 am
Bradley Studios
Shared Community Event
Tuesdays
4:00 pm
The Lanterman Coalition, consisting of the 19 statewide organizations of the California Developmental Services system (of which PathPoint is a part), has urged the Brown administration to stop the current state of collapse of our system before the harm to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families becomes irreparable. We told the governor that the IDD system must have a 10% increase to stop the current crisis from continuing to escalate and to begin to stabilize the community system.

You can learn more, and become involved and engaged on social media, [here](#). Thanks for your support!

**PathPoint in the News**

**Montecito Journal: "A Half Century Later"**

**Lompoc Record: "PathPoint Will Honor Outstanding Success Story"**

**Santa Maria Times: "PathPoint"**

**Support PathPoint in your Holiday Shopping!**

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[Bookmark this link](#) and support us every time you shop!

**Gratefulness trees from the seasonal art group members of PathPoint’s Behavioral Health Division:**