

## Founder's Perspective:



Myrtle Faye Rumph

### Dear Friends:

*Years ago, my late husband and I determined that the only way I could devote myself full-time to the children in our community was to sell our home. It was a difficult decision, but I have been buoyed over the years by so many of you who have invested in our kids.*

*Our "return on investment" has been outstanding. The Wooten Center is an oasis where more than 500 children have found a safe environment that shields them from gangs and provides resources to help them succeed. Over the past three years, each high school senior that has attended the Center has graduated and entered college. Our tutoring program has grown to serve more than 30 youths, and nearly 50 children receive computer instruction each week. Our youths visit museums, concerts and local universities, and find leadership opportunities. And particularly satisfying, this year we made a substantial down payment on our building!*

*With your help, we have accomplished much in 13 years. But we still face many challenges. I invite you to visit our children, to see the lives that you are nurturing and to see how your investment is paying off. I also hope you will continue your crucial support. Our Wooten family wishes each of you and your families a warm and wonderful holiday season.*

## Record Number of Golfers Raise Nearly \$100,000

The largest contingent ever – 134 golfers – attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Wooten Golf Classic at the California Country Club in Whittier, and along with our major sponsors, helped raise \$97,000 for the Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center.

A Wooten Center thanks goes to our major sponsors, who included: **Wind Dancer Productions, John & Evelyn Lapham, Magtek, Inc; Tom McKissick, Choja, Inc; Occidental Petroleum Corp; KTLA Charities, and JMP Securities, Inc.** Thank you for your support!

Golfers competed in a scramble format, and enjoyed a BBQ lunch on the course and a sit-down dinner buffet at



*Co-First Place Winners: Matchframe Video, l-r: Paul Burraston, Mark Knell, Larry Mazzeo and George Francisco.*



*Co-First Place Winners: The Woodland Company, from l-r: Doug Soloman, Kevin McCarthy, Lyle Maul and Hubert Gesser.*

the Awards Ceremony and Auction. Teams sponsored by **Match Frame Video** and **The Woodland Group** tied for first place. At the auction, winning bidders walked away with a Glen Ivy spa getaway, Jet Blue airline tickets, a Desert Hot Springs vacation, Lakers and Clippers tickets, a Jerry Rice autographed football and much more.

Additional thanks to the Wooten Center Board of Directors for arranging the tournament, with special kudos to Wooten Center Board Chairperson Ron Glass, Executive Director Linda Broadous Miles, Golf Classic Chairperson Larry Franklin, and Silent Auction coordinators Barbara Clark, Jennifer Byram and Pearlene Ross-White.

See you next year!

## Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Cen- ter

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## Ahmanson Foundation Provides \$50K for Building Purchase

The **Ahmanson Foundation**, one of the Wooten Center's long-time supporters, has provided a \$50,000 grant toward the purchase of the Center's building. Along with an additional \$30,000 raised from other sources, the Wooten Center is now half-way toward fulfilling its Wooten Center Building Campaign.

Faye Rumph and her husband sold their home more than 10 years ago so that she could devote herself full-time

to serving neighborhood youths. Over the past 13 years, the Wooten Center has grown from serving four young boys to providing comprehensive educational, cultural and recreational activities to 50 youths every day.

The price of the facility is \$165,000, and the Center entered escrow in July 2003. The Center hopes to fully complete the purchase by December 2004. To contribute to the Building Campaign, please contact Linda Broadous Miles at 323-756-7203.



*Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center's main building.*

## L.A. Team Mentoring Inc. Join Forces with Wooten Youth

Over the summer the Al Wooten Center joined forces with Los Angeles Team Mentoring, Inc., in an outstanding six week Team Mentoring Summer Program. Under the helm of Ms. Donielle Smith Flynn, Director of Programming for L.A. Team Mentoring, program participants included three mentors who met with 12 Wooten students over a six-week period. The program kicked off with a four-day camping trip to Big Bear. In the weeks thereafter



*Wooten Center Mentor group pose with Donielle Smith Flynn of Los Angeles Team Mentoring, Inc.*

the students and mentors met weekly discussing topics designed to stimulate, encourage and motivate each of the students. The mentoring program implemented by L.A. Team Mentoring, Inc., is based on the "team approach", an activity-based program designed by the Princeton Center for Leadership Training and the Amelior Foundation. It focuses mainly on team building, leadership development and community service. The program offered challenges to the Wooten Center students and helped the students learn how to overcome those challenges. It also offered the students an opportunity to set goals, learn leadership skills, and realize the importance of team playing.

*Volunteer Focus:  
Kathy Marienski*

When Kathy Marienski began assisting the kids at the Wooten Center with their English, reading and math homework, she never envisioned how attached to them she would become. Before long, Marienski was bringing school supplies, snacks and even electric fans to the Center so that the Rhino Entertainment Study Hall could be kept cool in a cost-efficient manner.

This year, Marienski also provided gift bags, fruits, vegetables and turkeys so that many families of our Wooten families would have Thanksgiving meals. A "Wooten Center Thanks" to Kathy Marienski for making the Wooten Center a better place! For more information about volunteering at the Wooten Center, call 323-756-7203.



*Kathy Marienski poses with Wootenites Armani Smith and Theodora Johnson.*

You can realize tax advantages by donating STOCK to the Wooten Center. Contact Linda Miles at (323) 756-7203 at the Wooten Center to learn more.

*7th Annual Wooten*



*Golfers from A.G. Edwards & Sons prepare for fun-filled day of golf.*



*Executive Director Linda Broadous Miles poses with actor Richard Karn.*



*Golfers and Sponsors sit down for a delicious dinner while bidding on items for the silent auction and waiting anxiously for the live auction and raffle items.*



*Golfers from Sunfare Company enjoy refreshments while taking a break from their 18 holes.*



*Susan Ricco and Josh Rubenstein of KCBS / KCAL enjoy their 'Lunch on the Course'*

## *Donor Updates*

The **City of Los Angeles' Neighborhood Action Program (NAP)** has awarded the Wooten Center with a \$75,000 grant to support its Education Program. The funds will be paid in 2003 and 2004 ... The **Entertainment Industry Foundation** has provided a second consecutive year of funding for the Wooten Center Education Program ... **Rhino Entertainment**, now known as the **Warner Strategic Marketing Group**, continued its financial support for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and they continue to sponsor monthly field trips for our kids ... The **Los Angeles Times** continued its support of the Wooten Center in 2003 with a \$15,000 grant for the One-on-One Tutorial Program ... The **Dwight Stuart Foundation** and the **Willie J. and Georgia C. Armster Foundation** will also continue their support of the One-on-One Tutorial in 2004 ... The Wooten Center was proud to welcome several new supporters in 2003, including the **Good Works Foundation, State Farm Companies, KTLA Charities**, and the **PacifiCare Foundation**.

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## *Center Expands Adult Computer Classes*



***Computer Instructor, Steve King assists two of Wooten Center's adult students.***

Adults in our community ranging in age from 20 to 81 can now improve their computer skills and improve their outlook in the job market by attending adult computer classes at the Wooten Center. With support from the **California Consumer Protection Foundation (CCPF)**, computer instructor Steven King is now teaching a wide range of skills to novices and intermediate users. Community members attend classes in the Wooten Center Computer Lab from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. CCPF funding has allowed the Center to update its computer lab with DSL Internet access, new computers and expanded and improved instruction for 42 youths.

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