

Founder's Perspective:



Myrtle Faye Rumph

Dear Friends:

The staff and youths of the Wooten Center would like to wish each of you and your families a joyous holiday season. Your support is helping hundreds of bright young boys and girls grow into productive citizens.

The holidays also bring on a spirit of renewal. In 2005, we'll launch an exciting new program called College Track, which formalizes our efforts to ensure that all Wooten youth are college ready by the time they graduate high school. It's a big commitment, but we feel it's crucial to raise the expectations of our youths. I hope you'll agree.

There are also several dates to mark your calendar: Our Catch the Vision Dinner is set for May 13th, and the 9th Annual Wooten Golf Classic will be October 28, 2005. Please join us at these remarkable celebrations.

It's hard to believe, but 2005 also marks the 15th anniversary of the Wooten Center. We could not have accomplished so much without your compassion and your support. But as you know, there is still much work to be done. Let's make the New Year a great one.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday

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Al Wooten Center 8th Annual Golf Classic Raises More Than \$75,000

More than 100 golfers filled the California Country Club in Whittier at the 8th Annual Wooten Golf Classic, and along with our major sponsors, helped raise \$78,000 for the Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center.

A Wooten Center thanks goes to our golf sponsors, who included: David & Elizabeth McFadzean, JMP Securities, Tom McKissick, John & Evelyn Lapham, Occidental Petroleum, Kelvin Davis, Rhino Entertainment/Warner

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Golfers competed in a scramble format, and enjoyed a BBQ lunch on the course and a sit-down dinner buffet at the Awards Ceremony and Auction. The **KCAL-9** team (Bill Avery, Robert Smith, Tom Novak and Justin Lee) took top honors, followed by **Pacific Rehrig Co.** (Mike Ashleigh, Jerry Shepley, Bob Johnson and Ron Seiker). **The Woodland Company** (Douglas Solomon, Lyle Maul, Kevin McCarthy and Steve Reilly) took third place. Individual winners included: Longest Drive (**Dan Arnold**); Putting Contest (**A. Lee Wilson**); and Closest to the Pin (**David Dorn**). Congratulations.

Additional thanks to the Wooten Center Board of Directors and staff for arranging the tournament, with special kudos to Chairman Ron Glass, Golf Classic Chairperson Larry Franklin and auction coordinators Barbara Clark and Jennifer Byram.



Wooten Founder, Myrtle Faye Rumph poses with longtime supporters, David & Elizabeth McFadzean at the 8th Annual Wooten Center Golf Classic.

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Computer Lab Gets \$30,000 Grant California Consumer Protection Foundation

The California Consumer Protection Foundation (CCPF) has continued its support of the Wooten Center's Computer Lab with a generous \$30,000 grant. The Computer Lab provides software and typing instruction to more than 40 youths each week, and research and recreational opportunities to all Center youth. In many cases, the Wooten Center's Computer Lab is the only access community youth have to computers.

The Computer Lab also provides adult instruction in the mornings before our youth enter the Center. The CCPF joins the Tiger Woods Foundation in supporting our Computer Lab.

On a sad note, the Wooten Center would like to recognize the support of the CCPF's Nelson Holl, who passed away this year. Mr. Holl was a generous supporter of the Center, and he will be missed.

Wooten Center Prepares for College Gilbert Foundation Provides \$25,000

Nothing is more important than preparing our youth to succeed in college. Tragically, only 20% of the nation's black youth are "college ready" when they graduate high school. At Crenshaw High School, only 5% of high school seniors exceed 1000 on their SATs. In 2005, the Wooten Center will address this issue by launching its CollegeTrack Program, designed to ensure that all of our youths are "college ready."

The **Rosalinde & Arthur Gilbert Foundation** has provided \$25,000 in lead funding to launch CollegeTrack, which combines our ongoing academic enrichment modules in the context of a comprehensive tracking program. The Center will help guide its high-school youth through proper class selection, college admissions tests, college and financial aid applications and host guest speakers and campus tours. Already, Wooten youth are attending the **University of California, Berkeley**, **Amber Clark**, **Carnegie Mellon University**, **Larry Powell** and many other colleges.

We believe all of our youth should have these opportunities, and CollegeTrack represents a dramatic escalation in the expectations we have for our youth. For CollegeTrack to be a success, the Wooten Center needs additional funding and committed people willing to share their talent with our kids. Please call Mrs. Linda Broadous Miles at 323-756-7203 if you wish to help Wooten youth become "College Ready."

Where Are They
NOW!



Amber Clark

Amber Clark, granddaughter of our founder Myrtle Faye Rumph, has been a member of the Wooten Center since its inception. Although she lived quite a distance from the Center, Amber has been active in most of the Center's activities over the past fourteen years.

Amber is now in her junior year at Cal Berkeley University, majoring in American Studies, with an emphasis in Education and Creative Writing. Amber hopes to work in the Education field upon graduation.

A Wooten Center Congratulation to Amber Clark and good luck with your future endeavors.

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Dr. Joseph Marshall Visits Wooten Center

On Monday, November 29, 2004, Dr. Joseph Marshall founder of the Omega Institute in San Francisco, California, visited the Wooten Center and conducted a daylong seminar on his award winning approach to combat street violence. Dr. Marshall's national bestselling book 'Street Soldier' has been a catalyst in educating America's youth mentors on the thought pattern of today's inner-city youths, as it relates to street violence and gang activity.



Dr. Joseph Marshall teaches his 'Award Winning' Gang Intervention techniques.

Such people as John Singleton, Spike Lee, Denzel Washington and Hugh B. Price, president of the National Urban



Wooten Center Staff poses with Dr. Marshall after his day-long staff development workshop on anti-violence strategies.

League, have endorsed Dr. Marshall's motto 'Save a Generation, One Life at a Time'.

Dr. Marshall took the staff of the Wooten Center through his successful approach to addressing the "Hood Infectious Virus - HIV", which results in street violence and gang activity. This process requires that youth mentors acknowledge the symptoms of this virus. Although there are many levels to this process, the Wooten Center employees were excited about applying. Dr. Marshall's theories immediately.

A Wooten Center 'Thanks' to Dr. Joseph Marshall for the experience of a lifetime.

A Special Wooten Center 'Thanks' to ...

Jay May of "Feature This!", for donating toys and gifts to our youths for Christmas ... **David & Elizabeth McFadzean**, for donating their 1998 Jeep Cherokee to the Center for transportation ... **Revolution Studios**, producer of "State of the Union," a new film starring **Ice Cube**, for donating their entire wardrobe to the Center's youth ... **Nix Check Cashing**, which has awarded thirty-one \$75.00 vouchers and bags of food to our families ... **Venice Family Clinic**, for taking twenty-five Wooten Youth to see the Christmas movie, "Polar Express"... **J. Goodman & Associates**, for donating boxes of gourmet food products to the Center's youth ... **Warner Bros.**, for donating 'Polar Express', movie tickets to the Center's youth ... **Mr. Brian Cook**, for donating computer and stereo equipment for the enjoyment of the Wooten Center youth ... **John Lapham**, for donating Los Angeles Sparks tickets to the Wooten youth.



Wooten Teens pose for photo while checking out donated wardrobe from the movie 'State of the Union', starring Ice Cube.



Wooten kids pose with Venice Family Clinic's Development Associate, Michelle Young, at the screening of Tom Hanks' Polar Express.



Excited Wooten Center youths show off their Polar Express movie passes while waiting to enter the theatre.

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.

HISTORY OF THE AL WOOTEN JR. HERITAGE CENTER

The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage center owes its creation to Myrtle "Faye" Rumph, a mother whose own son, Al Wooten Jr., was murdered in South Central Los Angeles, the innocent victim of a drive-by shooting, thought to be part of a gang initiation. Determined that her son's death would become more than another senseless tragedy, Mrs. Rumph, with the help of her family and a group of concerned citizens, founded the Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center.

The Center is a public benefit organization with 501(c) 3 exempt status. The Center offers educational and recreational services to young people wanting to break the cycle of gang violence. It offers hope, a safe haven and learning opportunities to the 50-60 students that walk through its doors every day.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Al Wooten Jr. Heritage Center is a neighborhood approach to the revitalization and empowerment of a community in crisis. We provide a safe and

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