

# News & Updates



## Marriott Timber Lodge Employees Volunteer to Help



Marriott Timber Lodge employees after completing maintenance projects on May 28th

The team at Marriott Timber Lodge spent four hours completing maintenance projects at The Women's Center on May 28, 2009. This dynamic team also worked hard to secure donations of materials from Marriott's vendors prior to completing the project. Brandon and Gerry from Marriot organized this effort and the team repainted the lobby and client bathroom, planted flowers in front of our building, removed some bushes presenting fire danger, improved existing BMPs through spreading two yards of rock and a large truckload of wood chips around the property, raked, mowed, cleaned and had lots of fun helping out as a team! The good news is that we had beautiful weather for the project and everyone managed to get all of the tools and themselves packed into cars before it rained cats and dogs. Marriott has been very helpful over the years and has completed two other service projects, including painting and completing maintenance tasks at one of our shelters and assembling and donating new bikes to provide to our youngest clients. The Women's Center appreciates Marriott Timber Lodge's team's dedication to supporting local survivors of violence.

## Clients Served Are Among the Community's Most Vulnerable

We provided support, services and resources to 2,260 local clients over the past 11 months. Thirty-six percent of all clients were children. Families served were overwhelmingly poor: 60% earned less than \$9,000 and 82% earned less than \$15,000 annually. It's amazing that 80% of adult clients were parents supporting children on these limited incomes. Our clients represent the diversity of El Dorado and Alpine Counties and were 42% Caucasian, 42% Hispanic, 9% Native American, 3% Asian or Pacific Islander and 4% other ethnicities. Our clients come to us because they have no other options for help—no savings accounts, or supportive friends and family. Thank you for being a part of the safety net for our clients.

Please forward this newsletter to anyone you know who may be interested in the work of The Women's Center!

## Save the Date! 10th Annual Sunset Gala: September 12

Mark your calendars! The 10th Annual Sunset Gala by the Lake, our biggest fundraiser of the year, will take place on September 12, 2009 from 5:30-8:30 pm at a 7,000+ square foot lakefront home generously donated by Dr. Sean Degnan. Guests will enjoy fine wine, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and an exciting silent auction featuring over 125 pieces of art, gift baskets, jewelry, wine, gift certificates, and other valuable items donated by our supportive community. The silent auction will feature four round-trip tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines flies, and also a week at a 3-bedroom condo in Puerto Vallarta! Visit our website at [www.sltwc.org/calendar.html](http://www.sltwc.org/calendar.html) to purchase tickets today! You can also take a sneak peek of the Gala house, whose guests have included Former Vice President Dan Quayle, John Elway, Barry Manilow, Peter Frampton, Lars Ulrich, John Mellencamp, Kidd Rock and Pamela Lee Anderson, by visiting [www.seansontheshore.com](http://www.seansontheshore.com). For more information, contact Anna at (530) 542-7633 or at [arichter@sltwc.org](mailto:arichter@sltwc.org).

## Local Service Clubs Support The Women's Center

The Women's Center is grateful for the generous support of Tahoe Douglas Rotary and Kiwanis Sunrisers, both of whom have long histories of providing financial and other support to The Women's Center. Rotary funds will be used to purchase gas cards and Blue Go passes, phone cards, respite child care and new sweatpants and shirts for survivors of sexual assault. Kiwanis Sunrisers' funds will be used to purchase new furniture for bedrooms at the agency's Shelter Programs, which provided safety and support for 43 children and 31 adults over the past 11 months.