



Welcome/Bienvenidos

Letter from the Director/Carta Enviada por el Director



Dear SPIN supporters,

S PIN celebrated another fun Quiz Nite event at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Santa Cruz, held on March 10, 2012. Quiz Nite is SPIN's one big fundraiser of the year. Last year I told you how each year with SPIN I experienced something new. It began with gratitude, which turned into inspiration, which turned into a belief in the mission, that turned into a love of this work; and then I fell "in love" with my job. Now, this year I feel the combination of all these things; and have a mindful dedication to the vision of this sweet little non profit, that truly is a gift to all of our lives.

We were honored to have SPIN founding board members Pat Golditch and Debbie Wechsler in attendance, all the SPIN board members, Eileen Fuller, Peg Gallagher, Courtney Leibrock, Carla Miller, Rose Walsh & Jennifer Madigan, SPIN Advisory Board members John Gallagher, Marybeth Phillips, Dave Kramer-Urner & Mitch Jackman. Thank you all for all you do for SPIN!

The food was catered by Master Chefs Adam Beckett and Jake Gandolfo and was truly a work of art and the best Quiz Nite food to date!

The Winans/Quinto Family generously shared with us their story along with a slide show presentation sharing their experience, strength and hope with the audience and told the real deal of what it is like to have a child with a disability. The family received proclamations from the City of Santa Cruz, presented by Mayor Don Lane, the City of Watsonville presented by Mayor Eduardo Montesino, the City of Scotts Valley presented by Councilman Jim Reed as well as a proclamation from the County of Santa Cruz presented by our wonderful County Supervisor & candidate for State Assembly, Mark Stone. Mark has never missed a Quiz Night in 7 years, his commitment and dedication to SPIN and our disabilities community is unparalleled.

Queridos Amigos de SPIN,

S PIN celebró otro acontecimiento divertido de Quiz Nite en el salón de fiestas de la iglesia Holly Cross en Santa Cruz, que se llevo a cabo el 10 de marzo del 2012. Quiz Nite es uno de los eventos de recaudación de fondos más grande de SPIN. El año pasado yo les dije que cada año con SPIN yo experimentaba algo nuevo. Empezó con gratitud, que se volvió en inspiración, que se volvió en una creencia en la misión, que se volvió en un amor hacia este trabajo; y entonces me "enamore" con mi trabajo. Ahora, este año yo siento la combinación de las tres cosas; y tengo una dedicación consciente a la visión de esta dulce pequeña organización no lucrativa, que es sinceramente un regalo a todas nuestras vidas.

Fuimos honrados con la presencia de dos miembros fundadores de la Mesa Directiva de SPIN Pat Golditch y Debbie Wechsler; La mesa directiva de SPIN Eileen Fuller, Peg Gallagher, Courtney Leibrock, Carla Miller, Rose Walsh & Jennifer Madigan, miembros de la mesa consultiva de SPIN John Gallagher, Marybeth Phillips, Dave Kramer-Urner & Mitch Jackman. Gracias por todo lo que hacen por SPIN!

¡La comida fue preparada por los Chefs Magistrales Adam Beckett y Jake Gandolfo y fue sinceramente una obra de arte y la mejor comida de Quiz Nite hasta la fecha!

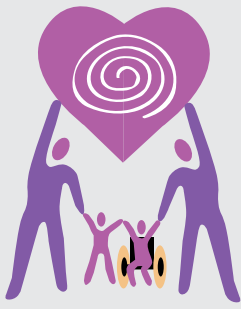
La Familia Winans/Quinto compartió generosamente con nosotros su historia junto con una presentación de exposición que compartió su experiencia, fuerza y esperanza con la audiencia y nos dijeron lo que verdaderamente involucra tener un niño con una incapacidad. La familia recibió proclamaciones de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz, presentado por el Alcalde Don Lane, la Ciudad de Watsonville presentado por el Alcalde Eduardo Montesino, la Ciudad del Scotts Valley presentado por el Concejal Jim Reed y también como una proclamación del Condado de Santa

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Special Kids'
Potential*



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el Potencial de
Niños Especiales*

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Special Parents Information Network

SPIN is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support, information and training to the families and guardians of children with special needs.

Red de Información para Padres Especiales SPIN es una organización sin fin de lucro dedicada a proveer apoyo, información y entrenamiento para las familias y tutores de niños con necesidades especiales.

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Thanks again to Blue Screen Computers Adam Lippman for the Power Point that truly made the evening special and Lex VandenBerghe for reading the testimonial and Mcing our event once again.

Advisory Board member Pat Golditch really took the lead this year heading the Quiz Nite Committee along with the board they all worked tirelessly for 6 months before the event, getting prize donations, soliciting sponsors, filling tables, finding the caterer, the DJ, the photographer, the venue, setting up, breaking down and much more. A big thank you to board member Rose Walsh who enlisted her family to help, especially her daughter Teresa Marlow for staying and helping with clean up & break down. The Quiz game was better than ever thanks to Adam Lippman, Heidi Skelton, Becka York & Drea Batteast for making the most challenging and fun game to date. If you haven't been to this amazing yearly event you are really missing something. If you would like to help next year contact me Cece Pinheiro (831) 535-3969 or (831) 722-2800 and help make next years Quiz Nite event brighter.

In closing I want to encourage you all to go to "Caroline's Thrift Store" owned and operated by Christie Licker, a truly amazing woman who lost her beloved special needs daughter Caroline at 16 and went on to create this beautiful store in her memory. "Caroline's" is located at 402 Trout Gulch Road Aptos, CA 95003. (831) 662-0327 "Caroline's" is a resale shop, they take donations and sell clothing, including designer labels, vintage dishes and collectibles, framed artworks, and children's items including toys, plus much more. 100% of the proceeds go to non profits serving children throughout Santa Cruz County. SPIN received our largest single donation ever from Caroline's. We are truly inspired by Christies' generosity of spirit. SPIN loves you, all you have done and all you continue to do for our community. With a grateful heart, thank you.

Cruz presentó por nuestro Supervisor maravilloso de Condado y candidato para la Asamblea del Estado, Mark Stone. Mark nunca se ha perdido un evento de Quiz Nite en los últimos 7 años, su compromiso y dedicación hacia SPIN y nuestra comunidad de incapacidades es incomparable.

Gracias otravez a Adam Lippman de Computadoras Blue Screen por producir la presentación de exhibición de la familia Winans/Quito que logro que la noche fuera especial y Lex VandenBerghe por leer el testimonio y ser el vocero de nuestro acontecimiento una vez más.

El miembro de la mesa consultiva Pat Golditch tomó realmente la delantera este año dirigiendo al Comité de Quiz Nite junto a la mesa directiva de SPIN quienes trabajaron incansablemente por 6 meses antes del acontecimiento, Consiguiendo donativos, solicitando a patrocinadores, llenando mesas, encontrando un servicio de comida, el DJ, el fotógrafo, el lugar de actuación, decorando y arreglando el salón, limpiando al final y mucho más. Un gran agradecimiento al miembro de la mesa directiva de SPIN Rose Walsh que reclutó a su familia para ayudar, especialmente su hija Teresa Marlow por quedarse hasta el final y ayudar con la limpieza. El juego de Quiz Nite fue el mejor de nunca gracias a Adam Lippman, Heidi Skelton, Becka York & Drea Batteast por hacer el juego más desafiante y divertido hasta la fecha. Si usted no ha asistido a este acontecimiento anual asombroso se está perdiendo realmente de algo. Si quiere ayudar el año próximo contácteme a mi Cece Pinheiro (831) 535-3969 o (831) 722-2800 y ayude a hacer el próximo Quiz Nite aun más brillante.

Y para cerrar quiero invitarlos a que visiten "Caroline's Thrift Store (una tienda de re-venta)" operada por su dueña Christie Licker, una mujer sinceramente asombrosa que perdió su amada hija con necesidades especiales Caroline a los 16 años y pasó a crear esta hermosa tienda en su memoria. "Caroline's" esta localizada en 402 Trout Gulch Road Aptos, CA 95003, (831) 662-0327. "Caroline's" es una tienda de reventa, ellos toman donativos y venden ropa, inclusive marcas de moda, platos de ventaja y objetos coleccionables, trabajos artísticos encuadrados, y artículos de niños incluyendo juguetes, y mucho más. Un 100% de las ganancias van a organizaciones no lucrativas que proveen servicios a niños a través del Condado de Santa Cruz. SPIN recibió su donativo único más grande jamás de Caroline's. Sinceramente somos inspirados por la generosidad del espíritu de Christie. SPIN los adora, por todo lo que han hecho y todo lo que continuaran haciendo por nuestra comunidad. Con un corazón agradecido, gracias.

Much Thanks/ Muchas Gracias

A big thank you to the following businesses and individuals who donated to Quiz Nite!
¡Muchas gracias a los siguientes negocios e individuos quienes donaron a Quiz Nite!

Adam Lippman
Alladin Nursery
Angela Jenning
Artisan's Gallery
Beach Bean
Beauty Unlimited Boulder Golf
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Cece Pinheiro
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Soquel Wine
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Starbucks Coffee
Sun Pearl Necklace
Super Silver
Swing Dance
Tastefully Simple
Teresa Marlow
Toadal Fitness
Ventana
William Rose
Zinnia's

Thank you to our Quiz Nite Volunteers

Lex VandenBerghe
Drea Batteast
Becka York
Adam Lippman
Sonia Plageman
Heidi Skelton



Genevieve Plageman eyeing the cool gift baskets



Executive Director Cece Pinheiro & SPIN Parent & Quiz Nite MC from the TV show "Survivor" Lex vanDenBerghe



A very happy table of Quiz Nite guests!

The FOOD, was better than ever!



Lex and Kelly VandenBerghe so happy to be at Quiz Nite!

The music was fabulous!



announcements/ anuncios

Mentor Parent Program/ Programa de Padres Mentores



Mentor/Support Parent and Buddy Program: Studies show that Parent-to-parent support can make a huge difference, as it offers a perspective unlike that of family and professionals. If you would like more help with parenting a child with any type of special needs, consider being paired with either a Mentor/Support Parent who can provide information and emotional support by phone or in person OR getting connected to a 'Buddy' Parent, who has a similar situation as yours, in order to share together about your challenges and successes. And if you can spare a small amount of your time, please offer to become a Mentor/Support Parent. We will have small group trainings for Mentor parents in the next several months. For more information or to obtain a form, contact Nancy Winans at 423-7713 or nwinans@spinsc.org

Programa de Padres Mentores (Apoyo de Padre a Padre): Los estudios muestran que el apoyo de Padre-a-Padre puede hacer una gran diferencia porque ofrece una perspectiva diferente a la de la familia y profesionales. Si desea más ayuda con criar a un niño con cualquier tipo de necesidad especial, considere un Padre Mentor. El mentor le puede proporcionar información y apoyo emocional por teléfono o en persona O considere ser conectado a un "compañero (padre)", que tiene una situación semejante a la suya, para compartir juntos acerca de sus desafíos y éxitos. Y si usted tiene un poco de tiempo para donar, por favor considere ser un padre mentor. Para más información contacte a Jorge Bru al (831) 722-2800 o jbbru@spinsc.org



Website Announcement

Please remember to check out the SPIN website:

¡Recuerde visitar el sitio Web de SPIN:

www.spinsc.org

for the latest on activities, events, support groups, and more!

***para lo último en actividades, talleres, grupos de apoyo,
y más!***

Bayside Center

Bayside Centers Day Activity Program has been serving adults with developmental disabilities since 1991. We provide a supervised work training program for our clients, and we would like to offer our services to you. Our clients can perform gardening, housekeeping, and door to door flier distribution for businesses. We have both English and Spanish speaking clients and staff. We have many satisfied customers who continue to utilize our services. The opportunity to work and earn money benefits our clients in so many ways. Please consider Bayside Centers if you have any upcoming projects that need to be done.

Thanks, Dan Doran Manager, Bayside Centers
Phone: (831) 475-0888

Challenger Baseball Division starting in Santa Cruz



The Challenger Division of Little League is a program for developmentally and physically challenged youth, helping them to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation in an athletic environment structured to their abilities. Challenger Baseball is for kids ages 4-18, or up to age 22 if still enrolled in high school. \$20 registration fee, for more information, contact Santa Cruz Little League at: www.santacruzlittleleague.org or call

Phone: (831) 457-1000

We Want You—Now! A Call for Board Members

Would you like to give back to the community? Would you like to help families of kids with special needs & help SPIN become a stronger organization? If you want to serve on a dynamic & dedicated Board of Directors, then SPIN would like to talk to you.

Please call Cece Pinheiro at 722-2800 for more details.

Let's work together to support SPIN

Rose Walsh, new board member, and daughters Teresa and Christy Marlow are excited to be active supporters of SPIN.

Teresa Marlow, SPIN Family REALTOR® 831-818-3430
With every buyer or seller SPIN referral I will donate up to \$5K to SPIN upon a successful transaction.



Christy Marlow Rose Walsh Teresa Marlow

Thanks to this collaboration and working together board member Rose Walsh has raised \$700 so far, please say "SPIN" sent you and use Teresa Marlow SPIN's Family Realtor for all your real estate needs.

more announcements/ mas anuncios

*Alone we can
do so little.*

*Together we can
do so much.*

HELEN KELLER



*Solos podemos
hacer poco.*

*Juntos podemos
hacer mucho.*

HELEN KELLER

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Invites Special Needs Children (*any type of disability, ages 3-22+*) and Families, Friends, & Community

3RD ANNUAL

STARS *gala*

SPECIAL TALENT ARTS RECREATION & SHARING

Saturday, May 19th, 2012, from 1:30 to 4:00

PLACE TO BE DETERMINED

For more Information: www.spin.org

Come celebrate our children's unique talents, interests, and activities in a Hollywood Gala style family event featuring—

- ◆ Reception: Food and Drink / Dress up and Photos / Activities
- ◆ Sharing: Art, Collections, Science & School Projects, Demos, Group Tables.
- ◆ Show Time: Children perform on stage (with a support 'buddy' if they like)

Registration Available On-line

Please visit us online at: www.spin.org to view or download form
Call SPIN at 423-7713 (Sonia or Nancy) for more information or to volunteer
(We need your help to make this happen!)

(Si gusta participar en este evento o para obtener mas información, favor de llamar a Sonia Plageman al numero 423-7713, y deje su nombre y numero de teléfono)



Support **SPIN** in Santa Cruz County's 32nd Annual
HUMAN RACE AND FUN WALK

Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 8:00am

2300 Delaware Ave., Santa Cruz

Designate SPJN to receive contributions • Agency Number 213

www.humanracesc.org

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Winifred Johnson
Winnie Johnson



SPIN Quiz Night

L-R Dan & Nancy Winans SPIN's honored Family of 2012 receiving a proclamation from County Supervisor Mark Stone



L-R SPIN Executive Director Cece Pinheiro & SPIN board member Rose Walsh

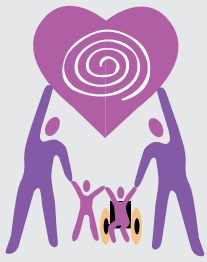


SPIN Quiz Night ▲

L-R Liz Phillips, blind star of "The Miracle Chase" & SPIN's Executive Director Cece Pinheiro

L-R Jennifer and her mom
SPIN Board Chair Eileen Fuller ▶





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Support Group Meetings

SPIN Support Groups—

Contact Nancy Winans at 423-7713 or nwinans@spinsc.org for more information on the following groups listed below to confirm the schedule or location for the next meeting or to RSVP.

- 1. SPIN All Disabilities Parent Support Group**
Meets monthly September-June at the Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center in Santa Cruz, on Sundays, 2:00-4:00. Dates and place can vary. Parents of special needs children of all ages and disabilities welcome!
- 2. SPIN Parents of Children with Neuro-behavioral Challenges**
(NEW! Dates and location to be announced)
- 3. SPIN Online Yahoo Parent Support**
For information and support for all Special Needs Parents in Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties, join by going to the yahoo groups directory page at <http://dir.groups.yahoo.com/dir/> and then search for spinsc and then click on 'join this group' and follow the directions.
- 4. Grupo de Apoyo de Síndrome Down**
Padres interesados en este grupo por favor llamen a Jorge Bru al (831) 722-2800 para más información.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—

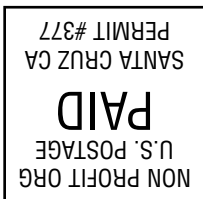
Community Support Groups—

For the groups below, contact the provider directly or contact SPIN for info:

- 1. NAMI Parents of Children with Bi-polar and Neurobehavioral Challenges:**
Monthly Thursday lunchtime meetings for parents to share support and information. NAMI also offers many other support groups related to mental health. For the Bi-polar or for any of their groups, Contact NAMI at 831-427-8020 or email info@namisc.org for more information. (Ask for Carol)
- 2. Central Coast Learning Disabilities Association**
Receive information and support from Professionals and other parents on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Twin Lakes Church, 2701 Cabrillo College Drive, Room 704, Aptos. For more info, contact: 408-291-4900 or email centralcoastLDA@yahoo.com
- 3. CHADD ADHD Parent Support Group**
with Judy Brenis meets once monthly in Aptos. Call 831-684-0590 for information about location and dates.
- 4. Autism and Asperger Syndrome Support Group**
takes place monthly at the Porter Street Library in Soquel. For more info, email Cecily at: cecily@sunlightpr.net

SPIN is a member of "CAFEC" – The California Association of FamilyEmpowerment Centers on Disability – www.cafec.org

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