

Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities

Newsletter Spring 2019

[San Mateo Chamber of Commerce Mixer](#)

The Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities hosted a Business After Hours Mixer for the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 5:30pm–7:00pm. The event took place at CID's Main Office in San Mateo. The purpose of the event was to bring together local business members of the community to help network and build relationships. The Mixer was also a great way for CID to highlight all of our programs and services in a casual office environment. In total, approximately 35 business acquaintances and fellow Chamber Members attended. The evening began with a mingle, drinks and a light ravioli dinner from Ravioli House followed by a brief welcome statement. The evening ended with a raffle and several prizes were given away to the participants. The Business After Hours Mixer was a huge success and we look forward to reconnecting with our new and old contacts very soon!

[Equipment ReUse Program](#)

Congratulations to the Lucky Winner! The Belmont Senior Showcase Information Fair took place on Friday, April 26 at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center in Belmont. The Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities sponsored the event and our Reuse Program donated an electric scooter to be raffled at the show.

A resident from Daly City was the lucky winner!!! She found the ad in the Daily Journal. She thought she would try to win because she had difficulty walking long distances, as she does homecare and has recently hurt herself.

She woke up at 4 am and caught the El Camino bus from Daly City to Belmont. She believes it was "God's will" for her to win, so she can participate in community activities and maintain her independence.

One of her favorite pastimes is going to the Senior Center to be with her friends. In addition, she attends church weekly, followed by a quick trip to the market. She was a very happy and thankful winner.

[CID Staff Member's Surprise Marriage Proposal](#)

I am an Independent Living Specialist at CID and my longtime partner is a CID Board member. On March 27, 2019 after the CID Mixer, with the help of the entire CID staff, I asked my partner Ligia Andrade Zuniga to marry me with a surprise proposal. She cried and said, "Yes, of course." We both felt thrilled about spending the rest of our lives together as a married couple. The entire CID Staff was there to congratulate us on this very special occasion. ~Pete Williams, Independent Living Generalist

Pete Williams (ILS)

[Emergency Preparedness](#)

In April 2019, CID hosted an Emergency Preparedness Event at Cranes Place in Menlo Park. Attendees learned valuable information about disaster planning from the Red Cross, San Mateo County Office of Emergency Management, CID and Menlo Park Fire Department. Many attendees won emergency kits in a raffle. Many thanks to the City of Menlo Park for sponsoring this event!

[Housing Accessibility and Modification Program \(HAM\)](#)

CID has funding available for its HAM Program in the City of South San Francisco and in the City of San Carlos. The program helps with the installation of grab bars, hand-rails, stair-lifts, ramps and other miscellaneous modifications to make homes accessible and safe. Free of cost to income qualified consumers. For more information, please contact Lisa at 650-645-1780 Ext. 122.

Upcoming Events:

Emergency Preparedness Events for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Wednesday, June 5th

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Lewis and Joan Platt East Palo Alto Family YMCA

550 Bell Street, East Palo Alto

Wednesday, June 26th
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Menlo Park Senior Center
110 Terminal Ave, Menlo Park

FREE

Admission, Refreshments, Raffle: 3-Day Emergency Kits.
Goodie Bags for the First 100 Guests

PLEASE RSVP:
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[Our services include:](#)

- ADA Consulting
- Housing Modification
- Counseling & Peer Support
- Independent Living Skills
- Training
- Information & Referral
- Systems Change Advocacy
- Assistive Technology
- Financial Benefits
- Counseling
- System Reuse Program

Please call, email, or stop in for more information.

CID's mission is to provide support services, community awareness, and systems change advocacy to promote full and equal community integration and participation for people with disabilities in San Mateo County.

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