

# ANNUAL MORE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

nerships that have been developed.

The Board was provided updates on the various classes, programs, and activities currently occurring at MORE including,

fund raisers, upcoming events, Aktion Club, Pathways Residential Home, MORE's food program, Independent Living Services (ILS), Supported Employment Program (SEP), community integration and volunteer opportunities, media arts, performing arts, creative arts, Life Skills, and CO-OP.

The evening also included presentations by Jake Wrobel, UFC

Gym Regional Director and, Cailin McLaughlin, Nutrition Educator, University of California Cooperative Extension Program.

Jake spoke about the partnership between MORE and the UFC Gym and how the MORE kickboxing class is a primer for the gym to create more inclusive classes throughout the gym.

Cailin spoke about our partnerships for the various programs she is involved with including the Master Gardeners and the Sherwood Demonstration Garden, the CalFresh healthy living nutrition, food safety and cooking program, and the Our Voice initiative. ■



Above: MORE Board Chair, Christa Campbell and MORE Staff, Kelli Nuttall, receiving a check from the Knights of Columbus.

## A GREAT KNIGHT!

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, MORE Board Chair, Christa Campbell and MORE Staff, Kelli Nuttall were honored to be invited to attend a dinner with the Knights of Columbus. At this dinner they were thrilled to receive a \$5,000 donation towards our new Performing Arts

Program. This award was in response to a grant application submitted earlier in the year. Big thanks to Holy Trinity's Knights of Columbus and the Columbian Foundation for making this possible. Exciting things are to come with this new Performing Arts Program! ■



For July's Fun Friday we had a complete Red, White and Blue American 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. We listened to a lot of music, sang karaoke, and watched music videos of songs celebrating America. "I'm proud to be an American" by Lee Greenwood was clearly a fan favorite as clients and staff alike spontaneously grabbed miniature American flags, waved them in slow motion and felt the moment. Clients had the opportunity to decorate red, white, and blue cookies and were treated to a BBQ hotdog lunch. To finish the day we had a singing competition and heard a wide variety of personal interpretations of God Bless America." ■

# MORE<sup>than</sup> NEWS

The latest news and events at Mother Lode Rehabilitation Enterprises Inc.

Full Inclusion For All People

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## POSITIVE RESPONSE TO 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDERS

National Night Out is an annual community building activity that promotes police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. It is a nation-wide event that takes place each year on the first Tuesday of August. Typically, neighborhoods

host block parties, cookouts, and other events where the public gets to meet and build camaraderie with their local law enforcement agencies.

This year MORE hosted a luncheon event and were honored to have in attendance the City of Placerville's (Continued on page 2)



Brett K enjoyed meeting Captain Meuser and other first responders at MORE's luncheon event in August.



Our fun Friday for June consisted of a “Bring the Fair to MORE” celebration. We had carnival booths, a special hamburger lunch, and a wide variety of contests and activities. Awards were given for best floral arrangement, best decorated bird house, and best watercolor painting. Clients were given the opportunity to do ‘marbling’ outside and made their own customized pencils and postcards. We were joined by our Master Gardener friends from UC Davis who gave demonstrations on worm farming and educated us in identifying sugar content in common beverages. ■

# FAIR FRIDAY!

## 50-40-40

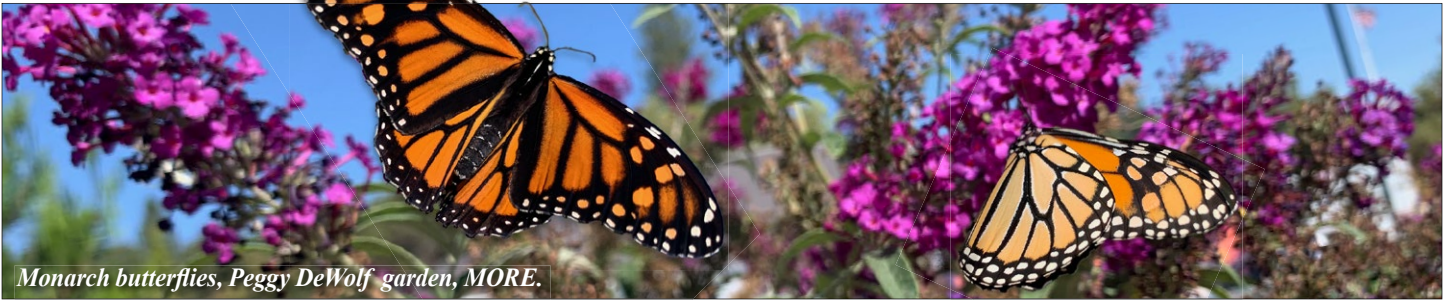
On September 21, MORE hosted a special celebration in honor of MORE’s 50 years of existence, Pathway’s group home 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and Susie’s 40 years of service to MORE. Past and current staff and clients attended. MORE’s very first Executive Director, Marlo Edman also came as our guest of honor. The festivities included speeches by Susie and Marlo, an award ceremony, and lunch which consisted of a build your own burger-bar catered by John Sanders. ■



Above: Guest of honor Marlo Edman, and Susie. Right: Janet Whitaker and Judy DeWolf.



Above: Andrew V and Charlene R, performed in “What a Clown,” during the 50-40-40 celebration.



Monarch butterflies, Peggy DeWolf garden, MORE.



# 9/11 REMEMBERED

MORE paid tribute to the victims of the 9/11 tragedy. Jared G, Kristina K and Emmeret A read a statement honoring both the victims and first responders involved in the incident. After a short video and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, a group of clients paraded the American flag before those assembled. ■

(Continued from page 1) Police Chief Joseph Wren and 6 of his officers, as well as representatives from El Dorado County Fire Department, and their medical crew. Our clients got to share a lunch and interact with officers and first responders, and were given tours of their fire engine, and ambulance. It was an awesome experience and everyone at MORE was grateful to meet and get to know the people who keep our community safe. ■



Above: Police Chief Joseph Wren serving Tony J during the visit from First Responders.

# FASHION FRIDAY!



August’s fun Friday focused on the world of fashion. We watched videos on fashion history, sang karaoke, and danced, all while wearing the latest trends. ■

## BACKDROP BOYS!



Above: Andrew V, Performing and Media Arts manager (left), along with Richard C, Kenion J and Eric L paint a backdrop for the upcoming theater sketch, “MORE Camping,” which was written by the clients of the sketch class.”