

AKTION CLUB Members in Action

One of the exciting opportunities available to MORE clients is participation in Aktion Club—a Kiwanis International-sponsored service organization that empowers adults with disabilities through leadership, community service, and personal growth.

On March 5th, Aktion Club Officers had the special honor of visiting the Kiwanis Family House, a nonprofit that provides temporary housing for families of seriously ill or injured patients. During their visit, members toured the facility, learned about its mission, and proudly donated much-needed supplies—purchased with funds they raised through candy sales at MORE.

This visit was a powerful example of the compassion, initiative, and leadership our Aktion Club members bring to every project. We're proud of their continued commitment to making a difference in the community! ■



Above: Aktion Club enjoyed touring the Kiwanis Family House.

STAND UP FOR MORE 2025



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SPRING 2025

A Successful Night of COMEDY & MORE!

Our 2025 Stand Up for MORE Comedy Night was a sold-out success — and we couldn't have done it without you! Guests were treated to an incredible Italian-themed dinner thanks to John Sanders and the amazing team at Old Town Grill, followed by an evening of nonstop laughter from our hilarious comedians. The crowd flocked to the Lucky Liquor Wall and raffle tables, adding to the excitement of the night.

A highlight of the evening was the big Sweetheart Raffle drawing, where three lucky winners took home amazing prizes:



Above: Dan St. Paul, our headline comedian for the evening.

3rd place (\$2,500) went to Linda D., 2nd place (\$2,500) to Lorna H., and 1st place (\$5,000) to Laurel B. In a true show of generosity, Linda D. donated her winnings back to MORE, and Laurel B. donated \$3,000 of her prize back — an incredible reminder of the spirit that makes this community so special.

Thank you to all our supporters, volunteers, and sponsors for making this unforgettable night possible. Your belief in our mission continues to change lives! ■

CHECK OUT OUR COMEDY NIGHT PHOTOMONTAGE ON PAGE 4!



Art, Wine, and A WHOLE LOT MORE!

Thanks to the incredible support of our community, Art & Wine With Something MORE—held on January 18th at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds—was a night to remember!

This annual event brought together art lovers, wine enthusiasts, and friends of MORE for an evening of creativity, connection, and celebration. Guests enjoyed tastings from local wineries, delicious food, live art demonstrations, raffles, and lively auctions. Most importantly, they had the chance to experience and purchase original artwork created by the talented artists of Something MORE.

We're thrilled to share that 63 artists received checks for selling their

art—a powerful testament to the talent, vision, and value our clients bring to the community. For many, this event is more than a fundraiser—it's a moment to shine, connect with others, and experience the pride of sharing their work with the world.

To everyone who attended, volunteered, or contributed in any way: thank you for helping us celebrate the creativity and ability at the heart of MORE. You made this night a true success! ■



Above: Randy R provided a demonstration of his Illustration technique.



Above: Our mystery box winners. Above right: Rick, aka, "Bob," provided an oil painting demo. Right: Jr. Miss El Dorado 2024 and guest.



Above: The Stack family take a close look at Don S' accomplished Pointilist oil painting, titled, "Suerat's House."



GROWING DREAMS, Skills, and Community

At MORE, programs are born from the passions of the people we serve—and our newest initiative is no exception. Grow MORE Together is a client-inspired gardening program that blends hands-on learning with long-term opportunity.

Launched as a three-month training course, Grow MORE Together introduces clients to every stage of garden management, from preparing soil and planting seeds to harvesting and maintenance. But the impact doesn't end there—graduates of the course will take the lead in maintaining the garden throughout the year, putting their new skills to use in a meaningful and empowering way.

The program is made even stronger through our partnership with UCCE CalFresh Healthy Living and the UC Master Gardeners of El Dorado County, who bring expert guidance, education, and support to each step of the process.

Looking ahead, participants dream of running a garden stand where they can sell produce, flower bouquets, and seedlings—gaining valuable vocational and entrepreneurial experience.

A key piece of this vision is the greenhouse donated during our 2020 remodel. Plans are underway to enhance and equip the space to support the year-round training and production needs of Grow MORE Together—transforming it into the heart of the program and a hub of learning, growth, and possibility. We dream big at MORE ... the possibility of employment in the agriculture community for clients of MORE could just be the beginning! ■



Clients, Kenion J (above), and Jordan F (left), enjoying exploring insect boxes with the Master Gardeners. Paper mache flowers by Tammy Y, butterfly by Deane B.



CLIENT COUNCIL RETURNS!

We're excited to announce the return of MORE's Client Council—a group of peer-elected leaders dedicated to representing and supporting their fellow clients.

This year's Council members were selected after delivering thoughtful and inspiring speeches, earning the votes and trust of their peers. Please join us in congratulating our 2024 officers:



Andres D.
President



Lorena F.
Vice President



Laurie M.
Secretary

These three bring heart, leadership, and a strong commitment to helping others. The President even serves as a non-voting member on MORE's Board of Directors. As mentors and advocates, they'll play an important role in supporting their peers and helping navigate any challenges that come our way. We're proud to have such a capable and caring team leading the way! ■

IT'S-A MARIO DAY!

Our March 28th Fun Friday was a blast as clients celebrated Mario Day.

