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### Organization of Special Need Families (OSF)

*Supporting community integration for individuals with special needs toward an independent, productive, and normal life*

"I think I should have no other mortal wants, if I could always have plenty of music. It seems to infuse strength into my limbs, and ideas into my brain. Life seems to go on without effort, when I am filled with music."

~From *The Mill on the Floss* by George Elliot

♪ ***Move to the rhythms & stories of "Living with Love"!*** ♪  
*Fourth Saturdays, noon-12:45pm @ OSF Learning Center*

♪ ***Purchase your tickets to our fundraiser concert now!*** ♪  
*March 25, 7:30-9:30pm @ Flint Center, Cupertino*

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### Upcoming Parents Seminars

*Saturdays 2-4pm at OSF Learning Center*

#### **March 4**

*Topic:* In Home Service IHSS Training

*Guest Speaker:* Crystal Padilla, Family Advocate

*Description:* How to apply and get services from IHSS for individuals with disabilities.

#### **March 13**

*Topic:* Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

*Guest Speaker:* Stephen Rosenbaum, Attorney

*Description:* Highlights of revised 2005 Vision IEP and its array of services.

***NEW!***

**\* OT Fun \***

**\* Drumming, Tai Chi and Story \***

**\* Independent Living Skills Training \***

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(See inside for details.)

# *Organization of Special Needs Families (OSF)*

*Newsletter ~ February 2006*

Dear friends and families,

Happy 2006 and Year of the Dog! OSF is pleased to herald the New Year with a couple of exciting community events.

As in years past, OSF will participate in Cupertino's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lunar New Year Unity Parade and International Fair. The Lunar New Year Unity Parade and International Fair, a day-long multi-cultural festival celebrating Lunar New Year and honoring the area's wonderfully diverse cultures, will be held on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>. OSF will have a team of parade marchers and will be serving delectable fares in two food booths during this fun day of festivities. Please visit [www.unityparade.org](http://www.unityparade.org) for complete details on this very special event.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Master Teacher Chiffon Yu, accompanied by the Taiwan Chin Yuan Chinese Orchestra, will perform a charity concert benefiting OSF at the Flint Center in Cupertino. Music will be performed on classical Chinese instruments. This magical concert is not to be missed.

Purchase your concert tickets now and visit our food booths at the Lunar New Year International Fair. And, don't forget to bring in those old cell phones and empty printer cartridges for recycling. OSF needs your help to sustain and to add to its repertoire of quality programs.

~ Shirley ~

*Volunteer Newsletter Editor*

## **Join Us at the Lunar New Year Unity Parade!**

We will wave colorful flags and blare out jubilant noises on noisemakers!

Parade marchers meet at OSF Learning Center parking lot 10:30am, Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>. The team then joins up with the parade and march onto Cupertino's Memorial Park, where performances, cultural and food booths will be located.

Children with special needs and event volunteers will each receive a free slice of pizza and bottle of water at OSF food booth.

## **Get Your Tickets for the Fundraiser Concert!**

Enjoy an evening of enchanting music March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30pm at Flint Center, located at 21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard in Cupertino.

Individual ticket prices are \$35, \$60 (\$25 tax deductible), and \$100 (\$65 tax deductible). Get a 10% group discount with a purchase of 10 tickets or more.

To order your tickets by phone or over the Internet:

408-887-8782

408-768-8413

650-400-7728

408-768-8916 (Flint Center Box Office)

[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

Tickets are also available for purchase in person at Flint Center Box Office, Ticketmaster outlets and local Chinese bookstores.



## **Announcing Our New & Exciting Programs!**

OSF proudly offers more exciting programs to serve our families. Call or visit the OSF web site for more details on these and other fine programs.

### ▪ **OT Fun**

Parent/caretaker and child participate in this 2-hour workshop. We will engage our hands and bodies in a host of fun-filled gross-motor and fine-motor activities. A licensed occupational therapist will lead this excellent program.

The first session takes place Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 11am-12:50pm. We meet at OSF Learning Center.

### ▪ **Living with love – Drumming, Tai Chi and Story**

*Living with Love*, a creative arts troupe whose deep heart intention is to celebrate Living in the Light and Sound of Love, will bring us stories, movement, drumming, and music that attune us all to the rhythms of love in our lives.

Join us at OSF Learning Center, fourth Saturday of the month, noon-12:45pm. This engaging program is open and free of charge to all currently enrolled OSF families and volunteers. We begin this month on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### ▪ **Independent Living Skills Training**

Teens and adults with special needs will learn a gamut of independent living skills such as cooking and shopping.

Age-appropriate social skill plays, community outings, and sport activities are incorporated as part of the training. We meet Wednesday nights, 6-9pm, at OSF administrative office