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A YEAR OF CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES

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ABOUT VISTA DEL MAR

Vision

Driven by compassion, Vista Del Mar courageously anticipates and innovates pathways of care that forever transform the lives of children and families who need it most.

Mission

Vista Del Mar is constantly evolving to design and deliver high impact, comprehensive pathways of care that create new levels of healing and hope for children and families. Through powerful, compassionate relationships, combined with clinically rigorous systems that support growth for both clients and staff alike, we shift trauma into resilience – helping every child and family break barriers, reimagine their futures, and transform their lives and the lives of those they touch, no matter their background.

Values

Compassionate Commitment – Because progress requires both open hearts and unshakable resolve.

Foresight – Because we must anticipate tomorrow's challenges and evolve to meet them today.

Relentless Evolution – Because we are always creating new ways to serve those who need us most, resulting in an unparalleled breadth and depth of services.

Excellence with Purpose – Because our expertise matters most when it changes lives.

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This past year was one that asked everything of us. There is no graceful way to describe what the past year demanded of this organization. The challenges were real, layered, and at times relentless, regulatory transitions, workforce pressures, fiscal uncertainty, and the ever-present weight of serving some of Los Angeles' most vulnerable young people through it all. Vista Del Mar felt every one of those pressures. And Vista Del Mar held.

As we step into spring, we want to pause. Not to pretend the hard times didn't happen, but to name them honestly and honor the people who carried us through. Because the story of this past year is not primarily a story of hardship. It is a story of people: clinicians, case managers, teachers, administrators, direct care staff, and leaders who refused to let difficulty become defeat.

This is that story.

Organizational resilience begins with honesty. The past year placed Vista Del Mar at the intersection of several converging pressures. California's behavioral health landscape shifted significantly with the transition from the Mental Health Services Act to the Behavioral Health Services Act changes that rippled through our billing practices, program design, and funding planning at every level.

At the same time, we are continuing to advance the licensing and development of our Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, and Substance Use Disorder program for youth with co-occurring mental health needs is a critical expansion of our care continuum for youth statewide. The path to licensure is demanding by design, and our teams are navigating that terrain with precision and perseverance.

Human resources and workforce sustainability surfaced as ongoing challenges that required thoughtful, values-aligned responses. We faced difficult decisions about structure, capacity, and how to protect the wellbeing of our staff while maintaining our commitment to the young people we serve

"The year was heavy. But in every heavy moment, I looked around and saw someone on this team already stepping into it – already doing what needed to be done. That never stopped being remarkable to me."

None of this was easy. None of it was simple. But through every complexity, Vista's organizational character, our shared commitment to mission have remained constant.

Organizational resilience is not a policy. It is not a strategic framework or a line in a budget. It is people... and at Vista Del Mar, we are extraordinarily fortunate in our people.

Across every program and department, staff showed up with a dedication that went far beyond job description. Clinicians who held space for children carrying the weight of trauma, even while navigating their own fatigue. Direct care staff who maintained warm, consistent presence through staffing shortages and operational strain. Administrative teams who adapted to new systems and compliance demands without losing sight of why those systems exist to serve families.

Leadership, too, leaned into the difficulty with transparency and resolve. There is a particular kind of courage required to lead through ambiguity without manufacturing false certainty to say, this is hard, and we are going to figure it out together. Vista's leadership modeled that courage repeatedly this year. What emerged from this past year is a team that knows itself more deeply — that has tested its own resolve and found it solid. That is not a small thing. That is everything.

We choose the season deliberately. Spring is not wishful thinking; it is what happens when roots hold through winter. Vista's roots held. Now we get to grow.

The year ahead carries genuine reasons for enthusiasm. Our PRTF is advancing toward a milestone that will allow us to serve youth who currently have no appropriate placement young people whose needs have, until now, exceeded the reach of our care continuum. That expansion is a direct expression of our mission and bringing it to life will be one of this organization's most significant achievements.

This spring also marks the launch of our new substance use disorder programming for youth with co-occurring mental health issues and is a long-needed expansion that extends Vista's therapeutic reach to adolescents navigating the intersection of substance use and underlying mental health, trauma, and family instability. The program brings evidence-based, developmentally appropriate treatment into a continuum that already centers healing and self-determination. It is a meaningful addition to who we are and what we offer the young people of Los Angeles.

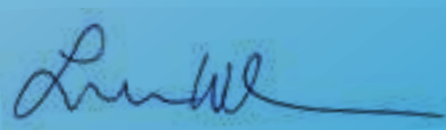
Most importantly, we enter this year as a team that has been tested and has not broken. That is a profound organizational asset. The trust, the communication habits, the problem-solving instincts we developed under pressure, those come with us into whatever the year ahead holds.

We are ready. *Not because the road ahead is easy, but because we know now — without question — that we can walk it.*

To every staff member who showed up. Sometimes exhausted, sometimes uncertain, always committed — thank you. To the leaders who communicated honestly and led with integrity through difficult terrain, thank you. To the families who trusted Vista with their children's care and wellbeing, thank you.

The children and youth we serve did not choose the circumstances that brought them to us. They deserve to be met by an organization at its best and because of the people of Vista Del Mar, that is exactly what they received, even in a year that asked more than any of us anticipated.

Spring is here. The roots held. Let's grow.



Lena Wilson, J.D.

Chief Executive Officer · Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services

With deep gratitude for every member of the Vista family, staff, leadership, and the communities we are honored to serve.



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AROUND *Vista*

Staff Picnic

Vista's Annual Staff Appreciation Day – carnival edition!

We went full-on with cotton candy, LA's best esquites, carnival games, and our annual big-prize raffle. But at the end of this very fun day, it was all about celebrating the people who make Vista shine.

Every single staff member who walked through those gates yesterday deserves to know how seen, valued, and appreciated they are. The work you do every day changes lives, and days like this are just a small reflection of the love and gratitude we have for each of you.

A heartfelt thank you to our Executive Office for making this celebration possible year after year.



AROUND *Vista*

Willkie Farr & Gallagher Deepens Partnership with Vista Del Mar

Willkie Farr & Gallagher continues their commitment to Vista Del Mar through philanthropy and hands-on volunteer engagement. Throughout the year, Willkie attorneys, professional staff, and summer interns participated in two signature events that emphasized connection, community, and joy. Willkie's charitable financial contribution underscores their continued dedication to supporting Vista's mission and the children and families it serves.

Willkie Ice Cream Social

Willkie hosted an Ice Cream Social for students at the Vista School, organized by Lilly Donkel, who oversees the firm's summer intern program. The event brought together Willkie attorneys, staff, and interns for an afternoon of connection and fun.

Thanks to Vista Board Member, Dan Palmer, McConnell's Fine Ice Cream generously donated vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate ice cream, along with a variety of syrups and sprinkle toppings. Willkie volunteers scooped ice cream for the students as they enjoyed their treats to laugh, chat, and get to know one another in a relaxed, joyous setting. This event demonstrated that Willkie's support extends far beyond fundraising, bringing volunteers and students together for moments of genuine connection.





AROUND *Vista*

Willkie Farr & Gallagher Deepens Partnership with Vista Del Mar

Willkie Halloween Extravaganza

Willkie's Halloween celebration transformed the Vista Del Mar soccer field into a festive fall carnival, where students, staff, and volunteers spent the afternoon together and enjoyed a variety of activities together. Guests enjoyed burgers and fries from Baby's Burgers, explored crafts and carnival games, got their faces painted, and were delighted by balloon art, caricatures, and magic.

More than 40 Willkie volunteers brought Halloween spirit to the event. Special thanks go to Aneta Staron for helping plan and produce the celebration; Susan Rohol and Logan Elliot, attorneys who took on the dunk tank; Roger Arredondo for arranging the food truck; and planning committee members Nicole Otrowski and Justin Calabrese. LAB volunteers Ava Azizi, Robin Warren, Sammy Iwamoto, and Rachael Saeyman, along with Lilly Donkel, who also serves as a LAB fellow, helped make the day run smoothly and ensured every student had a fantastic experience.





AROUND *Vista*

LAB Sports Day

Vista's Leadership Advisor Board hosted another dynamic LAB Sports Day at Vista Del Mar. Focusing on team and confidence building sporting activities for Vista's school students and residential youth is a highlight every year.

The kids, staff, and volunteers brought so much energy and heart to the field, and it showed in every single rotation. LAB Members, JR Davidson (Sports Chair) and Matt Kornberg (Fundraising Chair) created a great event with our amazing partners. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who made the day possible — LA Breakers for leading soccer scrimmages and drills, LA Galaxy Star Squad for bringing their iconic inflatable goal (always a crowd favorite!), Ryan Swasey of Magnus Gym for his fantastic obstacle course, and Wild Card Boxing for an unforgettable boxing station. A special shoutout to LAB member and filmmaker Chris Laughter and his colleague, Jeremie Brilliant who donated a dozen indestructible soccer balls courtesy of his work with ONE World Play Project. We also had a collaborative art project designed by Vista's own Schelsey Muhammadie-Sabet where kids created one beautiful collective canvas together. All enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch together provided by Woody's BBQ. A huge thank you to all our LAB Members, our new Fellows, and Board Members who came out to participate, cheer, and show up for these kids.





AROUND *Vista*

Adoptions Halloween Family Day

There were no tricks and all treats at the Adoptions & Foster Care department annual Halloween Family Day celebration. The heartwarming event brought adoptive and foster families together for a day of ridiculously cute costumes, sensory play, and bonding over this shared journey. This year, we were thrilled to partner with Remember2Bee whom brought calming sensory stations and enchanting bubble displays that had kids (and adults!) mesmerized.

From craft activities to festive fall décor, every corner was filled with laughter, connection, and joy. Watching our families build lasting friendships and create these precious memories is the heart of what we do.





AROUND *Vista*

Career Day

Career Day for Vista residents & students is always one of the most inspiring events we host where paths to careers are discovered and our dedicated volunteers demonstrate how to pave a way to a new profession. We are again grateful to our leaders (members from our Board of Directors and the Leadership Advisory Board) who take on this event every year.

This year the students and residents were especially captivated by professionals ranging from music to veterinary science. It was incredible watching them connect with each presenter and discover new possibilities for their futures.

Huge thanks to our fantastic presenters: Brigitte Green (LAB Member from Raedio/Issa Rae's Hoorae Media) and Janet Lopez (AGAVE Music & Media) who brought the music industry to life, our food industry crew Daniel Holzman (Danny Boys Pizza), esteemed chef Antonio Moreno, and Josh Bider (Vista Board Member) who were honestly so cool and relatable with the kids, our interior design duo Andrea Ferrer and LAB Member Jennifer Schweitzer, and our vet team Dr. Abigail Kane and LAB Member Dr. Andrea Kane.





Mimi Feldman

"Our children at Vista Del Mar mean a great deal to me. Vista Del Mar exists so that each and every child can reach their highest potential, no matter what the circumstances. At Vista you can actually see children grow, heal and develop their own self-worth."

— Mimi Feldman

Vista Del Mar lost a tremendous pillar of our community – Mimi Feldman. Mimi was devoted to making our campus as inviting and receptive of an environment as she could for Vista Residents by hosting game nights, restaurant outings, and special events like Mimi's Magic show. She was honored with the Ruth Shuken Humanitarian Award at our Women of Excellence Luncheon in 2013 for her decades of giving her time, talents, and above all her heart to every Vista youth so that each one could reach their full potential. Mimi was fond of reminding the staff and other volunteers that, "No child in need is ever turned away," she believed that whole heartedly and put into practice each time she stepped onto our campus. Our deepest sympathy is with the Feldman family as are our hearts for the indelible mark of greatness Mimi has left on our agency.





A Legacy of Care: **The Story of Willie Zwirn**

Vista Del Mar has always stood beside children in their hour of greatest need. For more than a century, when young people have faced uncertainty, displacement, or loss, Vista has provided stability, guidance, and opportunity.

Few stories illustrate that mission more powerfully than that of Willie Zwirn.

Willie arrived at Vista Del Mar in the early 1950s, a teenage refugee whose childhood had been shaped by war, separation, and profound loss. What he found at Vista was not just shelter — it was the foundation of a future.

Few stories illustrate that mission more powerfully than that of Willie Zwirn.

Born in Antwerp, Belgium, Willie grew up in a deeply religious Jewish family. His father worked in the diamond trade, one of the city's central industries. When Nazi Germany invaded Belgium in 1940, many Jewish families fled. At first, the danger did not seem absolute.

"My father said, 'This can't be that bad. We are going to stay here.'"

Like countless others, they could not yet see the full scope of what was coming.

As deportations began, Willie, his sister Shula, and their parents were arrested while attempting to flee to southern France. Families were separated.

"I remember separation," Willie later said. "I don't remember saying goodbye."

In that moment, Willie's mother made a decision that would determine the rest of his life.

With the help of OSE (Œuvre de Secours aux Enfants), a Jewish rescue organization operating in Nazi-occupied France, she agreed to release her children into protective custody. OSE, working alongside humanitarian groups including the Quakers, created a vast underground network that hid thousands of Jewish children with families and farmers.

"My mother agreed to let my sister and me go," Willie said. "I still don't know whether she spoke to my father about it."

His aunt chose differently and kept her child with her.

"My sister and I are alive," Willie reflected years later. "My mother is not."

Willie and Shula were moved from home to home, hidden by families who risked their own lives to protect them.

"You can't imagine how generous a lot of these people were," he said. "If I lived with you and the Germans were looking for Jews, you and your family would come with me. It takes a lot of guts to do something like that."

His father perished shortly before liberation. By war's end, Willie was eight years old.

"When the war was finished," he said, "home was a flexible word."

After the war, Shula emigrated to Israel, where she lived the rest of her life and helped establish a kibbutz that continues today. Willie remained in Europe for several years before relatives encouraged him to come to America — a country that represented safety and permanence.

In 1951 or 1952, he arrived in the United States aboard the SS New Amsterdam. When given the choice to remain in America, return to Belgium, or join his sister in Israel, he chose stability.

"In my life up to that point," he said, "certainty had been rare. I chose certainty."

Through family connections, Willie was introduced to Vista Del Mar.

By then, independence was not new to him. But Vista offered more than independence. It offered structure, expectation, and belonging.

“One of the things Vista did,” he explained, “was make us very independent. We washed our own dishes. We cleaned our own floors, toilets. We became very independent — and that made a big difference in our approach to life.”

He attended Hamilton High School, graduated from UCLA with a degree in Theatre Arts, built a stable career in manufacturing, and raised a family.

But he never forgot Vista Del Mar.

“If it hadn’t been for Vista Del Mar,” he said simply, “I wouldn’t be in America. I’m guessing.”

For a teenage refugee who had lost both parents, Vista provided the bridge between survival and belonging.

His gratitude was not symbolic.

Years after building his own security, Willie contacted Vista and asked for something unusual: an invoice. He wanted to know what it had cost the agency to care for him.

He paid Vista back — every penny.

Not because anyone asked him to.

Because he believed it was the right thing to do.

Willie remained involved with Vista for decades, supporting alumni efforts and offering guidance born of lived experience. His commitment reflected not only appreciation, but responsibility.

That legacy continues.

Willie’s children — Scott Zwirn and Anita Naiman — have carried forward their father’s dedication through ongoing financial support and participation in Vista’s fundraising events. Their generosity has helped fund playground improvements, essential campus maintenance, and other projects that ensure today’s youth have safe, welcoming spaces in which to grow.

Long after Willie’s passing, his impact remains visible — in the alumni community he helped strengthen and in the campus spaces where children now play and learn.

Stories like Willie’s remind us that Vista Del Mar has always been more than a campus. It is a promise — that in moments of disruption and uncertainty, children will not face the future alone.

Because of families like the Zwirns — and supporters like you — that promise continues.

And for generations to come, children in their hour of greatest need will find what Willie found here: **A FUTURE.**





Jean Leserman

"When I was raising my four boys, I had heard of the wonderful things Vista Del Mar was doing for the many children in its care, and I knew I had to be involved and give back to our community. The staff is dedicated and caring, and as a volunteer and contributor I am proud to have been a part of Vista for so many years."

— Jean Leserman

Another giant lost to our community – Jean Leserman. Jean walked alongside Vista for more than 45 years through our evolution from a residential home for children to providing the comprehensive mental health agency we are today. Jean was honored with the Ruth Shuken Humanitarian Award at our Women of Excellence Luncheon in 2018 for her decades of service as a volunteer and contributor. She helped shape our autism programs, our adoptions program, and so much more, humbly stating, "I am proud to have been a part of Vista for so many years." Our deepest sympathy is with the Leserman family as are our hearts for the indelible mark of greatness Jean has left on our agency.



VISTA RISE — FROM VISION TO COMPREHENSIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE CARE IN ACTION



New programs at Vista Del Mar are often born from recognizing when the organization's existing therapeutic practices, as strong as they are, are simply not comprehensive enough to meet the needs of youth who continue to struggle despite receiving care. The new Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) program, now in its first year of operation, is a clear realization of that truth. For many of the students and residents (Vista youth) on campus, substance use had become a barrier that traditional modalities alone could not fully overcome.

For many young people, untreated substance use was quietly undermining the progress they made in therapy, magnifying behavioral struggles, and compromising their long term well being. The early vision of this initiative began as an integrated Substance Use Disorder Services program designed to meet the growing needs of youth facing both mental health and substance use challenges. At the time, the foundation for this program was laid with the goal to restructure Vista's continuum of care and prepare to launch a comprehensive model that could transform the way children recover.

Today, Vista Del Mar is proud to share that Vista RISE—the organization's integrated SUD treatment program—is no longer a vision, but a reality that is already making a meaningful difference in the lives of the youth served on campus, in outpatient treatment services, and in the Santa Monica school district.

The launch of Vista RISE marked a significant evolution in Vista Del Mar's commitment to behavioral health. Historically, California has lacked a strong infrastructure to support young people with co occurring mental health and substance use challenges—leaving families without coordinated, adolescent specific services and forcing many to navigate separate, fractured systems of care. With the support of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP), Vista began transforming this landscape, renovating a facility into a 16 bed inpatient treatment center and building a system capable of meeting youth where they are—clinically, emotionally, and developmentally.

The Core of Vista RISE– Campus Services

The primary work of Vista RISE takes place on campus, where the program delivers deeply individualized SUD services to youth in residential programs, therapeutic day school, and campus based mental health supports.

On campus services include individual therapy, comprehensive assessments, case management, medical oversight, psychiatric support, family sessions, and evidence based psychoeducation. Unlike many adolescent SUDS programs that rely almost exclusively on group models, Vista RISE is designed around individualized care, meeting each youth with a plan tailored to their needs, their history, and their readiness for change.

For Vista residents and students and for those needing intensive structure, the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) operates six days a week, offering multidisciplinary support that weaves together therapeutic, medical, psychological, and educational interventions. Sustained engagement in a treatment program is often the difference between a youth's recovery, as so often the lack of accessibility in community settings fails to provide the level of care essential to stabilization and long-term safety.

One important distinction from other programs is that Vista RISE extends beyond short term or isolated care. After a youth completes primary treatment, aftercare groups provide ongoing connection and stability, bridging the transition back to school, community life, and continued behavioral health services. As Eric Roberts, Program Director of Vista RISE emphasizes, aftercare is “a cornerstone that helps youth maintain progress, build new habits, and stay grounded as they grow.”

Addressing the cost of care was another critical barrier to remove. Families from across Los Angeles come to Vista seeking support because the quality of care offered is comparable to high cost private programs yet accessible to all youth, regardless of socioeconomic status. Financial accessibility for those served is a benchmark for all Vista programs and remains an inextricably woven part of who Vista Del Mar is.

Extending Care Into the Community: Outpatient Services

Beyond the campus, Vista RISE provides outpatient SUD services to the broader Los Angeles community. These youth arrive through many doors—school referrals, parent outreach, hospital discharges, or self referral. Regardless of how they come, they receive the same individualized, whole person treatment model that defines Vista's on campus care.

This continuity ensures that any young person in Los Angeles who needs help can access high quality SUDS treatment supported by full mental health integration, medical services, and family centered care. This outpatient arm embodies what was envisioned when Vista RISE was designed: a community-based model capable of meeting youth with dignity, speed, and depth of care.



Meeting Students Where They Learn

The third pillar of Vista RISE lives in the organization's school-based services operating in two Santa Monica middle schools and Santa Monica High School. Substance use among youth has become increasingly normalized, particularly around vaping, cannabis, alcohol, and prescription medications. Tracking these and other emerging trends is critical to understanding how to best meet and serve the futures of the youth we support.

These services extend to early intervention, harm reduction education, and direct SUD treatment into the everyday environments where youth spend most of their time. For many students, school-based support removes the barriers that often prevent them from seeking help, overcoming transportation, scheduling, fear of judgment, or stigma.



As school-based clinician Jason Sobel describes:

“Providing a health and wellness focused, strengths based, autonomy driven, human centered, non-judgmental approach to SUD counseling feels current, effective, and aligned with best practice. Giving these kids a space to talk about substance use at school increases accessibility by removing barriers like transportation, scheduling, and most importantly: stigma.”

As Jason highlights, for some students this program provides the very first outlet they have had to speak openly about substance use. For others, it is a lifeline before a crisis escalates. And for many, it gives them someone who represents safety, compassion and hope.

In its first year, Vista RISE has connected with every student referred to the program, meeting the moment during this time of growing need within the community.



Looking Forward

As we move into the next chapter of Vista RISE, Vista Del Mar recognizes the dedicated staff whose work keeps this program running, the families and schools who trust this program, and the donors and partners who make this work possible.

Although there will always be new challenges related to substance abuse, Vista RISE is equipped to meet these issues through evolving, comprehensive, individualized, compassionate care that prioritizes the dignity of every child affected. By addressing substance use alongside mental health, pathways to stability, belonging, and hope can be created.





Betty Sigoloff

"For many years I have invested my time at Vista Del Mar and like all good investments the dividends have paid off. I have seen firsthand how troubled children have been helped, having their lives turned around by experts in all fields. I will always remember Ruth Shuken for asking me to be a member of the Vista Del Mar Associates many years ago. She not only introduced me to VDM, she became a very close friend."

-Betty Sigoloff

Betty lived a full and loving 95 years of life. For over 45 of those years, she dedicated to the children of Vista Del Mar including serving on the Board and a term as President of the Vista Del Mar Associates. Betty was honored with the Visionary Award at our 2017 Women of Excellence Luncheon alongside her daughter-in-law, Dana Sigoloff.

Betty was always generous with her time, talents, and treasure. One of her favorite things to do at Vista, besides chairing successful fundraising events, was the monthly "Lunch Bunch" where the women from the Associates (and later Friends) to children from the school out to lunch. There was conversation, advice, and laughs over food that the women, kids, and staff enjoyed. Betty will be fondly remembered for many things including wonderful sense of humor and easy smile.





The Los Angeles Broker Challenge returned to the Beach Club of Santa Monica on Monday, September 8th, as LACRA members gathered for another unforgettable day of all-day sports competition benefiting Vista Del Mar. This year's event carried added meaning, as it brought the commercial real estate community together in support of children and families impacted by the recent Palisades and Altadena Fires. The annual Broker Challenge raised over \$100,000 to fund essential mental health and family services.

A highlight of the day was the debut of the Luminary Leader Award, which was presented for the first time in Broker Challenge history to Lewis C. Horne of CBRE in recognition of his visionary leadership and commitment to expanding the event's reach and impact.



Nearly 300 guests kicked off the day with breakfast sponsored by Lee Ziff, with donations from Whole Foods and Trader Joe's, followed by a crowd-favorite beachside BBQ lunch from the Beach Club. The celebration continued into the evening with an exceptional dinner by Executive Chef Michael Rossi and live music by CBRE's own Force Majeure. Congratulations to the CBRE team for taking home this year's trophy, and special thanks to top sponsors RAM Construction, J.T. Magen & Company Inc., HLW, and Worthe, along with all the teams and supporters who made the 38th Annual Broker Challenge a true success.





VISTA ROCKS

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On November 22, 2025, Vista Del Mar's Vista Rocks returned to the Avalon Hollywood for an evening that felt alive from the moment guests arrived. Sponsored by Eden Alpert on behalf of the Alesia Family Foundation, and with Michele and Bob Poletti, the event welcomed supporters for a night focused on Vista Del Mar's mission and the community that makes it all possible.

Actor, comedian, and author Kevin Nealon brought his signature humor to the stage, setting an easygoing tone that kept the audience engaged from the start. Later in the evening, singer-songwriter Richard Marx delivered a performance that felt both electric and nostalgic, inviting the audience to reconnect with songs that have stayed with them over the decades.

The event was guided by chairs Eden Alpert, Jayme Bolden, Stacie Cohen, Anna Forkner, Jill Friedman, Emily Hakim, Marla Kantor, Laurie Konheim, Matt Kornberg, Robert Roig, and Beth and Michael Sands. Their leadership helped shape a night that felt intentional and deeply connected to Vista Del Mar's work. As the evening unfolded, Vista Rocks once again reminded everyone in the room why this gathering matters and why the mission continues to inspire such lasting support.





VISTA ROCKS IX





GOLF *Classic*

On October 27, 2025, Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services hosted its annual Golf Classic at the prestigious Sherwood Country Club, welcoming over 100 golfers for a day defined by camaraderie, spirited competition, and philanthropy. Presented once again by Willkie, whose continued generosity and involvement across multiple Vista Del Mar events this year has made a meaningful and lasting impact.

After breakfast, golfers took to the course with a shotgun start. Players then enjoyed crowd-favorite challenges including longest drive, closest to the pin, Vista's signature cornhole challenge, and several "Everyone Wins" holes that ensured fun for all. Against the stunning backdrop of Sherwood's pristine fairways, participants were treated to a coffee and smoothie truck by Like a Boss, McConnel's Fine Ice Cream, and a BBQ Lunch. The day concluded with an Awards Reception immediately following play.

To further support the event, Vista Del Mar also hosted an online Silent Auction alongside the tournament. Together, the Golf Classic and Silent Auction raised nearly \$100,000 in support of Vista Del Mar's programs—an incredible result made possible by the generosity of our sponsors, players, and supporters. The event was made possible by top sponsors Scott Boxenbaum, Arthur Jacobson, Jr., and Taylor and Blake Megdal, with additional support from Bob Barth, Jon Levi, Phil Stein, Erin Brooks, and Jill Friedman.





GOLF *Classic*







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