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*Showing Up
For Each Other*

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LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Peppermint Ridge,

Peppermint Ridge is not defined by our programs, services, homes, or accomplishments; it is defined by the individuals we have the honor of serving. There is real joy here every day in friendships that flourish, milestones celebrated, challenges overcome, and the cherished moments that remind us why our mission matters so deeply.

This past year, I had the privilege of witnessing what makes our community so special. I watched individuals encourage one another, celebrate successes, and embrace new opportunities with courage and determination. I saw staff members give their hearts to their work, families offer unwavering support, and volunteers and donors generously invest in the lives of the people we serve.

Our 2025 theme, "Showing Up for Each Other," is more than a phrase; it is something I see lived out every day in acts of kindness, encouragement, and friendship. Together, these moments create a community where people feel valued, connected, and loved.

The stories in this report reflect the extraordinary individuals who inspire us through their resilience, kindness, and determination. Because of your support, lives are enriched, opportunities are created, and our community continues to thrive.

After ten years, I remain deeply grateful to be part of this remarkable family. Thank you for believing in our mission and embracing the vision of our founders, the Jeffreys. Together, we are building a loving community where everyone is seen, celebrated, and supported.

With a grateful heart,
Danny



Danette McCarns
Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

One of Peppermint Ridge's greatest strengths has always been the extraordinary community that surrounds it. Our 2025 theme, "Showing Up for Each Other," reflects the spirit of compassion, generosity, and partnership that makes our mission possible. Every day, donors, volunteers, staff, families, and community partners demonstrate that meaningful change happens when people come together with a shared purpose.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for believing in the mission of Peppermint Ridge and for standing alongside us. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive community where every individual is valued, respected, and empowered to reach their fullest potential.

We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and proud of all we have accomplished together. We look forward to the opportunities ahead as we continue to show up for one another and create an even brighter future for those we serve.

With sincere appreciation,
Michael Ryan
Chairman, Board of Directors

WHO WE ARE



→ Mission

Peppermint Ridge is a loving community providing support services for adults with developmental disabilities to live their best lives.



→ Board of Directors

Mike Ryan (Chair)
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SHOWING UP FOR EACH OTHER



At Peppermint Ridge, impact is built through consistency, not isolated moments. It lives in our staff who know routines and preferences of residents by heart, families who remain present in their daily life, and volunteers and donors who continue to stay connected with people year after year. Over time, these steady acts create trust, stability, and belonging.

In 2025 our theme, Showing Up for Each Other, reflected this reality. Programs grew, relationships deepened, and opportunities expanded because people continued to show up. This report highlights a community strengthened not by one effort, but by many.



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT



CONSISTENCY

Families are at the heart of our Peppermint Ridge community. Whether it's attending a holiday celebration, cheering from the audience at a performance, or simply sharing a meal together, family members continue to show up for the people they love and help make The Ridge their home.

COMMITMENT

One of the greatest concerns many families face is what the future will hold for their loved one. For more than 65 years, Peppermint Ridge has shown up with a commitment to provide stability, support, and a lifelong home where Ridgers can remain connected to the people and community that matter most.

COMMUNITY

The story of Peppermint Ridge is not written by any one person. It is written by families, staff, volunteers, donors, and Ridgers who continue to show up for one another. Every visit, every call, every act of support strengthens the community every day. It reminds us that no one walks this journey alone.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE RIDGE

Service

Volunteers play an important role in the life of The Ridge. Throughout the year, individuals, families, schools, faith communities, and corporate groups gave their time and talents to support activities, events, beautification projects, donation drives, and special programs. Their willingness to show up creates opportunities that enrich the lives of Ridgers and helps our community thrive.

While too numerous to name individually, we are especially grateful to the National Charity League (NCL), Women's Improvement Club, United Way Youth Board, Jacqui Adewole Family & Friends, United Methodist Church, Corona Rotary, and Circle City Rotary for their continued support and dedication to the Peppermint Ridge community.



Impact

The value of volunteer support extends far beyond the hours served. Every project completed, event supported, and relationship formed helps create a more vibrant and connected environment for the people who call The Ridge home. Whether volunteering once or returning year after year, each person who gives their time demonstrates that meaningful change begins with showing up.

ACTIVITIES & ADVENTURES



In 2025, Ridgers stayed active and connected all year. Trips to the zoos and local theme parks, weekly therapeutic horseback riding at Leaps & Bounds, exercise and dance classes at ABC Hopes, and a bowling league. A prom hosted by Crossroads Church then summer camp at Thousand Pines in Crestline, CA as well as many other excursions kept residents engaged, building confidence, and trying new things.

Holidays brought their own traditions: a Fourth of July parade and carnival, Halloween festival, and a Thanksgiving gathering for Ridgers, families, staff, and volunteers at the Dudley Community Center.

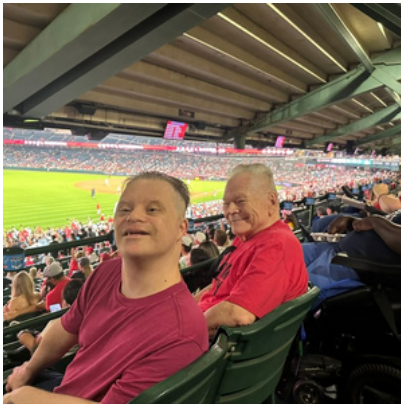
Clubs such as Recycling, Scouts, the Resident Advisory Council and the Rejoicer's Choir, gave Ridgers leadership opportunities, and a sense of purpose. This included organized weekend clean-ups at our adopted park Cresta Verde, community performances, and advocating for themselves.

Most of these programs receive no government funding. They exist because Peppermint Ridge goes above and beyond, and that's only possible because of donors, volunteers, and partners who believe everyone deserves the chance to live their best lives.



"A full life isn't a privilege. At Peppermint Ridge, it's the standard."

RIDGERS IN THE COMMUNITY



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Racquel Garcia

RN

For 10 years, Racquel has cared for Ridgers with skill, heart, and dedication. As a Registered Nurse, she brings comfort during challenging moments and celebrates victories alongside those she serves, making our community stronger every day.

Nancy Van Dien

Direct Training Staff

For 40 years, Nancy has shown what compassionate service looks like in action. The meaningful relationships she has built with Ridgers, paired with her commitment to care have left a lasting impact on countless lives throughout our community.



David Cloutier

Staff Trainer

Twenty years later, David remains one of the key team members of Peppermint Ridge. Having served in nearly every corner of the organization, he now helps shape the next generation of staff through training, CPR, CPI, and IT leadership. His knowledge and commitment are woven into the fabric of The Ridge.

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, Peppermint Ridge expanded fundraising efforts through new initiatives and the continued generosity of our community.

The year marked the debut of The Ridge Round Up Gala, a reimagined version of our signature fundraising event. With a new theme and a new location, the gala brought together supporters, sponsors, families, and community leaders to raise critical funds for the people and programs of Peppermint Ridge.

During the summer, we launched the inaugural Ridge Week, a community-driven fundraising campaign that encouraged supporters to raise awareness and rally support for our mission to serve those with intellectual and developmental disabilities through peer-to-peer fundraising and outreach.

The year concluded with our annual Year-End Match Campaign, made possible by a generous anonymous donor who contributed \$100,000 to match community gifts. This opportunity allowed supporters to double their impact while providing essential unrestricted funding for the programs, activities, and services that enrich the lives of Ridgers.

Together, these efforts strengthened our ability to provide lifelong support, meaningful opportunities, and a vibrant community for those we serve.

The Ridge Round Up Gala

\$176K

Year End Match Campaign

\$277K

Ridge Week Campaign

\$20K



2025 FINANCIALS OVERVIEW

Financials by the Numbers

Revenue Source	Amount	\$
Programs & Service Fees	\$11,496,093	89.7%
Contributions	\$411,798	3.2%
Rent (HUD)	\$64,492	0.5%
Special Events, NET	\$429,689	3.5%
Investment Gains	\$393,346	3.0%
Other Income	\$19,555	0.1%
Total Revenue	\$12,814,973	100.00%



Expenses	Amount	%
Program Services Support Services	\$10,919,750	84.2%
Management & General	\$1,802,081	13.9%
Fundraising	\$252,116	1.9%
Total Support Services	\$429,689	15.8%
Total Expenses	\$12,973,947	

Grants

Carl E. Wynn Foundation
 City of Corona CDBG
 Inland Empire Community Foundation –
 James Bernard and
 Mildred Jordan Tucker Fund
 County of Riverside CID
 Circle City Rotary Club
 Corona Rotary Club
 Caltrans 5310 Transportation



LOOKING FORWARD

Peppermint Ridge is growing, and not just in size. Some of our homes are decades old, and keeping them safe and built for today's Ridgers is an ongoing priority. In 2025, that work took a major step with the official opening of Stein Home, our 12th home and first licensed as a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly. Our Ridgers can age in the community they've always known. We're also working toward more homes with single-occupant rooms within the Corona community, giving residents greater privacy, more community inclusion and independence.

We're expanding training, nursing services, and transportation, and looking to offer CPR, sign language, and other resources to families and caregivers across the IDD community. One of our biggest aspirations is an Explorers Program, a day program for private payees, opening up our outings and community engagement to non-residents.

Growth, for us, has never been about getting bigger.

It's about showing up for more people, in more ways, for as long as they need us.



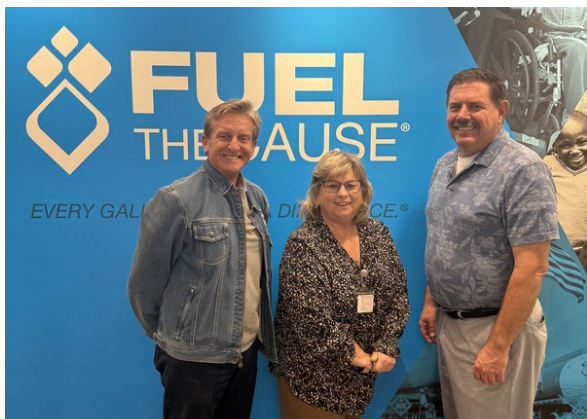
→ New Developments

Circle City Rotary Square

During 2025, we broke ground for a new outdoor park expansion area. This will give our Ridgers a dedicated space to gather and enjoy the outdoors for years to come. The space, Circle City Rotary Square, is named after Circle City Rotary Club, representing decades of financial and volunteer support to Peppermint Ridge. This is a distinction that goes far beyond dollars and represents a true commitment to our community.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Down's Energy

For decades, Down's Energy and the Downs' family stood beside Peppermint Ridge as a trusted partner and our longtime Fuel the Cause sponsor. From their donations through the years and supporting our fuel costs. Their commitment helped move our mission forward. We are deeply grateful for their years of partnership.

Circle City Rotary and Corona Rotary Club

In 2025, we proudly recognized Circle City Rotary Club and Corona Rotary Club as our Angels of the Year. Through service, advocacy, and unwavering support, these organizations continue to show up for our community and helped create meaningful opportunities for the Ridgers we serve.



PETTIT

A special BIG thank you to John O'Doherty and Ralph Cervantes of PETTIT Engineers & Architects for their years of guidance, consultation, and hands-on support. Their expertise has helped improve our homes and facilities, ensuring safe and welcoming spaces where residents can thrive for years to come.

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NON PROFIT PARTNERS



SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
KAREN SPIEGEL



Honoring the Bellwood Family

For decades, the Bellwood family has quietly shown up for Peppermint Ridge, leaving a legacy of service, generosity, and unwavering commitment. Wes Bellwood dedicated years of leadership serving on our Board of Directors. Together, Wes and Jean Bellwood were instrumental in the growth of Peppermint Ridge. After the passing of Wes Bellwood, Jean continued that legacy with the same steadfast support.

Through the Carl E. Wynn Foundation and as family, the Bellwoods have provided critical funding for residential programs, home repairs, and campus improvements helping Peppermint Ridge remain an enduring community for generations of Ridgers. Their daughter, Pam, continues to call Peppermint Ridge her home, making their connection to our community deeply personal.

The Bellwood family's generosity has helped sustain Peppermint Ridge for decades. Their commitment is a lasting example of what it means to truly show up for each other.

Jean Bellwood passed on October 5, 2025 at age 102. We are deeply saddened by her passing and forever grateful for a lifetime of support that continues to shape Peppermint Ridge.



\$100,000 - \$199,999

Jean Bellwood
Carl E. Wynn Foundation

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Jorge and Barbara Aranguren
Robert and Margaret Dudley
Jim and Patricia Wheeler

\$10,000 - \$24,999

City of Corona
Downs Energy/Fuel the Cause
Terence and Jane Gibson
Bob and Diane Grich
Sharon Guzy
Inland Empire Community Foundation
Danette McCarns
Mark and Elaine Norland
Susan Reed
Matthew and Crystal Stopher
Thomas Miller Mortuary and Crematory
Dan and Cecilia Vest

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Mark Daniels
Judith Gibson
Woodrow Harpole
Timothy and Julie Lietaert
Ashton and Linda Miller
Baxter and Debra Miller
Judy Morrill
Don and Teresa Peck
Patrick Schmitt
David and Laura Seltzer
The Howard & Nikki Applebaum Foundation
William and Christa Wilk

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Jacquetta Adewole
Don Allemann
Wes Allison
Benevity - America Online Giving
Doug Bonham
Richard and Shirley Carroll
Steve Castersen
(CAF) Charities Aid Foundation of America
Circle City Rotary Club
Circle City Trade Group LLC dba Chkn 'n Wafflez

\$1,000 - \$4,999 (cont.)

William and Stephanie Collins
Corona Firefighters Association
Corona Police Officers Association
Corona Public Service Employees Association
Corona Regional Medical Center
Corona Rotary Club
Brad and Lisa Costa
Bryan and Caren Crews
Craig Dean
Dermody Properties Foundation
Elizabeth Discoe
Daniel Duran
Steven and Lori Dwight
Ether Cannabis
Fidelity Charitable
First and St. Paul's Church
First Citizens Bank and Trust Company
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Jeff and Misty Fraser
George and Ellen Guayante
Hemborg Ford
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Beth Johnson
Ken Calvert
Steve and Sandy Klein
Knights of Columbus Eastvale - Council #16570
Knights of Columbus Norco - Council #11837
KSL Corona/Valencia Terrace
La Canada Congregational Church
Vincent and Sandy Lovelle
Main Street Church of Corona
Elizabeth McQuaid Sublett
William Mellor
Jonathan and Jane Moody
Michael and Jane Moore
Gary and Susan Olmstead-Bowen
Norman and Merri Ann Ortner
Paul and Sun Park
Joan Redden
Redlands United Church of Christ
Rochelle Reese
Richard Schulze Family Foundation
Brandon Riker
Risk Strategies
Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel - 2nd District

\$1,000 - \$4,999 (cont.)

James Roth
 Dale Sarver
 Charles and Denise Seek
 Sara Seltzer
 Rev. Donald Shenk
 Biren and Harina Shukla
 Wes and Mary Speake
 Karl and Linda Stager
 Ryan Stager
 Paul and Alice Stokes
 Jack and Nancy Storer
 The Woman's Improvement Club of Corona
 Max and Connie Trenkle
 David and Karen Twichell
 Susan Wakefield
 Jeanette Wong
 Brian and Kimberly Young
 Ryan and Renee Yount

\$500 - \$999

Mark Allert
 Altadena Community Church UCC
 Altura Credit Union
 Palbinder Badesha
 Helen Bakke
 Doreen Bryant
 Andrew and Sally Buffington
 Canyon Lake Association of Men
 Wayne Clark
 Corona United Methodist Church
 Corona United Methodist Women
 The Davis Family
 Richard DeBlasi
 Jacqueline Devlin
 Phil and Jane DiBlasi
 Melvin and Elizabeth Elliott
 FLWR CO Corona
 Forum Info-Tech, Inc.
 Rance and Kathi Garrett
 Jeff Gausepohl
 Norman and Linda Goetsch
 David Grisey
 Bruce and Carol Hitchcock
 Mark and Sheri Hoffman
 Knights of Columbus Council #14292
 Knights of Columbus-Corona Council #3687

\$500 - \$999 (cont.)

Dan and Judith Lambert
 Rebecca Loomis
 Eric and Karen Maldonado
 Manhattan Beach Community Church
 Martin Jayson Miles
 Ross and Connie Newhan
 Daniel and Maureen O'Connell
 Margaret O'Connor
 Joe and Laura Pendergast
 Randall and Suzanne Rawson
 Rudy and Claudia Resner
 Riverside County Employee Campaign
 Frank and Neelam Rozario
 Janet Rozner
 Michael Ryan
 Mary Scott
 Dean Seif
 Howard Shadwell
 Donald and Erma Shanklin
 Soroptimist International of Corona
 Bobby and Karen Spiegel
 Richard and Olga Stein
 Jim and Beth Steiner
 William and Michelle Stutsman
 Ellen Summey
 Isabel Tejada
 Unipharm, Inc
 Vanguard Charitable
 James and Christine Vigneau



\$100 - \$499

Cathy Alfaro	Richard Lachowicz	Phillip and Shelley Trop
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Paula Arnold	Deidre Langley	Management LLC
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Robert Bowers	Tracy Mauser	
Jim and Sandy Bradley	Margie McCloskey	
Kerry Bush	John Mihovilovich	
Marlene Campbell	Patricia Miller	
Gloria Castro	Martha Jane Moore	
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John and Cathleen Cleghorn	Tom and Paula Munoz	
Sharron Close	Linda Olhava	
Mary Cox	Alex Paz	
Marcus Crockett	Grace Pierson	
Crystal Roses Incorporated	Ray and Amy Prospero	
CyberGrants LLC	Patrick and Kristie Reardon	
John and Sarah Dalzell	Fred and Carrol Reisenauer	
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Steven Farr	Candy Ross	
Doug and Julie Fredericksen	Charles Rozner	
Martha Freeman	Ray and Judy Russell	
Megan Gastel	Diane Saegert	
Carlene Gibson	Paul and Kathy Santa Maria	
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Christina Held	Cindy Sottile	
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Terri Jagers	Nick Stamat	
Lorinda Kasten-Lowerre	Jim and Beth Steiner	
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Knights of Columbus -	Sandra Sullivan	
Grand Terrace Council #12050	Daniel Terzo	
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Branton Lachman	Teresa Thomas	

PEPPERMINT PARTNERS

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Branton Lachman

Dan and Judith Lambert
Pete and Teresa Masel
Tracy Mauser
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GUARDIAN CIRCLE

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Barbara Coates
Robert and Margaret Dudley
Steven and Lori Dwight
Sharon Guzy
Barbara Joy
Mark and Elaine Norland
Janet Rozner
Vincent and Beverly Scott
David and Laura Seltzer
Max and Connie Trenkle

WHAT IS A PEPPERMINT PARTNER ?

Peppermint Partners is our monthly giving program, providing dependable year-round support for Ridgers. Monthly gifts help fund quality care, empowering support services, and meaningful opportunities. Join today and make a lasting impact through ongoing support.

WHAT IS THE GUARDIAN CIRCLE ?

The Guardian Circle honors individuals who include Peppermint Ridge in their estate plans. These legacy gifts help ensure lifelong care and support for future generations of Ridgers. Leave a lasting impact and help secure the future of The Ridge.

WANT TO JOIN?

Contact our team today to find more info on how to become a monthly donor as a Peppermint Partner or be part of the Guardian Circle. Contact Viki at vbattaglia@peppermintridge.org or call (951)273-7320 ext. 314



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