

## 'Aunt' Cheryl Clark Retires from LeRoy Haynes Center after 42-Year Career



*Aunt Cheryl Clark*

"Aunt" Cheryl Clark, who is retiring from LeRoy Haynes Center in La Verne after a 42-year career during which she has worked in all areas of the facility, was honored at the 65th Anniversary volunteer recognition and alumni reunion picnic last month.

The annual volunteer recognition picnic highlights the many contributions of community members, business leaders, and area legislators and their volunteer service to LeRoy Haynes Center. Former staff members also were invited.

More than 30,000 children have been served by the LeRoy Haynes Center in its 65-year history.

The alumni reunion was held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, at LeRoy Haynes Center in La Verne, followed by the volunteer recognition buffet dinner. LeRoy Haynes Center alumni were able to share special memories during the reunion with Aunt Cheryl and other staff members.

"We actually made an entire weekend of it – celebrating Aunt Cheryl's many contributions, bringing together many of our alumni who literally grew up on the LeRoy Haynes campus, and our annual volunteer recognition event which honored those who contribute so much to the kids and the work we do," said Dan Maydeck, President and CEO of LeRoy Haynes Center. "It was just so fitting that Aunt Cheryl

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was honored with everything else going on at the same time."

A special alumni breakfast was held Friday morning and a "Platinum Party" fundraiser dinner was held at 6 p.m. Friday night featuring "The Boys from Jersey," the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Monrovia.

Aunt Cheryl, who has worked closely with thousands of children at the LeRoy Haynes Center, has served as a house mother in the residential facility on campus, worked as liaison to school districts that work closely with and refer students to LeRoy Haynes Center, and worked in the Human Resources Department at LeRoy Haynes.

## About LeRoy Haynes Center

The LeRoy Haynes Center provides specialized treatment and educational services to children with special needs relating to emotional development, autism, Asperger's Disorder, learning disabilities, neglect and abandonment.

It was founded in October 1946 by LeRoy Haynes, a former chaplain at the Fred Nellis Youth Authority in Whittier, as a way to help many of the troubled boys he served through intervention and treatment in a

home-like setting.

The group home facility has grown from its initial 10 residents to six cottages, each housing 12 children. Mental health treatment services are provided to every resident.

The Haynes Education Center, a non-public school founded in 1989 as a companion to the group home facility, initially provided schooling to the children of what was formerly LeRoy Boys Home. It has grown to serve not only the children who live on campus but the community as a whole, accepting children (boys and girls) from 14 school districts throughout Southern Califor-

nia.

Credentialed teachers working in a highly structured environment address curriculum as well as learning disabilities including autism, emotional challenges and developmental disabilities.

The entire facility serves 350 to 400 children annually through its three basic programs - residential, Haynes Education Center and mental health.

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