



FALL 2018



## Founder's Message



Pearl E. Grimes, M.D.

The famous diarist Anne Frank put it beautifully when she wrote, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Indeed, there is "no time like the present" to make a difference

in the lives of young people and in our world.

This principle guides us in the ongoing work of CARRY, which focuses on improving the lives of at-risk and foster care youth in Greater Los Angeles through unique programs designed to inspire, educate, uplift and enrich their young lives.

Since 2006, we have seen how small acts of giving can make a true difference in moving young people to a better tomorrow.

As we are now nine months into 2018, we are pleased to have continued to provide a series of restoring and enriching programs that enhance self-esteem, self-worth, self-sufficiency and long-term success, along with our pro bono dermatology clinics for CARRY youth. You'll read about some of our new achievements and activities in this newsletter.

At a time when we are seeking to build for the future of CARRY and sustain our programs benefiting young people, we need your help. Ask yourself: "How can I make a difference? How can I do my part to improve the world?" If you would like to become more involved in the wonderful work of CARRY, please let us know! And if you would like to support our efforts to provide quality programs and services to youth in need, we invite you to become a CARRY Champion and make a recurring tax-deductible contribution to support CARRY programs on a monthly basis in any amount that is comfortable to you.

Please read more about our new **CARRY Champions program on page 4** of this newsletter and consider joining us as we work together to make a difference in the lives at at-risk and foster care youth in Los Angeles.

## CARRY's Student Spotlight



**Kemonte Nelson**  
**6th Grader, Grace Hopper STEM Academy**

"I like everything we do on the Camp CARRY Saturdays but I really liked the trip to the Reagan Library. I learned a lot about Genghis Khan and the Library was awesome. I can't wait until next year!"

Kemonte Nelson, a 6th grader at Grace Hopper STEM Academy, who enjoyed Camp CARRY so much he didn't miss a session all year!

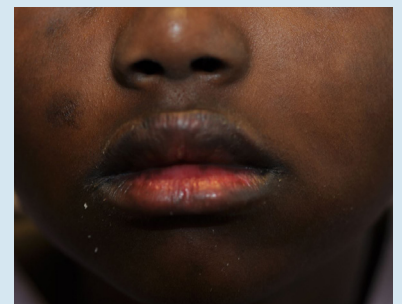
Kemonte is a very intelligent, kind-hearted, and helpful young man who loves to play sports and is a very good student. He was also the only 6th grader given the GHSA Perfect Attendance Award this year.

We are so proud of Kemonte and our other CARRY kids!

## Pro Bono Dermatology: Skin Success



6-11-2014



8-23-2015

MassaEllaine Pollock is an 11-year-old student with Discoïd Lupus Erythematosus, who was referred to CARRY for *pro bono* treatment. She had an excellent response to topical corticosteroids.

**Since 2017, CARRY's pro-bono dermatology clinics have provided an estimated \$40,000 in dermatologic services to over 150 students.**



# CARRY HAPPENINGS



Big thank-yous to CARRY Board members Sheila Belkin, for planning a fascinating day, and Michelle Drayton, Adam Jackson and Herb Jordan for being great chaperones for this day of enrichment and history!

## CARRY Students Experience History at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library + Museum and Genghis Khan Exhibit!

CARRY youth from the Grace Hopper STEM Academy enjoyed a fantastic cultural experience recently by visiting the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley. The students learned interesting history lessons while touring the famed Genghis Khan exhibit and the Library's permanent installations.



## Etiquette 101

Dr. Pearl Grimes recently taught a special "Etiquette 101" class to a fantastic, receptive group of Value High School students who learned the fundamentals and finer points of proper table manners through this fun, enriching and delicious dining experience!





## Board Member Spotlight:

Adam Aejay'e Jackson



*We are so appreciative of Adam's contributions to CARRY as a multi-talented and highly dedicated board member since 2008.*

Eleven years ago, I was working as an independent music contractor for a Los Angeles-based special events group. CARRY was planning its first gala. Things were not going as well as they could in the communications between the company and the gala planning committee. As this was going to be their first event, we knew it had to be successful, without a single hitch.

I expressed an interest in meeting with the committee to assure their vision would be met. After witnessing the passion and care administered by Dr. Pearl Grimes and the CARRY Board, I was captivated...and now have served as a proud board member for 10 years.

CARRY has allowed me to just be present and in most cases, my silent presence has had a profound effect on some of our children which is because most don't have father figures. I have seen firsthand and have been blessed to see some of our young children grow in confidence and grace.

I've enjoyed the field trips and summer camp outings, and teaching the young men how to tie ties, and be respectful. At the end of the day, we are not just Carrying them, they are Carrying us as well. I would like to commend Dr. Grimes and the Board for not giving up the fight. Yes, it gets rough but our purpose and vision remain clear.



On July 15-16th, CARRY visited Camp Crescent Moon and taught 100 at-risk youth about the importance of caring for their skin. Camp Crescent Moon is a week-long overnight camp in Temescal Canyon for children ages 6 to 14, who live with Sickle Cell Anemia, a painful and incurable blood disorder.

"Camp is not always available for these kids because of their condition and economic status," Camp Coordinator Portia Ragin shared.

CARRY provided puppets and videography for the youth to creatively tell how they learned to love their skin.

Dr. Grimes met with Executive Director Mary Brown to present a \$3,000 pledge check from CARRY, to help continue the camp's work. Mary expressed being proud to have CARRY as their newest partner.

Seeing the happy faces of these youth, it's clear that they love CARRY too!



## Supporting Our Future



### Tribute To The Memory of George Calvi *CARRY Friend and Supporter*

**George Calvi** (1957-2018) was a very special individual who always supported the work and programs of CARRY. Generously, his family has made a donation to CARRY in his memory. We deeply thank the Calvi family for their contribution in tribute to this great man, who was a dear friend of CARRY Vice President Sheila Belkin.

George was born in Italy, raised with his brother and two sisters in Yonkers, NY and became the Vice President of a prominent financial institution in Los Angeles. His life will be remembered because he always helped children. He was a humanitarian who inspired less fortunate youngsters to become educated, follow their dreams, and lead better lives.

In the words of Sheila Belkin, "It is fitting that we remember George beyond his life, and carry on his gift of compassion for others, and we encourage you to continue his legacy and contribute in his name to CARRY."

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations that have been made to date in memory of George: **Maria and Joe Aiossa, Sheila Belkin, Anthony and Janet Calvi, Josephine Calvi, Rocco and Tami Calvi, Rosanna Calvi, Sandy Fitzgibbon, Rose Frasca, Chris and Connie Olson, Jeannine Pascal, Kurt and Silvana Schaeuble, Norma Jean Schaeuble, and John and Ana Maria Stiloski.**

## SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY *CARRY'S* JAZZ BRUNCH

*Sunday, November 18, 2018*

*11:00 am-3:00 pm*

MARQUESA BALLROOM  
MONTAGE HOTEL | BEVERLY HILLS  
INVITATION TO FOLLOW



### JOIN OUR TEAM OF CARRY CHAMPIONS! *It's easy to help CARRY our youth forward with our new monthly giving option.*

Help us build a stable foundation for CARRY's ongoing enrichment programs and services to benefit at-risk and foster care youth in the Greater Los Angeles area through our new monthly giving program! As a CARRY Champion, you can support our programs on an ongoing basis, for as little or as much as you would like, on a recurring monthly basis. What a difference YOU can make by deciding to be a continuing part of helping our youth, in whatever amount you'd like to contribute monthly—it's easy, efficient, and up to you!

All you need to do is decide how much you would like to give to CARRY on a monthly basis (remember it's a fully tax-deductible gift). Your recurring donation can be \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 or more...you decide! Using our fully secure system online, you choose the amount you'd like to donate on a monthly basis and provide your credit card, which will be automatically charged in the specified amount on a monthly basis. Visit: **[www.foratriskyouth.org](http://www.foratriskyouth.org)**

Alternatively, you can mail in the form in the right column, or call the office at: (323) 937-0103 to set up your monthly donation. If no one answers, please leave us a message and someone will return your call.

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We're excited about building steadily for the future of CARRY through our CARRY CHAMPIONS program. Please join us as we forge ahead to help our youth in need!

In addition to our recurring donation program, please consider CARRY when you wish to commemorate a special occasion/life event or pay tribute to the memory of someone by making a donation to CARRY in their honor.