



Senior *Serve*

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**"Connecting People
to a more Abundant Life."**

Let's Party! **It is time to celebrate and we found four good reasons to throw a party.**



**Founder John Marshall and new
Executive Director, Andrae Gonzales.**

First, Andrae Gonzales has accepted the position of Executive Director. Born and raised in Bakersfield, he knows the city. Graduating from East High and the University of California at Berkeley, Andrae has a broad world view and is well-prepared to make a difference in our valley. Andrae founded Faith In Action In Kern County, Inc, a ministry that organizes neighborhoods to identify and solve their needs. This faith based initiative is not only highly respected and very effective as a catalyst for bringing caring people together and training them to be leaders, but demonstrates Andrae's ability and dedication to make a difference. We welcome him and celebrate the opening of a broader future for this ministry.

Second, Senior Serve is rebranded as Stewards Inc. This has been a six months process with many people contributing words, ideas, and scriptures. The result



is the name, bi-line, and scripture you see on the face of this mailout. Senior Serve has been the name for 13 years, but with the confusion of people thinking we only served seniors, it is time to change. Stewards Inc uses the word in the biblical sense. A steward is a person who is responsible to manage the possessions of another person for the benefit of that other person. At the heart of this ministry are the goals of "Igniting Hope, Inspiring Futures."

Third, we need to dance before the Lord in celebration of the rooting and growth of our office in Bellflower. When we started this ministry in Los Angeles, I was told "L.A. is a hard nut to crack. You probably won't succeed." Aura Gonzalez, a woman of great faith, working part time and maintaining an unbelievably positive attitude, has made it happen. The number of beneficiaries has grown to 17, and the number is going up monthly.



**Project Director and Chairman
of the Fresno Steering Committee,
Lee Ayres with John Marshall.**

Fourth to be included in the celebration is the start of an office in Fresno. Lee Ayres, as Project Director and Chairman of the steering Committee is reaching out to civic leaders, foundations, and other ministries and is finding a lot of support. Just south of the civic center in Fresno is a large homeless encampment. This development has created a lot of national attention. Stewards Inc is now poised to start ministering in this community.

This kind of change and development always taxes the budget. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated as we seek to rebrand ourselves in the community and expand this ministry to reach out further in California.

God has blessed this ministry, and it seems we have only begun. His guidance, your support, a dedicated staff and volunteers, ministering to an increasing number of individuals needing help recalls the inspired words Jeremiah penned long ago, "I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (NLT)

Will You Join Us?

As I step into my new role as executive director, I am humbled by the rich history of success Stewards, Inc experienced under the leadership of John Marshall. I congratulate John, and his wife Gloria, and thank them for all they have done for me to succeed as executive director.

The future for Stewards Inc is bright. I am so excited to be at the helm of Stewards Inc because it reaches to the core of my own purpose in life: to bring human dignity to all people. Stewards, Inc is a powerful resource for people to restore their own sense of dignity by ensuring access to food, shelter and the basic necessities needed to survive. In this way, our name Stewards, Inc is so appropriate: we manage other people's financial resources as if they were our own.

But we are also stewards of the community. Stewards Inc's work contributes to transforming our entire community. With 1600 clients, we effectively have reduced the number of homeless people in our community. We aim to ignite hope to individuals and inspire a better future for all of us.

I hope that you would consider becoming a steward in our community and join our efforts. You can help us at various levels: volunteer at our office, make a tax-deductible donation, or simply pray for our ministry. Every thing helps!

May God bless you and bless our entire community.
Andrae



**Thursday, March 11, a reception to
welcome Andrae and to officially
announce our new name took place.
Pictured left to right are, John
Marshall, Andrae Gonzales and
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Ed Taylor.**



"Thanks for helping us connect people to a more abundant life."

It's not too late to join us on March 19th!!!



Join us this year for our annual 2010 President's Clay Shoot! This is our 7th anniversary of spending the day competition shooting, having lunch and hanging out at the Five Dogs Shooting Range. All the proceeds will benefit our organization and help us strive to solve our over 1,600 client's needs.

Thank you to our Presidential Sponsors:

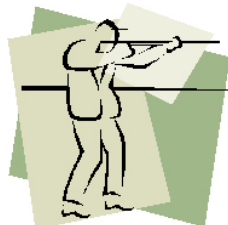


**Registration Time:
8:00 a.m.**

Shoot Begins at 8:30 a.m.

**A GREAT BBQ lunch follows the
shoot at 11:30 a.m.**

Raffle Drawings...Tickets just \$10



Beretta AL391 Urika XTRA Grain 12 ga., 26", OBF semiautomatic shotgun or the 870 Express Youth.



Register Online:

http://www.seniorserve.org/clay_shoot-2010.htm

**2009 Raffle Winner!
Who will win this year?**



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