**Grand Opening: April 24, 2012**  
**CARES Inpatient Tower Childcare Center Playground**

*Weta Mathies, CARES Co-Vice President of Children, was master of ceremonies. Mindy Halls, President of CARES, and CARES Board members also attended. After many years of planning, fundraising, designing, gathering authorization to build, and then its actual construction—the playground is complete. Building a playground on the rooftop of a hospital is no easy accomplishment, but CARES succeeded! On April 24, 2012, CARES celebrated with the LAC-USC Medical Center Playground Open House. (The Open House for the Clinic Tower Childcare Center was held on October 6, 2011.) These playgrounds will serve hundreds, even thousands of children over many years. The patients’ children will have a place to be comforted, if only for a day, from the stress of having loved ones or, and in need of medical care. This long-awaited major achievement strengthens CARES mission to benefit the patients by adding comfort to their hospital stay and by providing services to help the patients access quality healthcare. TACES professional and nursing staff ensures that each child has a meaningful experience in a safe environment.*

*Dear Members and Friends of CARES,*

*CARES Annual Meeting was a great success. Thanks to all those who donated to the meeting and for the 100 reservations received. CARES largest turn out yet! Our wonderful speaker, Robert Gupta, violinist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and fellow musician, violinist Zack Dellinger, performed a duet which was enjoyed by the entire audience. Mr. Gupta’s presentation of his experiences and research to discover more about how music affects neural plasticity, especially in early education and neurological disorders, was very interesting. Though it has been thought for many years that the ARTS may improve both mental and physical wellbeing, Mr. Gupta’s experience with both the founding of and performing in The Street Symphony appears to substantiate these ideas.*

*Over the last year, CARES has finalized its two capital projects, the CARES playgrounds, and is continuing to move forward to expand services while maintaining the already important services that it provides. We would like to encourage each of you to continue your financial support of CARES. Don’t forget to send in your membership donation in the enclosed envelope. Only with your help can CARES continue to be a valuable asset to the LAC-USC Medical Center patients.*

*Accolades to CARES Volunteers for all their hard work!*

*Many thanks to Cynthia Berne, Toby Horn and Norma Zagorsky for assisting in setting up the event and greeting former patients at the successful Annual Trauma Survivor Reunion on Saturday, May 12th.*

*Thank you to Marita Robb for knitting beautiful baby blankets and hats for the tiniest of patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.*

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CARES Congratulates Award Winners

Executive Secretary for Pete Delgado, CEO. After retiring, she became a member of the CARES Board of Directors and has served for the past seven years. She is one of those individuals who says little and does much. No task is too small and no task is too great. She is a friend to all. Though her talents are many and her intellect is great, she handles those tasks with grace and ease. She held the Board position of Recording Secretary for many years, and now volunteers in the operation of the CARES Thrift Shop “Treasure Trove.” She operates the cash register, manages and prices the jewelry, finds clothing for patients who are being discharged, and provides much needed support to the CARES Thrift Shop “Treasure Trove” manager. For her latest contribution, she has taken a jewelry class and is designing and making jewelry that she donates to CARES to be sold to go toward programs that benefit the patients.

Mireya A. Jones, CARES Board Member, presents CARES Special Service Award to Emily Boyle, Attorney at Law, at the CARES Annual Meeting

Emily Boyle, attorney, mediator, and arbitrator, is a partner with the Law Offices of Jonathan Biddle, and her specialty in labor law has been invaluable to CARES. She provides CARES with pro bono counseling on issues that relate to employment opportunity and employee rights. It is essential that all businesses, whether small or large, must have knowledge of laws that pertain to the hiring of employees, including recruitment, interviewing, training, treatment of those employed, and terminations. Toes of rules and regulations must be followed. It is imperative to keep up with current legislation as labor laws often change. Emily’s advice is extremely important to the overall operation of CARES.

Pete Delgado, CEO of the Medical Center, wanted to personally present Agnes Chaney with her award on May 4, 2012, at the CARES Annual Meeting. Family members, friends and over 100 guests attended the event and celebrated her achievements. She began her life commitment to the patients at the LAC-USC Medical Center as a teen volunteer. After becoming employed though DSH, she came to work at the Medical Center to assist top level management for the next 30 plus years. Her last position before retiring from the Medical Center was Administrative Assistant to the Board. She has been a part of a team who organized over three hundred National Charity League mothers and daughters to make it their mission to ensure that families served by the Medical Center had toys and food during the December holidays. Next, she joined CARES and started providing year round service. Her love of vintage “everything” from furniture to clothing and her interest in “recycling for the good of the environment,” encouraged her to accept the challenge of managing the CARES Thrift Shop and Clothing Program for Patients and their families. Karen spends hours promoting the needs of the patients, recruiting and picking up donations, and sorting items for patients who need clothing for discharge from the hospital, or for their children or neighbors who need clothing for school. The money raised from the sales in the Thrift Shop go directly to programs that benefit the patients. Using her compassion for people in need of help, her talents and Can-Do Attitude, she makes the world a better place.

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