



# The Golden Gram

Dear Friends & Supporters,



**My heart is very full.**

On the first day of the long-awaited, very exciting opening of Harry's House, I was privileged to be part of the welcoming of our first residents. I was so pleased to see the mostly men from all walks of life,

including veterans and some who've had to endure up to two years of being homeless, happily enter their new home. I could feel my dad Harry's warm hand on my shoulder as they passed through.

The successful opening of Harry's House reminds me of what Jon Bon Jovi, the wonderful performer and philanthropist, has to say about coming full circle:

**"You just stay the course, and do what it is that you do, and grow while you're doing it. Eventually it will either come full circle, or at least you'll go to bed at night happy."**

After 23 years, The Rona Barrett Foundation and our valued partners have indeed come full circle in our brick-and-mortar endeavors – and I go to bed at night happy.

And speaking of being happy, what better way to show happiness than to hold someone's hand? One of my fav Beatles songs is "I Want to Hold Your Hand." I had the incredible opportunity to meet the Fab Four in Las Vegas in 1964 thanks to the incomparable Pat Boone. But alas, it was in their dressing room, and they were changing between sets, so it wasn't as fruitful a meeting as I had hoped.

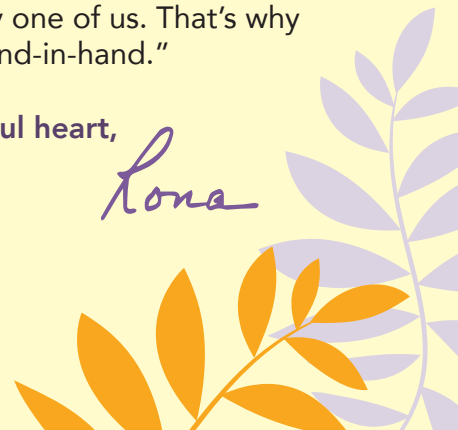
So, I'm very much looking forward to our own Fun Fab Festive Fund-Raiser because full circle doesn't mean we stop in our endeavors to put more than a roof over the heads of those in need.

And while you enjoy the pictorial of our Harry's House Opening on the inside pages, please remember this sage advice:

"We all stumble, every one of us. That's why it's a comfort to go hand-in-hand."

With a full and grateful heart,

*Rona*







Rona puts it best, "I envisioned a place where our residents would feel comfortable and surrounded by community. I wanted it to be a place that they would be proud to call home. I'm happy to say that I think we've achieved our vision, first with the Golden Inn & Village and now Harry's House. I know my dad would be thrilled to call either one of them Home."

## Harry's House Says, "Welcome Home."

There was much excitement as the residents of Harry's House began to arrive at their new home, which was completed by our anticipated goal of Summer 2023. We're looking forward to our Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, which is planned for October.

Harry's House, which is named after Rona Barrett's father, brings to fruition the vision of The Rona Barrett Foundation for a community where seniors may access a variety and continuum of services that meet their needs as they increase.

Although Harry's House is not an assisted living community, it does serve low-income 62 and 1/2 years and older seniors.

Amenities include 24-hour on-site management; laundry and salon facilities; recreation areas & community rooms; an Activity Coordinator; and a library. It's also close to shopping and services.

A Service Package that includes meals, transportation, housekeeping, cable, internet and telephone is available as well.

At the heart of our mission is the well-being and happiness of our residents. We believe everyone deserves a high quality of life, filled with social interaction and mental stimulations. We're committed to creating a joyful place in which to live where each day is filled with special moments and genuine human connections.

We are most fortunate to have the **Parsons Family Management**, manager for Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara's Garden Court and Gardens on Hope, to help develop programming and operations support for Harry's House. Christa Hampton will serve as Executive Director.



1. Mr. and Mrs. Campo enjoy their lunch
2. Residents Sandra and Andie relax on the patio
3. Poncho and Kathy are busy preparing lunch
4. Rona visits with resident Winnie
5. Chasity, resident services director, and Sylvia, front desk, at the main entrance foyer
6. Christa, executive director, and Eileen, office manager, reviewing schedules
7. The beautiful library on the second floor
8. Resident Cheryl was among the first to move in
9. In the kitchen are (right to left), Allie, dining room director; Poncho, cook; Savannah, hostess; and Kathy, lead cook.



### Meet The Residents – Jim Atherton

Jim Atherton is a resident of the Golden Inn & Village who really packs a punch!

Not only is he jovial and friendly with his humor and stories, he was also a former boxer! That's right, Jim took up the sport of boxing at an early age. Initially, he got into boxing as a means of self-defense, since he was teased as a young boy. However, he stuck with it and went on to become a Golden Gloves undefeated amateur.

Eventually, he quit boxing because "no one would fight me," he said. "I was big for my age and I was also a left-handed boxer."

With the boxing arena out of the picture, Jim was introduced to the martial arts while



serving in the military. He became an expert in the field and taught the sport for 52 years to at-risk kids, adults, military personnel, FBI and law enforcement officials.

During his adult life he was also a business owner and served our country as a proud U.S. Marine.

"The Golden Inn is nice place to call home," Jim said. "And, the bonus is getting to talk with Rona Barrett when she comes to visit!"





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# I RONA HOLD YOUR HAND!

**A Fun Fab Festive Fund-Raiser for**



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