

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH GIVEN AT KADIMA'S ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 19, 2011



It is an exciting time right now at Kadima. We have accomplished many goals during Sandi Tamaroff's time as President and we owe her a round of applause for her dedication and positive leadership.

Under the wise leadership of Janette Shallah, our Executive Director, and with the effective oversight of the board and committees, Kadima has weathered the economic struggles of the region

with great success. Because of this foresight and excellent management, we have the luxury and the responsibility to set the course for Kadima as we, as our name demands, move forward into the future.

It is obvious that the need for Kadima's services has never been greater. All we need to do is look at Kadima's houses. Not an open bed to be had. How do we respond to this demand? As an organization we need to decide where to go from here. Are we comfortable at the present level of service and housing that we provide? Should we continue with slow growth? Should we accelerate that growth? It seems obvious to me that the current environment is one that lends itself to buying real estate, but

do we buy and hold or do we open new homes to accommodate the demand we are seeing with a corresponding increase in staff and overhead? These are only some of the questions that we as a board will be dealing with in the coming months. I will rely on all of you, my Board of Directors, Kadima staff and the community-at-large, for your varied expertise as we move forward and tackle the challenge of charting a course for Kadima that will build upon and continue the success of this wonderful and important organization.

Thank you for trusting me with the stewardship of this great organization. I look forward to continuing to work with you to move Kadima forward.

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Kadima Clients... the Power of Work

Steve - "I work in the Kadima Café three days a week. I am a store manager and I am responsible for balancing the daily amount we take in. The inventory sheet has to balance with the cash box. I enjoy my work. It gives me a reason to get out of bed in the morning. I know that I am going to be doing something positive. I really enjoy working with the customers and co-cashiers. It has impacted my self-esteem in a very positive way knowing that I am appreciated."

Fran - "Working keeps me productive and makes me feel capable and better about myself. I feel more independent and have met friends through work; friends that I socialize with outside of work. Work has also helped me maintain my sense of humor. Sometimes I can be pretty funny at work and other people laugh at my jokes. Working gives me more confidence in other areas too."

Lora - I work at Kadima as the receptionist for an hour at lunch time. My work gives me a sense of purpose in life. A purpose knowing that even though I have mental illness, I am still employable. My job has affected my mental health by teaching me the discipline and focus I need to achieve at a job or anything I want to accomplish. According to my supervisor, 'Lora is very helpful and organized. I can always count on her to follow through with any request.'"

David - "I was reticent to become underemployed or work at a job that I felt was beneath my capabilities. I also feared that no one would hire me as I had become damaged goods. But someone did hire me. Like the sitcom 'Cheers', I went each day where everybody knew my name. My mood soared. I got over the underemployment problem. I came to realize that whatever my tasks, if I applied myself fully doing the best I could do, that was enough."



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New Grants

Kadima gratefully acknowledges recently awarded grants.

The Jewish Women's Foundation awarded Kadima a \$15,000 grant to fund a project, "Falling Through the Cracks: Helping Children with Mental Illness by Educating Professionals". This project will provide clergy, board members, lay leaders and educators with significant and relevant information on (1) how to identify early signs of serious childhood and adolescent emotional and behavioral disorders and (2) how to gain access to professional, referral and advocacy resources and services in our community.

The Jewish Fund awarded Kadima with a \$60,000 grant to fund "Children - Our Future". This is the third year of a three-year Jewish Fund grant which provided start-up funding for Kadima to open a Child and Adolescent Program. Kadima provides services to children and adolescents who are diagnosed with serious emotional and behavioral disorders. Since this program opened, Kadima has provided services and referrals to more than 55 children and their families. Presenting issues include diagnoses of bipolar, ADHD, Asperger's, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, anxiety, reactive attachment disorder, learning disabilities, depression, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, seizure disorders, Tourette Syndrome, eating disorders, self mutilation and suicidal/homicidal ideation. The need for this program is great and Kadima is encouraged knowing that the earlier the intervention, the better the long-term outcome.

Kadima's Annual Gala Honoring - Florine Mark

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 an inspiring, innovative, empowering and charitable philanthropist

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