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Aphasia (uh-fay-zhuh): A loss or reduction of language (i.e., speaking, understanding, reading, and/or writing) following brain damage, typically as a result of a stroke.

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"Service is the rent we pay for living."

Marion Wright Edelman

Sharing the Holiday Spirit

The Aphasia Center of California hosted a holiday celebration for participants and family members on December 19, 2000. More than 70 people attended the afternoon event held at the downtown Senior Center in Oakland. The celebration honored the ACC community by allowing all those attending to share in the holiday season.

Attendees were greeted by ACC staff and friends and escorted into the festively decorated room complete with silver star balloons and pine garlands. A delicious array of appetizers, sweets, and beverages was provided by ACC members and their families. In keeping with the holiday spirit, many ACC members won door prizes (all made by Prudence Ashley) that included exercise bean bags and cookies.

Musical entertainment was provided by ACC participants and the family and friends of ACC staff members. Jennifer Ellis (age 13) and Danielle Chiavetta (age 12) started off the holiday entertainment by playing several lovely harp and violin duets. Grace Harvey (age 13) and Tina Cheung (age 12) next entertained with their beautiful cello and piano pieces. Then the activity level increased as the ACC fitness/relaxation class, led by instructor