

On Saturday February 6, 2010, REACH came together with members of the Pleasanton community, including some of our special needs residents, to present a plaque to Lloyd Hanson for 20 years of vision and dedication. A presentation was made by two of our still active co-founders Norm Guest and Sue Johnson. The rain could not dampen the celebratory mood of the gathering.

This was read by Norm Guest:  
20 years ago, March of 1990, a small group of parents, family and friends of people with disabilities met with the purpose of finding housing here in the tri-valley area.

Lloyd Hanson, Jan Pinney, Sue Johnson, and me (Norm Guest) were part of that group. We elected Lloyd Hanson as our Board Chairman and leader in the process of determining a name, developing a mission statement, applying for non-profit status, applying for funds and developing by-laws.

We had no money for operating funds. We solicited donations, worked as ice cream vendors at town functions, and **sold hot dogs at Cat Shows**. We had to take a collection at a board meeting to come up with \$150 filing fee for Non-Profit status.

The name we chose was Housing Options Utilizing Supportive Environments...HOUSE. Inc.

Two and a half years after that first meeting, we purchased our first property in Livermore and shortly afterward this property with funds from Garnet Austin chapter of ARC, and the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton.

Lloyd was our leader during this time. He directed meetings, wrote grants, and acted as property manager for each of our properties, often mowing lawns, trimming shrubs, cleaning gutters, repairing plumbing and replacing appliances.

Lloyd was Board Chairman for 10 years and during this time HOUSE, Inc. established a name for itself



in the Tri-Valley area. We purchased 5 properties under his leadership and he set the standard for the future.

It is fitting that Lloyd be honored at this Vineyard property as Mary and Lloyd's son was the first tenant.

Today, HOUSE, Inc. operates under REACH. We presently have 8 properties and are serving 20 adults with disabilities.

It is with great honor that I proclaim this property as the Lloyd Hanson House at Vineyard.

