

N2R USHERS IN 2002

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N2R/FYBR Recognition event

What an evening, and what a celebration!

What does e. Republic, Covansys, Microsoft, Gateway, PowerUP, Westmont Construction, California Institute for Smart Communities and the Webcat all have in common? They were just some of the VIP's that received special recognition Monday December 3rd when N2R honored its sponsors and volunteers in the debut of the FYBR Telementoring program.

While others were driving home from a long, tedious day at work, these honorees and more were sipping sparkling cider and getting some very well deserved recognition for their incredibly significant contributions to N2R



Sue Nelson, owner of Westmont Construction, Kim Oliver (FYBR Volunteer), and Shari Frasinetti, Westmont Construction, enjoy a hearty conversation with Bernard Percy, Convergence Magazine and Bob Graves.

and FYBR over the past six years. The evening included acceptance speeches from Steve Davis and Chris Frost from Gateway as well as encouragement from Bob Lucas, President of Lucas Advocates and the N2R Board of Directors. Recipients of awards included: Teri Munger, Hewlett Packard, Bob Graves, Criminon International and Vice President of the N2R Board, Bernard Percy, Convergence Magazine, Arnulfo Cedillo, PowerUP, Sue Nelson, Westmont Construction, Miriam Houghton, Expressions, Mike Hale, Volunteer Network Administrator for N2R, and Hennelly & Grossfeld. The photos were taken by

Chelsea Odell, a junior photography student at El Camino High School and the videography was provided by Chelsea Englund, also a junior at El



Covansys, (l-r) Karen Haden, Ting Hsu, Rachel Tsai (LDQ), and Bob Graves cut the FYBR cake and taste the sweetness of a job well done!



Steve Davis and Chris Frost from Gateway receive recognition and then talk about serving the community through N2R.



Bob Lucas, President of Lucas Advocates and the N2R Board welcomes and thanks the VIP's.

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Covansys, our key partner and programming company has a slogan, "From the Inside Out." In the three years that we have worked with Covansys, this slogan has meant high quality people who work hard to get a project done right. From the management to programmers, the staff at Covansys has partnered with N2R in an unprecedented show of support. This support includes 4000+ donated programming, analyst and project management hours driven by a deep conviction to help youth in impacted areas acquire desperately needed job and life skills to give them a path towards a better and more fruitful life.

Covansys Corporation (Nasdaq: CVNS) is a global consulting and technology services company specializing in integration services, industry-specific solutions and strategic outsourcing. Their clients gain competitive advantage by leveraging their unique onsite, off-site, and offshore delivery capability to achieve rapid deployment, world-class quality and reduced costs.

Covansys: From The Inside Out - underscores a professional reputation forged by 17 years of superb technical experience, customer loyalty and a proven ability to successfully execute a variety of high-quality IT work rapidly and effectively.

What are some of the personal benefits you have gotten from working on FYBR?

"A chance to work with different technologies," says Ting Hsu, programmer for Covansys and lead programmer for FYBR.

"We began our partnership with N2R because it was a win-win relationship. N2R received much needed consulting services and Covansys personnel benefitted from on-the-job training opportunities, enhanced skills, and a feeling of contributing to our community. We are committed to FYBR because we continue to receive those early benefits and more. As N2R has grown and matured, they've attracted other well-respected businesses to the partnership. This results in enhanced visibility for Covansys. We believe that youth who have regular exposure to a caring adult who works with them on constructive skills (resumes, cover letters, life skills, etc.) will have better self esteem, increased attendance in school, reduced behavioral problems and will lead healthier, and more productive lives than if they did not have mentoring," says Nicolle Goldman, Operations Manager.

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Pictured by Covansys Team: Karen Haden, Rachel Tsai (LDQ), Ting Hsu, Nicolle Goldman and Mike

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Miriam Houghton, Expressions, and Bob Houghton enjoy the debut of the FYBR Telementoring program!



The debut of FYBR!

Teri Murger, Public Affairs Manager for Hewlett-Packard, chats with videographer, Chebea Englund. Smiling in the background is Bob Graves.



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Special thanks

The N2R Board, staff and volunteers want to extend a *special note of thanks* to:

Mukti Patel, PricewaterhouseCoopers for his dedicated service for the past four years as treasurer of the N2R Board.

We are currently seeking to fill Mukti's position. So, if you or anyone you know is interested in being considered for the N2R Board Treasurer, please email or call the N2R office. We have a job description on file that we are

Wish List...

- Monetary Donations
- New fax machine for the office
- Digital camera
- LCD Projector
- Readers/Editors for Grant Proposals
- Event Planner

To get more info about what you or your company/ organization can do, please ask for the **Make A Difference Sheet**.

N2R/ POWERUP/ GATEWAY COMPUTER LAB

NET at TWO RIVERS is proud to announce a partnership with Gateway, PowerUP and Ram Computing.

Gateway donated 15 Pentium III computers to N2R for use in the Internet lab and office. PowerUP recently made N2R a PowerUP affiliate, which includes 10 Pentium III computers, network printer and much more. So we joined forces and as of March 2002, the N2R/ PowerUP/Gateway Internet lab will be at the Roberts Family Development Center (RFDC) on 766 Darina Ave. in Del Paso Heights.

How did this come about?

Derrell and Tina Roberts, long-time Sacramento community leaders, called N2R last year and enthusiastically requested that N2R place our community lab there at the Roberts Family Development Center. Of course, we were and

are happy to do so. This center will house about 22 computers and they will all be Internet connected. The goal of having the lab at this facility is to in-



The N2R/Gateway Internet lab in Oak Park

roduce the Del Paso Heights area to the Internet, FYBR as well as the PowerUP curricula in order to empower and build resilience in the youth and their families in this disadvantaged but culturally rich area.

Some of the organizations involved in this center include: Grant Union High School District, the Sacramento Urban League, Birth and Beyond, North Sacramento School District, the Del Paso Elementary School Healthy Start, and CSUS Office of Community Collaboration.

N2R thanks the staff at Ram Computing and, especially, their President, Dave Dwyer for many hours of dedicated service cabling and installing both labs.

The previous lab that N2R and Ram Computing installed and managed was in Oak Park and taught about 75 kids, ages 4-17 on the use of computers, word processing, searching the Internet and PowerUP curriculum over a period of about nine months.

There will be a grand opening in early spring after the lab installation is complete.