



"Saving babies, one mother at a time."

PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER, INC

FALL 2020 Newsletter

A 501(c)3 Non-profit California Corporation TAX I.D #51-0187577
providing for homeless pregnant adult women since 1989
(562) 431-5025 - P.O. Box 414 - Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Our mission and vision is to "provide a safe, healthy, loving, residential environment with supportive services for homeless pregnant adult women and their children."



From the Executive Director's Desk...

Dear Supporters,

Who could have imagined that an entire year would be coming to an end and we have not been able to see so many of you in person? Although I must say that your outreach to help has been fantastic and such a blessing to those we serve. Healthy working women, healthy babies, wonderful staff, volunteers and supporters that regularly check in to see if we need anything special as they are going shopping, or donor would make a direct donation to carry us through financially.

Helen Keller wrote, "A bend in the road is not the end of the road...unless you fail to make the turn." This saying speaks perfectly to the uncertainty of 2020 which has caused great anxiety for many. And often the answers given do not quell such anxiety. We want you all to know that we have not "failed to make the turn" as we have adjusted our intake process, our housing procedures and care for residents, staff and volunteers, allowing us to navigate the road toward 2021. We ask you to help us make this end of the year one that helps us help our moms and children, and we are exceedingly grateful for your support and prayers.

We are planning our holiday season to enrich their lives to let them know they are well taken care of by those who care about them. As I have shared before, Thanksgiving and Christmas can be lonely for residents who do not have contact with any family, so we try to provide that wonderful family atmosphere for them through your generosity and goodness.

Our shop has been open since June 22, and we are busy, which is wonderful. If you are ready and comfortable to volunteer, we certainly need afternoon volunteers. Join us and know we have taken "masks required" and "social distancing", plus sanitizing, very seriously. Our donations continue to supply the shop with new items almost everyday. THANK YOU! But please do not leave donations when there is not someone at the shop to receive them, as we have had a tremendous theft problem. We have partnered very straight forwardly with the Los Alamitos Police Department, who have been terrific in helping to stop some of the more egregious stealing we caught on the surveillance cameras.

Unfortunately, we are not allowed to have "visitors" or "gatherings," so we will not be able to have our annual "A Precious Christmas" Open House in December. Watch for events planned for outside, as we look to have some "fun" raising in 2021 to gather and support those we serve and who need our assistance.

As you each prepare to decide how you will celebrate with those you love, we thank you for standing with us and sharing willingly for those we serve. Our annual pledge campaign cards have been mailed; with the uncertainty of this year, we hope you are able to join the campaign to support Precious Life for this annual drive. Your support changes the lives of the women coming through our doors and allows them to believe life might be better for them in their future.

Certainly there will be obstacles, there will be doubters, there will be mistakes, but with hard work there are no limits to what can be accomplished with the support provided for those looking to give a good life to their child. We thank you for being the catalyst to ignite the possibility of success for each woman we serve.

May your season of sharing with those you cherish be blessed.

With sincere gratitude,

Theresa E. Murphy
Executive Director

Growing support from our Gala Stars for our No Show Event:

Bright Star - \$2500 - \$10,000

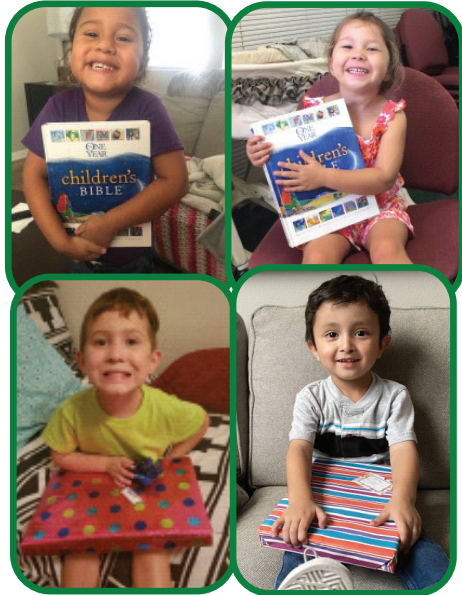
Joey & Deanne Anderko
Dean & Wendy Grose
Pacific Premier Bank
Jim & Theresa Murphy
So Cal Gas
Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons

Shining Star - \$1,000

Rose Marie Angiuli
John & Anne Price
Storie & Severson Construction
Grace Community Church Seal Beach

Resident Corner

A Special Gift



Permanent PLS graduate residents, Audrina, Nova, Brandon and Raiden were blessed to receive their very own children's bible from a PLS Supporter, Fred Fox, after reading a story in our last newsletter about our 1st child graduate. THANK YOU!

Why does the Book Team Volunteer?



Nancy Lopez

“Volunteering gives you a purpose, hope and a full heart knowing you gave to someone else. It helps fight depression, loneliness and the feeling you’re not important.”

Because of the generous donors of beloved books and because of a teacher who cares and shares with her students.

Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”

Nancy slips in every week or two to work alone during this pandemic to sort and prepare books for the shop.

Thrift Shop Volunteers needed to....

help with inside and outside sorting, pricing and organizing. Shifts are 10am to 1pm or 1pm to 4pm, or whatever your time will allow. Please call the shelter at 562-431-5025 and see how to get started today.

Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat



Thank you to all the donors who donated candy for Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat event which was put on by the Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Department and MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital of Long Beach. Thank you Leslie Navas, Kathy Madrid and her daughter Alina for helping hand out candy. You look fantastic!!

Best Wishes....



We are grateful for the loving care that Leslie Navas provided to our little ones for 3 years. We will miss her!

Congratulations

Brandon & Gabi Saller

on the birth of...



William Saller
August 9, 2020



NEEDS

Multiuse Paper ~ Bright White -20lbs - 8 1/2 x 11
White Hand Towels & Wash Cloths
Swiffer Dry & Wet Refills
Black Trash Bags - 33 Gallons
Ziplock Storage Bags - 1 Gallon
Disinfectant Hand Soap Refills
Scrubbing Bubbles Bathroom Cleaner
Disinfectant Wipes
Lysol Disinfectant Spray
Dreft Laundry Soap
Dish Towels
Hot Pad Holders
9 Volt Batteries
Porta Crib Fitted Sheets - 24" x 38"
Changing Table Pad/Cover



Volunteer Appreciation Car Parade



We ♥ Our Volunteers so much that our wonderful Board Committee came up with a wonderful, safe way to show our appreciation to them for all that they do by having a car parade. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to join in the parade and to serve. It was a great fun to see you all. Volunteers were recognized for their years of service, as well as some "Special Recognitions."



PLS Founder, Theresa Sherrin



Board of Directors show their appreciation for our volunteers: Valerie, Theresa Murphy, Kathy, Cathy, Sean P, Judy, Wendy & Sean K



Board of Directors assembly crew: Charlene, Judy, Kathy, Cathy & Roger.



Shelter Staff are thankful for PLS Volunteers: Wanda, Audrey, Theresa, Tammy & Martha.

"Twenty Five" Year



Twenty Five Years of Service: **Dan Veazey**

"Five" Year



Five Years of Service: **Judy Souza**, (Cynthia San Jose, Gabriella Guthner Saller, Kathi Eysenbeck, Sarah Lopez, Carol Gibson, Joseph Horejsi, Alexander Aguilar, Linda Johnson, Barbara Mackewicz, Michelle Potter, Katie Robison, Beryl Sumait, Maddy Uchiyama, Hannah Waki, Marianne Zamierowski)

"Ten Year



Ten Years of Service: **Jon San Jose** (Martha Breucop)

"Twenty" Year



Twenty Years of Service: **Liz Kier** (Jeanne Anderson, Ida Copeland, Yolanda Iemola & Sheri Mansfield).

"Fifteen" Year

Fifteen Years of Service: (Paul Camp, Isa De'Arman & Eloise Poston)



Thank you Trader Joe's of Huntington Beach for gifting the beautiful flowers.

With Special Thanks to...



PLS Board of Director Lanae O' Shields of Southern CA Gas, who graciously provided the PLS face masks, and for Leslie Withers of Elite Balloon Design, who gifted the beautiful balloons.

Special Recognition



We are grateful for these volunteers who go above and beyond what's asked of them: Maddy Salvador, Owen Anderson and Cathy Hughes (Rita Seho)

Special thanks to those business, groups and individuals....who continue to support the women and children at Precious Life during these difficult times:

Acacia Quilt Guild of Orange County
 American Legion #716
 Audrey Winthrop
 Becky Alli
 Beth David Sisterhood ~ Westminster
 Orange County Bar Association's
 Community Outreach
 Cecelia Gallagher
 Charleen Fitzgerald
 Cheryl Kelly
 Claudia Gurrola
 Debi Qualls
 Don & Julie Jacobs
 ECOS ~ Cypress
 Ed Warner
 Eulaha Przybylowski
 Elizabeth Leap

Fred Fix
 Fresh Griller ~ Downey
 Girl Scout Troop #434 ~ Garden Grove
 Good Neighbors of Rossmoor ~ Sally Stuart
 Hook & Needles for Charity
 Ilene Wolfe
 International Paper Foundation
 Janice Johnson
 Jim & Milena Brown
 John and Anne Price
 Josie Hallum
 Judy Lasky
 Julie Nelso
 Karen Lagorski
 Kathy Hunter
 Kevin Gilhooley
 Leonora Llantero

Los Alamitos Recreation & Comm. Services
 Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd ~
 Buena Park
 Mark & Aimee Schissel
 Mary Beth Beck
 Pat Nohalty
 Radiant Church ~ Huntington Beach
 Rossmoor Woman's Club
 Republican Women ~ WOCRWF
 Rudy & Mary Lou LaLonde
 Russ & Kathy Eyserbeck
 Stephanie Allbright
 St. Irenaeus Catholic Church
 St. Tabitha Stitches
 Susan Wei
 Wendy Dunlap
 Womens Moose Lodge

Mmm Good.....



PLS Residents Brandon, Cordiella, and Staff were blessed by Lisa Baker, who provided a delicious BBQ Dinner from Naples Rib Company.

Girl Scout Silver Award



Special thank you to Jadie and Lucian, who delivered hand knitted hats and blankets that they made for PLS babies to earn their Silver Award.

Essential Baskets



Trisha delivers tote baskets filled with essential items for each resident.

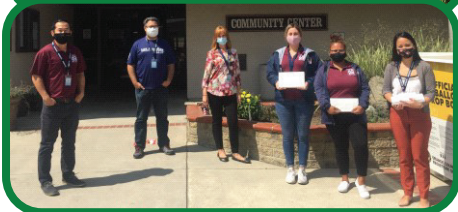
Baby Layette Items



Claire Monk delivers adorable baby layette items to Theresa Murphy for PLS boy and girl.

SERVE LOS AL

A Citywide Service Event where citizens come together to offer help by serving at local non-profits in Los Alamitos.



Thank you to Los Al Recreation, Police & City Departments for helping on Serve ♥ Los Al to spruce up our Thrift & Gift Shop by prepping and painting the trim. You are all a blessing to us!

Special gratitude to Ken Vecchiarelli, P.E. of Golden State Water as our Project Captain



In Memory

Intentions For....		Requests were made by...
Adelaide Cousins	†	Paul Seigman
Alan P. Daurio	†	Frank Daurio
Albert Madrid	†	PLS Board of Directors & Staff
Angiuli Family	†	Rose Marie Angiuli
Anita Stone	†	Anne & James Stone
Arlene Pelonis	†	Marita Caruso
Arlene Pelonis	†	PLS Board of Directors
Bernard Gutierrez	†	Ruth Nessley
Cara Davis (Mom)	†	Ramona Cobb
Carole K. Schulte	†	Paul Schulte
Carter Ketchum	†	PLS Board of Directors & Staff
Catherine Bonner	†	Patricia Bonner
Cathy Harrigan	†	Michaelene Zipser
Cecilia Moeser	†	Theresa Sherrin
Chris Hodowski	†	Elizabeth Kier
Chuck Wachter	†	George & Therese Greenlee
Chuck Wachter	†	Shawn & Catherine Wachter
Chloe, Jose & Dae'von	†	Majella Maas
Danita Wince	†	PLS Board of Directors & Staff
Diana M. Ortiz	†	Gloria V. Ortiz
Dianna (Lulu) Reynolds	†	Kenneth & Christina Watson
Fred Tucker	†	Allie & Helen Baker
Ida Sacco	†	John & Susan Harrigan
Jean Barbazette	†	Janis Isenberger
Joe Gutierrez	†	Ruth Nessley
Kay LoCicero	†	Jim & Theresa Murphy
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Patricia A. Murphy	†	Arlene Drach
Patricia A. Murphy	†	Mark & Mary Bernhardt
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Red & Kristine Sander	†	Catherine Sander
Robert F. Carvo	†	Phyllis Carvo
Roland Scully	†	Rosemarie Scully
Steve & Nancy Stock	†	Melissa Stock
Wally Castellana	†	Mary Castellana
Wilbur Bolton	†	Jon & Kathryn Lang

In Honor

Intentions For....		Requests were made by...
Amorine Lewis	♥	Annette New
Respect Life Sunday	♥	Beth & Noel Ellis
Sheila O'Rourke	♥	Kathleen Hughes
Special Intention	♥	Richard & Loretta Fleming

BIRTH/BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY ~ CELEBRATIONS ~

Birthday ~ Judy Swaaley
Mary Ellen Baker

Birthday ~ Angela Pacheco
Patricia Singer

Birthday ~ Linda Saucier
Maryellen Baker

83rd Birthday, Oct. 8th ~ Marita Caruso
Diane Caruso
John Glaudini
Thomas Caruso
Barbara Caruso
James Pentecost
Kathleen Ampudia

50th Wedding Anniversary ~ Jim & Theresa Murphy
Theresa Sherrin

50th Wedding Anniversary ~ David & Jeanne Rathswohl
Bill & Katie Greening

Our 60th Wedding Anniversary
Robert & Santa Campuzano

In Honor ~ PLS Volunteers & Staff
Kirsten Larsen

Happy Repose of his soul ~ John (Jerry) MacArthur
Margaret MacArthur

WAYS TO HELP

Qualified Charitable Distribution: You can get a tax break without itemizing. QCD is a tax strategy that allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA, counts toward your RMD, and reduces your taxable income.

Brokerage Charitable Gift Accounts: As a Charitable Gift Account (aka Donor Advise Fund), Holder, you can make grant recommendations to the charitable accounts at your brokerage firm.

Gift of Stock or Bonds: By making a gift of your appreciated securities, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that would otherwise be due if you sold these assets

\$300 Deduction of Cash Contributions: Ability for an above-the-line deduction of up to \$300 of cash contributions to charities, regardless of whether the individual itemizes deductions.

Precious Life Shelter cannot provide tax or legal advice. You should consult your attorney or qualified tax profession.

Remember Amazon Smile and Ralphs and Food4Less programs all support us by you signing up online....We all have to shop so let the corporations donate!!

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!!

Thank you to the shoppers who support us by continuing to shop at our store. Please know that we continue to do everything to make a safe shopping environment for our workers and shoppers. Masks and social distancing are still required. We have hand sanitizing stations in numerous locations.

Stop by to see all the new merchandise that is added daily and ask to fill out an information card if you would like to receive regular Thrift Shop notices on special sales and events.



Store Hours:
Monday ~ Friday
10am to 4pm

Donation Drop-Off
Monday ~ Friday
10am to 2pm

Thrift & Gift Shop Continues to Remain Open

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