



**Precious Life Shelter**  
Saving Babies, One Mother At A Time

# FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- A Precious Christmas:  
December 10, 2023,  
3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- An Affair of The Heart  
Hooray for Hollywood:  
March 9, 2024
- A Taste of Precious Life  
June 3, 2024
- Tee of for the Heart  
September 18, 2024
- Every 2nd Saturday of  
the Month - Thrift & Gift  
Shop Open - Donations  
Closed (M-F 10 -1pm)



**OUR MISSION AND VISION IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, HEALTHY, LOVING, RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS, PREGNANT ADULT WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN.**

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK...



Dearest Precious Life Supporters,  
As we move into the fall season of giving thanks and prepare to celebrate the blessed season of Christmas with those we cherish, we want to share our sincere gratitude for each and every one of YOU this year. We have supported our women and children through many obstacles and challenges, helping them fulfill their goals and put dreams for their future into motion.

For many of them it has been difficult. Those of you who have mentored one of these women in 2023 know of their frustrations and have encouraged them to not give up or give in. Thank you for the emotional, spiritual, physical and financial support you have offered for those in need desiring to change their lives.

One of the hardest aspects of serving our population is watching women give up and walk away from that which they came to do. Following a structured program is not easy for many of our clients, and they just do not want to make the hard changes for themselves. We believe that however long or short a time they remain in our program, we have planted a seed that can grow no matter where they go. Keep each of them in your prayers as they navigate their specific changes, and hopefully their "dream" will revive them and their child.

Coming to the end of 2023, we invite you to join us on December 10, 2023, from 3:30 - 6:30 for A Precious Christmas Annual Open House. Bring family and friends to see what your support provides for our clients. Santa will be with us for pictures, and tours and refreshments will be available. The Thrift and Gift Shop will be open to do a little shopping for gifts and items for yourself or someone you cherish.

Our Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Directors has been working to implement enhanced changes in the shop, so you might notice rearranged shelves and racks, more beautiful donated purses and jewelry, collectibles and lots of great housewares. All which come to support this "Little shop where you can SHOP TILL YOU DROP." As of November 30, 2023, no new stamp cards will be given out. All current full stamp cards can be redeemed when full. We will stamp cards until the end of the year, 12-31-23, giving shoppers the opportunity to complete their current cards. All shoppers have an opportunity to redeem their "Full" stamped cards until January 31, 2024. We will keep our prices reasonable, as we have for 31 years at the shop. We are truly a Thrift and Gift Shop run by wonderful volunteers who provide thousands of hours every year to keep our door open and shelves stocked. We invite your help as Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Contact Tammy in our office 562-431-5025 and join our PLS TEAM.

Our annual Affair of the Heart ♥ Gala returns in 2024 on March 9th at the Reef in Long Beach. Hooray for Hollywood will be a marvelous event you won't want to miss. Please join us and celebrate the beginning of our 35th year "Saving babies, one mother at a time!"

May your holiday be filled with abundance and love as you share time with those you cherish.

With sincere gratitude,

  
Theresa E. Murphy  
Executive Director

P.O. Box 414  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720  
562-431-5025

# CLIENT CORNER

## Our Newest Little One

October



Majesty

*Not Pictured:  
Cairo - September*



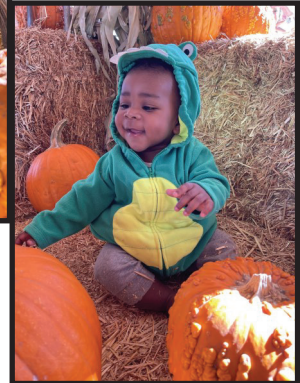
## Halloween Cuties



Walter the Pumpkin



PLS babies visit pumpkin patch in their adorable costumes.



Kazimir the Dinosaur



## Annual Trunk or Treat!

Put on by the City of Los Alamitos Recreation Department, Precious Life had a wonderful booth built and staffed by Wendy Grose, Board Chair, and Denise Velasco, Infant Care Director.



A fun safe Halloween event for all families was held at Little Cottonwood Park in Los Alamitos.



A spooky fun booth was set up for kids to enjoy.



Board of Director Wendy Grose dressed up as adorable witch.

## NEEDS

- Bright White Copy Paper ~ 20lbs (not recycled)
- Batteries ~ C, AA & 9 Volt
- Letter Size Manila File Folders
- Scrubbing Bubbles Cleaner
- Bona ~ Disposable Wet Cleaning Pads
- Brother P Touch TZe Refill Tape ~ Black on White
- Small Bottles / Pods ~ Detergent for Clients
- Black Drawstring Trash Bags ~ 33 Gallon
- White Kitchen Trash Bags ~ 13 Gallon
- Ziplock Storage Bags ~ Gallon & Quart
- Canned Soups / Canned Chicken
- Forever Stamps for Residents
- Toilet paper
- Paper Towels





# 2023 VOLUNTEER BRUNCH HIGHLIGHTS



Saturday, October 7th, PLS Board of Directors, staff and former clients came together for our Annual Volunteer Recognition Brunch to celebrate our awesome volunteers and honoring all that YOU do for the shelter. Held at El Dorado Park Golf Club, where guests delighted in visiting with everyone and enjoyed a delicious meal. We are blessed and so grateful for each and everyone of you!

## Five-Year



Nancy Filbin, Ruth Schnipper & Gail Comeau  
(Not Pictured: Rita Casacchia, Colleen Marubayshi, Marcia Rinaldi, Gina Colin, Cecelia Walker, Patricia McCoy, Marta Mevis, Brenda Moyer, Karen Dawson)

## Ten-Year



Catherine Baital  
(Not Pictured: Tim Bornscheuer, Araceli Rivera & Pat Nohalty)

## Twenty-Year



Alice Connolly & Wendy Grose

## Recognized Volunteers



Catherine Baital, Wendy Perez & Barbara Jones  
(Not Pictured: Brenda Moyer & Lana McMillen)

## Beautiful Ladies



Executive Director Theresa Murphy & PLS Founder Theresa Sherrin

## Food



Guests enjoyed a delicious brunch!

## Special Recognition "above & beyond the call"



Wendy Grose & Diane Hayes

## Staff, Volunteers & Graduates



Front Row: Wanda Crawford, Kimberly Williams, Audrey Weis, Kenya Brown  
Back Row: Gigi & Julia Lozano, Carol Ragan & Lisa Vanden Berg

## Precious Board of Directors



Cynthia San Jose, Charlene Wood, Cathy Hughes, Judy Lee Vogt, Kathy Mills, Wendy Grose, Theresa Murphy, Anne Price, Jon San Jose & Luke South

## Graduate Daughter & Mother



Gigi and Julia Lozano



# 2023 TEE OFF FOR THE HEART♥ HIGHLIGHTS



## Inspiration Benefactors



Deanna and Joey Anderko

## Congratulations Winners!

### Longest Drive Men



JJ Koon

### Closest to the Pin Women



Barb Baldassano

## THANK YOU SPONSORS

### Eagle

Edward Jones  
United Rentals Trench Safety  
Accurate Property Restoration

### BBO Lunch

Dean & Wendy Grose

### Driving Range

The Family Plumber  
Knights of Columbus #3052

### On-Course Tee Sign

John Passanisi  
John & Anne Price  
O B Phillip Jr & Son  
Knights of Columbus #3052

### Bloody Mary Bar

Janis Isenberger  
John & Anne Price  
Rose Marie Angiuli

### Margarita Bar

Lloyd Mantong  
Charles & Inja Chung

### Dinner

Joey & Deanna Anderko  
Jim & Theresa Murphy

### Chopper Dropper

Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers  
of Long Beach ~ In Honor of Don Gath

### Longest Drive Women



Sue Duits

### Closes to the Pin Men



JJ Koon

### Chopper Dropper



Miriah Fineberg-Kuck

### Low Gross Men



### "The Meat Guys"

Craig Cartozian, Mike Roddy.  
Chris Walker & Lawrence Breaux

## ONGOING BENEFACTORS

### Inspiration Benefactor

Joey & Deanna Anderko

### Wish Associate

Jim & Theresa Murphy

### Aspire Participant

Eric Gallinger  
Ken & Robin Vecchiarelli  
Knights of Columbus #3629

## Ball Launch Hole



### “Bimby Bunch”

Sue Duits, Barb Baldassano,  
Suzi Good & Ginny Trapani

## Putting Contest



Aleen Hensley

## Back Swing



Amber Sky Skippis

## Speed Golf



### “Team Wachter”

Dan Wachter, Chad Wachter,  
Shawn Wachter & Kirk Sullivan

## High Score Losers



### “Four Putz Champs”

Aleen Hensley, Rita Mattero,  
Judi Clark & Sandra Kirschner



## THANK YOU DONORS:

Accurate Property Restoration  
Aegean Design Studio  
Aleen Hensley  
American Golf  
Bill & Cheri Crocker  
Bradford Renaissance Portraits  
Christina Watson  
Costco Warehouse  
Desert Willow Golf Resort  
Domenico’s Italian Restaurant  
El Dorado Park Golf Course  
Katella Deli  
Long Beach Symphony  
Naples Rib Company  
Pacific Premier Bank  
Randall Hill  
Rita Mattero  
Residence Inn By Marriott  
Rising Sun Pickleball  
Roelord Studio  
Tequila Mandala

## Roll Those Dice



Suzi Good

## Poker Hand



Roland Chasse

## Round Ball Rally



### “That Man is You”

Deacon Henry Edgar, Don  
Stefano, John O’Keeffe,  
& Terry McCarthy

## Hole-in-One Sponsor

Jeff Malone  
New Front Insurance



Special THANKS to Our Great Golf Committee:

Inga Chung, Maddy Salvador, Wendy Grose,  
Cathy Hughes, Judy Lee Vogt, Barbara McGuire,  
Kathy Mills, Anne Price, John Passinisi, Greg  
Gath, Jeff Malone, John Price & Charles Chung.

Cathy Hughes, Jennie Donaldson & Linda Hall for  
putting together beautiful auction items.

Thank you to all our hardworking volunteers for  
making this day a wonderful success.



“Saving babies,  
one mother at a time”

## Precious Life Shelter

AFFAIR OF THE HEART GALA ♥ HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD  
Saturday, March 9, 2024

### Auction Donation Item

#### Donor Information:

Check here for receipt

Company/Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Retail value of item: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of item: \_\_\_\_\_

List any restrictions, expiration  
dates or special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Monetary Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Walk of Fame Opportunities

will include:

Recognition in Gala Program and Newsletter & Recognition on Website

★ **\$10,000 The Oscar Advocate**  
*also includes:*  
VIP Table for 10 guests at the Gala  
Recognition on the Screen at the Gala

★ **\$2,500 The Emmy Associate**  
*also includes:*  
4 Tickets to the Gala  
Recognition on the Screen at the  
Gala

★ **\$5,000 The Golden Globe Family**  
*also includes:*  
6 Tickets to the Gala  
Recognition on the Screen at the Gala

★ **\$1,000 The Grammy Patron**

★ **\$500 The Tony Fellow**

### Hollywood Extras

will include:

Recognition in Gala Program and Newsletter & Recognition on Website

★ **\$2,500 MC & DJ/Music**  
*also includes:*  
Announced Recognition by MC/DJ

★ **\$2,000 One Hour Hosted Bar**  
*also includes:*  
Recognition Signage at Bar

★ **\$1,250 PLS Resident & Alumni Table of 10**  
*also includes:*  
Table Signage

★ **\$750 Champagne Greeting**

PLEASE PRINT

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Please mail, fax or email to  
Precious Life Shelter, PO Box 414  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720  
FAX: 562-430-3997  
plsinfo@preciouslifeshelter.org  
Federal TAX I.D. #51-0187577

Please charge my: VISA \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed

## In Memory

### Intentions For....

### Requests were made by...

Angiuli Family	†	Rose Angiuli
Al & Margie Susanka	†	Kathy Wachter
Angelo & Shirley Baldocchi	†	Kathy Wachter
Angelo & Shirley Baldocchi	†	Ron & Kim Sherman
Barbara Panella	†	George & Therese Greenlee
Barney & Lu Sullivan	†	Kathy Wachter
Chuck Wachter	†	Kathy Wachter
Dae'von, Chloe & Jose	†	Majella Maas
Dave McEachen	†	Margaret McEachen
Doris Murphy	†	Rose Angiuli
Elizabeth Medaglia	†	Bob & Santa Campuzano
Gertrude Rothery	†	Di Rama
Gertrude Rothery	†	Joseph Torhan
Gloria V. Ortiz	†	Diana Ortiz
Audrey Redding	†	James Redding
Joyce Browne	†	Diane Schuyler
Leonard Berardino	†	Vic Berardino
Marianne Testa	†	Carol Meckler
Marianne Testa	†	Charleen Fitzgerald
Marianne Testa	†	Dave & Linda Milligan
Marianne Testa	†	Deacon Henry & Donna Eagar
Marianne Testa	†	Kevin & Donna Burley
Marianne Testa	†	Patricia Campbell
Robert & Bernice Nemzek	†	Nancy Nemzek
Robert & Bernice Nemzek	†	Pat Cowperthwaite
Sandra & John Medaglia	†	Bob & Santa Campuzano
Timothy The	†	Olivia Udabe
Tonya Griffin	†	D'Liese Johnson
Wally & Karen Castellana	†	Mary Castellana

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

### IRA Charitable Distribution

If you are age 72 or better you can make a tax-free gift by instructing the Trustee of your IRA to transfer the withdrawal directly to a charity. While not tax deductible, the funds transferred from your IRA to a charity count toward your RMD and you do not incur any federal income tax liability. Talk to your financial advisor. Be sure to tell your trustee to include your name and indicate it is from an IRA so you can be issued a correct receipt.

### Donor Advised Funds

If you are one of the "one in a million" who has established a Donor Advised Fund it's easy to recommend a grant to Precious Life, our tax ID # is 51-0187577. Feel free to contact Chris Arnaldo at Edward Jones (714)901-5654 or [Chris.arnaldo@edwardjones.com](mailto:Chris.arnaldo@edwardjones.com) with any questions or talk to your financial advisor.

## In Honor

### Intentions For....

### Requests were made by...

Friends	♥	Bernard Bowman Jr.
Martha Ryan	♥	David & Patricia Perez Y Perez

### BIRTH/BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY ~ CELEBRATIONS~

#### Just Because

Lloyd & Virginia Wilcox

**60th Birthday ~ John D. Kubeck**

Nicolette Kubeck

### Former Director Precious Life



In Loving Memory  
Gordon Mueller



Bob & Santa Campuzano  
Theresa Sherrin  
Lina LoBasso  
Deacon Larry & Cynthia Hurst  
Rose Angiuli  
Kathy Wachter  
Jim & Theresa Murphy

In Loving Memory  
John Fitzsimons



Bob & Santa Campuzano  
Karen Swenson † Theresa Sherrin  
Ken & Mary Rasmussen  
Jim & Theresa Murphy † Pat Perez  
Mark & Lori DeLellis † Marsha Wilson  
Dave & Linda Milligan † Martha Stegen

## Calling All Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in our Thrift & Gift Shop. If you're interested in volunteering, feel free to invite a friend or two and contact us via email at [Volunteer@preciouslifeshelter.org](mailto:Volunteer@preciouslifeshelter.org) or by phone at 562-431-5025 to learn more.

Remember, together we can achieve our mission of "Saving babies, one mother at a time!"

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Connect With Us!

**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

Ways To Help:  
 Decorating  
 Baking  
 Volunteer the Day of Event

Interested in  
 Volunteering?  
 Call 562-431-5025

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

10881 Reagan St.  
 Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Thrift Shop  
 will be open!

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Santa will be here!

A PRECIOUS CHRISTMAS

PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER OPEN HOUSE

Christmas Decorations  
 Christmas Lights  
 Yummy Cookies  
 Refreshments  
 Opportunity Items  
 Christmas Music  
 Tours of Facility

- Board of Directors**
- Mrs. Wendy Grose, RN, N.P., Chair
  - Mr. Sean Kavanaugh Vice Chair
  - Mrs. Charlene Wood, MSN, RNC, LCCE Secretary
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