



# PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER. INC SUMMER 2020 Newsletter

A 501(c)3 Non-profit California Corporation TAX I.D #51-0187577  
providing for homeless pregnant adult women since 1989

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"Saving babies, one mother at a time."

**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 Friends of PLS,

Halfway through 2020 and knowing that most people have had their lives impacted in many ways by the circumstances of this year, we must first say thank you for remembering the women and babies we serve. In so many ways our residents have experienced abandonment in their lives, whether by circumstances or choice, but during this unforeseen time they have been touched by your thoughtfulness. So many moments shared with them by a delivery of dinner, cookies for dessert, a small bag of personal items to place on their pillow. Tears come to their eyes as they ask who brought these? YOU, our generous supporters, and we THANK YOU that in your own isolated spots, YOU have thought of those here at the shelter.

It has been challenging but YOU have continued to offer financial support, and we are so grateful. Having had to cancel all of our major fundraising events due to no gatherings, social distancing, and the well-being of all, we hope YOU know that our efforts to raise funds to provide for those calling every day looking for help increases. Our calls usually average 80-90 a month of course, all are not able to come but we always offer them referrals to the service that might offer assistance-but now we are receiving between 110-200 calls a month. Sometimes the caller is just lonely, maybe really not wanting to get off the street, but asking questions about what is available. It is a challenge to the four of us in the office to have to often say we can only make a referral because of their specific need. With guidelines to meet through the CDC, OC Health Care Agency, and our own physical facility, we have to take fewer clients at a time in order to isolate when they first arrive. We are thankful for no positive tests, sickness, or symptoms.

We were able to open our Thrift Shop on June 22 after completely sanitizing and setting up protocols required for physical distancing, required face masks, and limited hours for donations due to lack of sorters, as volunteers return slowly when comfortable. Thank YOU once again for your committed support for our social enterprise, which provides almost 40% of our operational costs. Sign up on the website to get shop updates.

Sadly, we must share that our "Tee Off 4 the Heart ♥" Golf Tournament set for September 16, 2020, and our "Taste of Precious Life" Santa Maria BBQ and Craft Beer event for October 4, 2020, will not happen. June 6, 2021, for the BBQ and September 15, 2021, for golf are the new proposed dates. Watch your mail for information and check our website for updates, as well as our newest video of our Founding Members stories to hear about PLS history.

We have adapted to what needs to be done to continue to serve those that need our assistance, and we have beautiful, healthy babies and working moms, and it is because of your support. Each morning as I reflect on the blessings of a new day, I think of all of YOU having touched the lives of so many you don't even know, and probably will never meet, and I thank you for continuing to support Precious Life's mission of "Saving Babies, one mother at a time."

As we each day work through a time we certainly did not expect, I leave this thought with you, which is penned by R. Rogers... "STRENGTH doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't." Helping our women to know they CAN change their lives, happy because YOU provide the means for their chance to change.

Theresa E. Murphy  
Executive Director

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

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

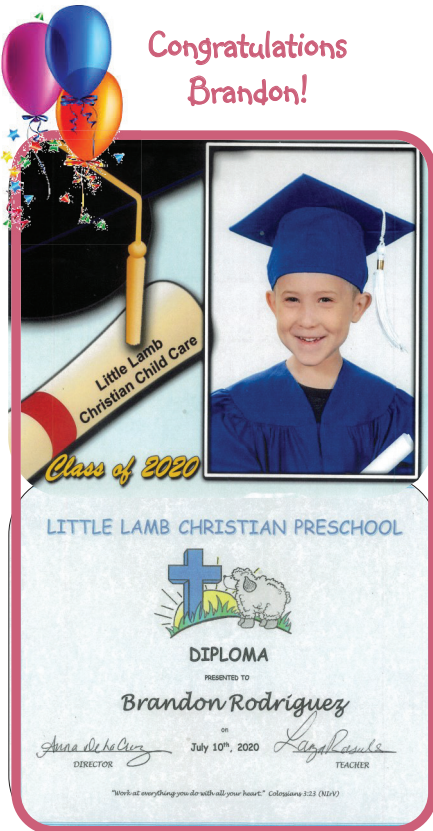
Joey & Deanne Anderko  
Dean & Wendy Grose  
Pacific Premier Bank  
Jim & Theresa Murphy  
So Cal Gas  
Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons

### **Shining Star - \$1,000**

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

## RESIDENT'S CORNER

### Congratulations Brandon!



We are so proud of our 1st PLS Graduate of Little Lamb Christian Preschool. He is a big boy now and will be in Kindergarten in the fall.

### A SURPRISE VISIT



Former Resident Christina, her son Aiden who is now twelve year's old, and his younger brother dropped in for a visit after spending the day at the beach.

### LAYETTE ITEMS FOR MOM TO BE

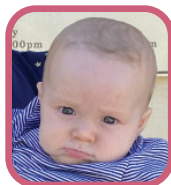


This expecting mom has everything she needs for her soon-to-be-born baby, thanks to you, our donors, who gift Precious Life with brand new baby items that are used to make up our Mom's layette boxes.

## Precious Bundles of Joy



Justice - February



Milo - February



Lesedi - June



Thalia - June



Ezekiel - July



Not Pictured:  
Tavyn - February  
Kenedee - February

## NEEDS

- Disinfectant Wipes
- Anti-Bacterial Hand Sanitizer
- Scrubbing Bubbles Cleaner
- Lysol Spray
- Bona ~ Disposable Wet Cleaning Pads
- Brother P Touch TZe Refill tape ~ Black on White
- Powdered Laundry Detergent
- Black Drawstring Trash Bags ~ 33 Gallon
- White Kitchen Trash Bags ~ 13 Gallon
- Ziplock Storage Bags ~ 1 Gallon
- Canned Soups / Canned Chicken
- Toilet Paper / Paper Towels
- Forever Stamps for Residents
- Bassinette Sheets ~ 32" x 16" (Pac N Play size)



**With heartfelt gratitude...** Board of Directors and Staff would like to thank these businesses, groups and individuals that continue to support the women and children at Precious Life during these uncertain times:

Bethany Church ~ Long Beach  
 Bob & Kathy Stoecklein  
 Bob & Santa Campuzano  
 Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove  
 Branch Church ~ Los Alamitos  
 Carli Brines Family  
 Cathy Choma  
 Cheri Crocker  
 Cheryl Nance  
 Council of Catholic Women  
 Cynthia Miller  
 Debi Quolls  
 Daniel & Ashely Zarember  
 Debi Qualls  
 Ellen Chen

First Five Orange County  
 Gather Church ~ Los Alamitos  
 Generations Church ~ Cerritos  
 Gideons International ~ Pete Anderson  
 Grace Community Church ~ Seal Beach  
 Hens and Chicken Quilters  
 HomeAid Orange County  
 Joan Carmody  
 Los Alamitos Recreation  
 Manaserro Farms ~ Irvine  
 Marisol Hibionada Family & Miriah Gavey  
 Martinez Family  
 Mary Danison  
 Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church ~ Cypress  
 NCL ~ Las Amigas Sustainers

NCL South Coast Chapter  
 Peter Montagnoli  
 Rachel Patel  
 Robert Madura  
 Rod & Christy Sisk  
 Salina Soria  
 Sandra Martinez  
 Sean Dolan  
 Shelley Henderson  
 St. Hedwig Student Council  
 Suzanne Douglas  
 United Way ~ Doug McKay  
 Volunteer Network OC  
 Walt & Hope Cruz  
 Women United with United Way

## Tremendous Community Outreach of Support!



Ladies from the Hen's & Chicken Quilters Group brought beautiful handmade quilts and matching pillows.



Girl Scouts Silver Award Service Project - Scouts Sofie and Amanda, Troop #2739 Los Alamitos deliver items collected for shelter.



Selena Soria brings donation of personal items for Residents.



Rossmoor Woman's club of Los Alamitos delivers donation to Theresa Murphy for shelter.



Grace Community Church Seal Beach donate much needed hygiene, tissue and diapers.



Doug McKay and helper from United Way Orange County delivered donations of toilet paper and other needed items.

The Martinez family brought gift baskets filled with needed items for moms and babies.



Ruby, Ruben, Russell, Reina & Ruben



Susan Goldberg delivers donations to Theresa Murphy from Rossmoor Woman's Club.



Royal Oak Community donated much needed items for shelter.



Adorable hand-Knitted sweater and hats sets made by Barbara Vander Neut.



# THRIFT SHOP YARD SALE HIGHLIGHTS



After having to close our Thrift Shop completely down for 3 months, PLS held a giant yard sale. Thanks to Maddy Salvador, Lauren Udabe, Board of Directors Cathy Hughes and Roger Udabe for creating, organizing, and setting up this event. We also want to thank all the volunteers for their help: *Charles Hughes, Carson Hughes, Maddie Shaheen, Nadia Bugrin, Mariana Alcantar, John Udabe, Carlos Medina, Jacob Organista, Carson Van Voren, Brianna Quinnonez, Suzie Quinnonez, Ariana Badgett, Daniel Salvador, Dillion Sarabia, Lori Sarabia, JP Sarabia, Kaitlyn Sabriana, John Udabe, Clydell Vidmer, Paula Engel and BOD's Wendy Grose, Dr. Judy Vogt, Jon & Cynthia San Jose, Sean Payne, Sean Kavanaugh & Valerie Joy.*

Special thanks to Maddy, Lauren, Cathy, and Roger for creating and organizing this event from start to finish. You are amazing!



Thank you to all of the shoppers who came out to support this event and for helping to make this a huge success!

## Letters of Gratitude



Rachel & Pharaoh



Dear Miss Teresa...  
I just wanted to take this time to thank you & share my gratitude with you for all you've done for my son & I for giving me a home for the past 8 months of my life, for giving me hope, for helping me see my own strength, for helping me renew my faith in Jesus, for helping me build my relationship stronger with my Dad (by talking on the phone everyday instead of texting) by helping me "steer sober", for the fact that the only thing I've had to buy for my son so far is 1 pack of wipes! for giving my son a home & a safe place for the last 3 months of his "precious life" (e get it? :)) & for loving us. Thank you Miss Teresa, for everything you've done & everything you do! Love Always (Daily) *[Signature]*

From time to time, we have the pleasure of hearing from past residents and wanted to share with you the joy that this brings to our hearts.

## A Fond Farewell to...

### Nancy Stock



PLS's Bookkeeper for over 24 years has retired. We wish her well as she settles into her new retired life. She will be missed.

## We would like to introduce you to...



Susan Navarrete  
Bookkeeper  
& Grant Writer

Dear Theresa

You're true gold

Life is good!

Amanda is 23 and going to Cal State Fullerton to get her teaching degree. Sean is going to UofA for engineering and Eric is living in Bellingham WA learning to be a butcher. Almost empty nest except I got remarried and here 2 sweet step sons Zachary 14 and Michael 13. Hopefully turned just right so by the time they leave I have some grandkids! The Winery is doing well although this quarantine sucks. Am forever grateful to you!

PS. I hope you drink wine!  
Megan



Amanda & Megan



## In Memory

### Intentions For....

Al & Margie Susanka †  
 Alan Daurio †  
 Beatrice Gutierrez †  
 Bunco Gifters †  
 Carol Bancroft †  
 Cecilia Moeser †  
 Charles (Chuck) Wachter †  
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 David Atamian †  
 David Atamian †  
 Dolly Casey †  
 Don Sherrin (Uncle) †  
 Don Sherrin †  
 Donna Brown †  
 Doris Berman Waddell †  
 Kenneth & Eleanora Sullivan †  
 Elva Caldero †  
 Elvira Otranto †  
 Haydee Koppenheffer †  
 Hideko & Ruth †  
 Jane Mais †  
 Jean Barbazette †  
 Kenneth Knebel †  
 Laura Bonvissuto (Aunt) †  
 Mary O'Shea †  
 Margie Susanka †  
 Margarita Oller †  
 Maximus Orbiso †  
 Melissa Schmidt †  
 Salvador Del Bueno †

### Requests were made by...

Ron & Kim Sherman  
 Jim & Theresa Murphy  
 Ruth Nessley  
 Dianne Jahn  
 Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons  
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 Susan Sullivan †  
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 Magali & Alicia Del Bueno  
 Gerald Koppenheffer  
 Thomas & Holli Applegate  
 Christopher & Lisa Mais  
 Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons  
 Andre Boutin  
 Danny Bonvissuto  
 Patricia Kelly  
 Ronald & Alice Lussier  
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 Roger & Connie Udabe  
 Matthew & Jacqueline Azzara  
 Magali & Alicia Del Bueno

## In Honor

### Intentions For....

Deanna St. Onge  
 Fr. Dan Wilder  
 George & Arlean Pelonis  
 Jeannie Anderson  
 Nancy Stock  
 St. Hedwig School  
 St. Hedwig School  
 St. Bonaventure Parish

### Requests were made by...

♥ Paul St. Onge  
 ♥ Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons  
 ♥ Cathy Sander  
 ♥ Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons  
 ♥ Precious Life Staff  
 ♥ Annie Laines  
 ♥ Erin Beirne  
 ♥ The Shaffer Family

### BIRTH/BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY ~ CELEBRATIONS~

**Birthday ~ Wendy Grose**  
Matthew Davis

**Birthday ~ Savina Crosetti**  
Tina Shaw

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Savina Crosetti

**Birthday ~ Rose Angiuli**  
Savina Crosetti

**Birthday ~ Rose Angiuli & Karen Swenson**  
PLS Board of Director & Staff

**Birthday ~ Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons**  
Ronald & Dolores Bononi  
PLS Board of Directors & Staff

**Mother's Day ~ Pam OCampo**  
Bernie OCampo

**In Honor ~ The Book Team @ PLS Thrift Shop**  
Nancy Lopez

**In Honor ~**  
**St. Bonaventure Justice & Peace Mother & Child Drive**  
Kathy Nichols

**In Honor ~ Retirement 25 Years of Service**  
Thomas Corrado  
LBS Financial Credit Union

### Congratulations *Jim & Theresa Murphy*



## 50th Wedding Anniversary

♥ Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons ♥  
 Gerald & Beverly Schula ♥ Allan & Patricia Johnson  
 Sean & Amy Payne ♥ Louie & Martha Alejandre  
 PLS Board of Directors, Staff & Volunteers  
 Robert & Janet Tibesar

### In Memory

### Francis Van der Linden



Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons  
 Richard & Ann Crowe + Carol Meckler  
 Dennis D'Amico + Deacon Larry & Cynthia Hurst  
 Patricia Buehnerkemper + Robert & Judith Giardina  
 Dave & Linda Milligan + Robert & Santa Campuzano  
 Abelardo & Rachel Martinez + Jim & Theresa Murphy  
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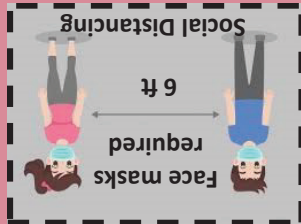
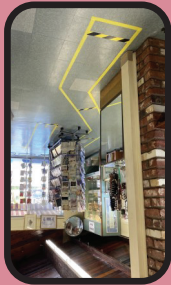
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## OR CURRENT RESIDENT

If you would like to volunteer, our need for sorters and pricers are great at this time. Please call the shelter office if you would like to help ~ 562-431-5025.



Please know that we are doing everything we can to make it a safe environment for workers and shoppers. Masks and social distancing are required in the shop. We are sorry, but no children in the shop at this time. We will not be accepting any used car seats. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Donations**  
M - F  
10am—2pm

**Shop Hours**  
M - F  
10am—4pm

## Precious Life Thrift and Gift Shop

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