



PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER. INC

Spring 2023 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,

Spring is beginning to blossom, and it is time to embark on planning for future events. One of the shelter's next major events is the design, development and plan to build two new buildings for future permanent housing for moms and children. You each have had a particularly important role in helping us to move toward this goal. The property we were fortunate to acquire in 2019, just south of the original property on Reagan Street, has been rezoned by the city at "Multi-use" on our street. This means we will be able to build "more" than we could when it was designated "commercial office." With this happening, our goal and objective is to complete our Precious Life campus with this project. Below is a picture of the two small houses that currently sit at 10901/05 Reagan Street. Envision two buildings, two/three stories that will include a meeting room equipment with to host board meetings, mentor socials, volunteer training and much more; counseling office; business offices and 6-8 new, two-bedroom units for graduates and their children; plus an outside gathering space for kids and moms to eat and play. Maybe even a few other design items the architect can add to enhance the lives of those you help as they work to change lives and that of their children.



Your support has gotten us to this particular stage of development, and we ask you to continue to help us meet our goals and objectives by your continued help. Our efforts are to use our fundraising events

and our annual pledge campaign, as well as foundation grants, to see this project to completion. We will keep you apprised of all that is happening as YOU are the ones who have provided the resources and prayers to get us to this goal.

Life here at PLS is busy with beautiful little ones bouncing in their seats, moms going to and from work, taking classes to enhance their life skills, finish their education, consider possible child reunification, and maintaining their own goals and objectives. We share with them this saying to encourage them everyday that they can do it. "Remember: Difficult Does Not Mean Impossible." Some of their past life situations are heart breaking, but we don't want them to ever think they can't dream a dream and strive to see it happen. You help is so important to those dreams.

Events are rolling so get that calendar out and join us for our Annual "Taste of Precious Life" on June 4th from 3-7pm at St. Isidore Plaza. Information in this newsletter and check our website.

Putting Cup will happen again this this year on August 5th at Big Rec Golf Course, a wonderful family morning. Set up that competition.

Our Annual "Tee Off for the Heart♥" Golf Tournament takes place September 20th at El Dorado Golf Course. Get those clubs and foursome together soon.

We are excited to announce after three years we will open our Thrift & Gift Shop the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning May 13th, from 10-3pm. So many of you have asked if we ever would be able to open again. Here we come!

All of these events happen because of volunteers and our Board of Directors. Please consider joining one of our committees to help plan, decorate and enjoy. VOLUNTEERS are the backbone of PLS and we need YOU! So many of you offer your time, talent and treasure to help mentor, teach, share, birth coach, rock a baby, cook a meal, and so much more. Thank YOU for all YOU share with us; we cannot do this ministry without YOU!

So we have shared our dreams and needs, and YOU have helped us for 34 years to provide for the precious women and children we serve. May the abundance you have shared be returned to each of you a hundred fold, and may this Spring time bring YOU all blessings for YOU and those YOU cherish. We are blessed by each of YOU and "Difficult does not mean impossible."

With Sincere Gratitude,

Theresa E. Murphy
Executive Director

DATES TO REMEMBER:

"A Taste of Precious Life" Santa Maria BBQ, Craft Beer & Wine Tasting: June 4, 2023 @ St. Isidore's Plaza

Putting Cup: August 5, 2023

"Tee Off for the Heart♥": September 20, 2023

"A Precious Christmas": December 10, 2023

"Affair of the Heart♥" Annual Gala: March 9, 2024

RESIDENT CORNER



"My name is Samantha. I am a 36 year old first time mother to my loving 6lb, 29 days premature baby boy, Walter III, aka Wally. I was homeless for almost a year and surviving was incredibly difficult and nearly impossible to escape. My life changed when I woke up in the hospital in the trauma unit to not only find out that I survived a vehicle hitting me at 40 miles an hour, leaving me with multiple broken bones, but that I also was going to be a mommy. I was already six months pregnant.

Baby Walter's father talked to Quality of Life Officer Rich Armond, who brought me safe and sound to the Precious Life Shelter. To my surprise, on March 27th I was having dinner and my water broke, and on March 28th, I gave birth to my healthy baby boy and my life would never be the same. My baby was 4 weeks premature and stayed in the NICU for eleven days while I traveled by bus everyday to see him until he could come home. My life now is so much more meaningful and precious. Our experience here at the shelter has exceeded all expectations that I had. This may be a "shelter," but this place is a home and it's our home.

We are expected to follow a structure, which helps to ensure our success here at Precious Life. We are offered so many different programs and classes, from cooking and sewing to emotional support and therapy, as well as case management, budgeting and parenting classes.

Surrounded by strong women, love, faith, laughter and encouragement, we are so grateful to be here. The generosity, all of the help, all the available programs, it's truly a blessing....an over the top blessing.

Precious Life holds the residents to a higher standard than we may have held ourselves, leading us to be responsible, hardworking, educated mothers. It's not always easy but it is the right way.

Thank you to the staff, volunteers and supporters for your time, dedication and resources, and thank you for letting me share my journey. If it wasn't for your program, I don't know where I would be. I am so incredibly blessed to share this bond with my baby and owe it to PLS for taking us in while we get back on our feet."

God Bless,

Mommy Samantha & Baby Wally

PRECIOUS BABY BOYS 2023



March

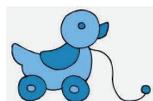


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March



Walter



NEEDS

- 8 1/2 x 11 20lb White Copy Paper
- Forever Postage Stamps
- 33 Gal. Drawstring Black Bags
- 13 Gal. Draw String White ~ Kitchen Bags
- Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Clear Packaging Tape
- AA, AAA, C & D Batteries
- Swiffer Wet Pad Refills
- TP & Paper Towels
- Ziplock Storage Bags - 1 Gallon



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Eagle Scout Project by Anders Jew

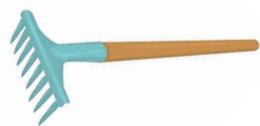
To create a safe walkway which connect both BBQ area and play yard located at Graduate Housing Unites on Cherry Street.



Anders organized volunteers from his church, and friends to come help clear out overgrowth of weeds and plants that had taken over the space on each side of the units. He received donations from friends & family to help support his project.



To complete his project, 12"x12" stepping stones were placed down the center of the walkway to create a pathway to each gate.



After clearing out the walkways, Anders and his crew raked the dirt to make the ground smooth and even. A weed barrier was placed on top and then 42 bags of mulch was spread on the very top.



Anders and his hardworking crew created a beautiful pristine pathway between the two buildings at our graduates housing units on Cherry Street. Residents and their children can now walk safely from the BBQ area to the play yard located in the front of the building. We are grateful for this young man's dedication and desire to create a safe environment for our residents. Job well done!

Our hearts are overwhelmed with gratitude to supporters and donors these past few months:

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 St. Irenaeus ~ Respect Life ~ Cypress
 St. Justin Martyr Catholic School & Cueto Family
 St. Mary's by the Sea Catholic Church ~ Huntington Beach
 United Healthcare



We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Women of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Buena Park who provide goodie bags for each holiday throughout the year.



Thank you to the "LOTE" ladies group for putting together these adorable goodie bags for moms and their babies at PLS.



St. Justin Martyr Catholic School & Cueto Family delivering baby items collected by students.

Los Alamitos Annual Spring Festival



Board of Directors, Barbara McGuire and Wendy Grose, our Infant Care Director Denise and Teacher Diana, hosted fun booth and entertained the children with give-away goodie bags.



We graciously thank donors for their continuing support throughout 2022 Annual Pledge Campaign:

Mrs. Colleen Haas
 Ms. Carole Koppenheffer
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In Memory

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Requests were made by...

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Ways You Can Help

You can help by buying items from our ebay store by going to ebay.com, click on "advanced" (on right), then By Seller (on left), scroll down to Seller, click Specific Sellers and enter Seller I.D.- **Precious-Thrift-Gift** and scroll click on search.

Do you have experience in eBay selling? Do you like to research vintage books?

Contact Gina Parker - 714-488-1924

In Honor

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Requests were made by...

Anne Famolaro	♥	Maria Famolaro
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Mary Jo Bolton	♥	Myrtle Gunning
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Richard Resurreccion	♥	Kathryn Resurreccion

Birthday/Anniversary/ Celebrations

17th Birthday ~ Aiden Sandvig
Christina Watson

46st Birthday ~ Sarah Sandvig
Christina Watson

30th Wedding Anniversary ~ Don & Julie Jacobs
Jim & Theresa Murphy
PLS Board of Directors & Staff

62nd Wedding Anniversary Leo & Sally Wozniak
Jim & Theresa Murphy

In Memory of Our First Christmas ~ Cathy Harrigan
William Harrigan

Purse & Jewelry Sale



Thank you organizing team for helping to make this a huge success! Cathy Hughes, Jennie Donaldson, Pat Nohalty, Kathy Mills, Judy Lee Vogt and Martha Alejandre.



In Honor of

*Deanna
Anderko*



Happy Birthday!

A very Special Friend of PLS

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

PLEASE NOTE: ADULT ONLY AFFAIR; MUST BE 21 YEARS AND OLDER TO ATTEND.

Register online
www.preciousliveshelter.org
or Call 562-431-5025



(\$75 after May 26th & at Door)

\$65 Admission

10961 Reagan St., Los Alamitos, CA
St. Isidore Historical Plaza

3 pm - 7pm

Sunday, June 4th, 2023

Santa Maria BBQ, Wine & Craft Beer Tasting

A Taste of Precious Life

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