



Precious Life Shelter
Saving Babies, One Mother At A Time

SUMMER 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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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,

The months quickly roll by and we are enriched by each of you on a daily basis as you drop by, contact us, and share yourselves in so many ways. That includes numerous past graduates with their children so they can let us know what they are doing, how their lives have changed, and how grateful they are that they stayed the course at the shelter even when it was difficult. We remind them, “Small progress is still progress.” We tell them to remember the dream you shared when you arrived at our door, keep it alive and continue to strive to make it happen. As it is for them, so it is for the shelter. Our direction is to continue to provide a safe environment for our clients to dream and a place for our volunteers and staff to catch the dream planted in the mid 1980’s to make PLS a reality. Our ability to grow and provide housing and complete supportive services these past 34 years is a dream come true for the six individuals who sat in a dining room writing their first request for help.

In this newsletter we want to introduce, and re-introduce, our staff personally to all of you, and thank them for their commitment to our mission of “Saving babies, one mother at a time.” Our Board of Directors continue to share their expertise to enrich the shelter mission, helping to develop and plan events to bring the shelter dream to fruition. Many groups, organizations, and individuals just stop in to deliver items and pamper our moms and babies. We just say THANK YOU for the blessing you are to Precious Life.

A Taste of Precious Life was a fantastic tasting, and our entire committee thanks you for celebrating with us. Get the 2024 calendar out and prepare for the 1st Sunday of June 2024, when we light up the grill once again.

Golf cometh on September 20, 2023, at El Dorado Golf Course, and it will be a day to enjoy the course, friends, take a chance at wonderful gift items, and delicious dinner from Naples Rib Company.

We have now been able to open our Thrift & Gift Shop the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am - 3:00pm. Shoppers kept asking for us to try and open once again. Our staff and volunteers welcome you and await your return. Interested in volunteering call Tammy in the office at 562-431-5025 and she’ll get you onboard.

We want to keep you in the loop on our future development. We have “very basic” preliminary drawings for the 10901/05 Reagan Street development on the drawing board. Hopefully, by year-end we can provide you with a line drawing of the future of our campus. In that vein, our annual pledge campaign will kick-off in early fall as summer comes

to an end. All the proceeds are earmarked for the future building development. Thank you in advance for your generous prayers and support.

As we prepare to move into the fall, some of our clients are taking online classes to better their education and work toward career choices to enhance their life and the lives of their children. So we remind them “Small progress is still progress.” When you stop by, encourage them, they so appreciate all you give of your time, talent, and treasure, so they are able to dream their personal dream and make it a reality.

May you each know how much we cherish you. You are our Precious Life family and you allow us to do this ministry through your goodness, prayers, and support.

With Gratitude for each of you,

Theresa E. Murphy
Executive Director



PLS Staff wishes Theresa a very Happy Birthday! We love You!



Congratulations Theresa Murphy and Wendy Grose, Women of Distinction Award from the 70th Assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER:

“Tee Off for the Heart♥”: September 20, 2022

@ El Dorado Golf Course

“A Precious Christmas”: December 10, 2023, 3:30 to 6:30pm

“An Affair of the Heart♥”: March 9, 2024

RESIDENT'S CORNER



"My name is Angela Butler. I came from a family of eight siblings. It was toxic and dysfunctional, but I chose to be different and to make a change. I was twenty six years old, six weeks pregnant when I found out the first time. Due to my unhealthy life, homelessness, unstable, stressed and angry, the pregnancy ended at nine weeks and four days. My life went down hill from there. I was starving for five days at a time, I didn't eat throughout the week. I was twenty seven years old when I found out about this pregnancy. I had severe nausea and vomiting and I thought I was going to lose this pregnancy as well. I didn't have any money to even keep gas in the car I was living in. I stayed in different areas, as well as, 24 hour gas stations. It was scary. I finally got a doctors appointment to see the nurse at the same clinic from the first pregnancy. The same social worker helped me find shelter's to call, and I reached out to a few and Precious Life answered my prayers. I called and spoke to Ms. Wanda. She guided me right to her, and by this time I was going on twelve weeks.

I arrived at Precious Life with my CNA license, which was stressful work, and I was trying hard to keep a job but due to my license expiring, I lost it. Stressed out of a job and pregnant, I had a lot of things going on in my head, let alone disagreements with my toxic family. I decided to stay away and keep my distance and put my full attention on Precious Life, where I felt so secure and safe. Soon after arriving I was literally at peace knowing that my pregnancy would progress into giving birth to my child. I had a lot of education at Precious Life throughout my pregnancy with life skills and child development, which helped me tremendously.

Precious Life kept me focused and encouraged me a lot which helped me gain more patience with life and myself. Everyone here at Precious Life is part of a great support system. Case Management Meetings with Anger Management would help me with my quick temper which I had since childhood and adulthood. I knew I needed help for me to make this change I needed I had no Mom, she been on the streets since I was born, so I was placed in foster care. I had no Dad, he was on the streets with drugs. I want to raise my child in a positive environment. I feel empowered and I can take my steps for the sake of me and my son. I want a future for both of us and not have happen to him what I went through. I'm so blessed, thankful and grateful to Precious Life for saving me from all my fears.

I have a sister that I have a good relationship with who I kept in touch with. Since the beginning of my second trimester I was assigned a mentor, Diane, who is a really big part of our lives and keeps Kaz and me happy. We love and respect her for everything. I was rushed to the hospital and had my sister and mentor with me. I was admitted and had a C-Section giving birth to a healthy 9.9 pound baby boy named Kazimir.

I have officially marked my first year from when I arrived at the Emergency Program, then Transitional and that's where it all began to stay focused and doing what I need to for my baby. Staying strong and stress free to build a positive future, I might have been stuck in my ways but I love everyone here at Precious Life.

I now live in the Single Parent Efficiency Units. I am a caregiver & CNA and I love what I do for others. I am saving and budgeting to build my son's future. I am going to continue to keep our journey going as a single mother of Kazimir Mauric Knight, which means joyful peace, and that is exactly what I felt when I arrived at Precious Life. A weight lifted off my shoulders that I didn't know I was carrying until twenty two weeks, he is now five months.

We are grateful to Precious Life and I Thank you for saving me, to save my baby, to bring him into this world happy and healthy."

Angela & Kazimir



Precious Newborn



Born ~ June
Malcolm Jesse Winder Gonzalez

NEEDS

- Newborn Diapers
- Bright White Copy Paper ~ 20Lb
- Clear Packaging Tape
- Paper clips ~ Small & Jumbo Size
- White Kitchen Trash Bags ~ 13 Gallon
- Black Drawstring Trash Bags ~ 33 Gallon
- Ziplock Storage Bags ~ Gallon/Quart
- Forever Stamps for Residents
- Liquid Laundry Soap for Residents ~ small

Overwhelmed with gratitude to these groups, businesses, and individuals who have supported our mission and vision to help the women and children we serve during these past few months:

American Legion Auxiliary -
Leisure World Unit 327

Bill & Karen Welliver

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Holy Family Catholic Church ~ Seal Beach

John & Anne Price

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St. Columban Council of Catholic Women

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St. Pias/St. Mathias Academy

Sue MacVicar

Suzanne Ballinger

Vacation Bible School - St. Hedwig

Virginia Debois

Wayne & Gail Comeau

Woman's Club of Cypress

Women of the Lutheran Church of the

Good Shepherd ~ Buena Park



Handmade "Because We Care" quilts made with love by the talented "Grannies" from Walnut Village Retirement Community in Anaheim.



Thank you to Scan Employees Serve Day sorting at the Thrift Shop.



Thank you to the Women of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Buena Park for puzzles, games and activity books for the kids. We are also grateful for their continue support in making goodie bags all year for each special holiday



Rossmoor Woman's Club gifting funds to Precious Life.



The Kids from St. Hedwig Vacation Bible School collected baby necessities and a monetary donation.



Thank you to the Women's Bible Study Group from Seacoast Grace Church for volunteering at the Thrift Shop each month.



City of Los Alamitos Back Distribution Program provided for our children in our permanent housing.



Spring Chickens Quilting Group gifted Precious Life beautiful handmade quilts.



Tru Colors Woman's Group delivered needed cleaning products for the shelter.

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

**Mr. & Mrs. John Hersh
Mr. & Mrs. David Van Winkle
Ganahl Lumber ~ Peter & Barbara**

Santa Maria BBQ Wine & Beer Tasting Highlights

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Michael & Barbara Rubick
Seven Angel Cellars ~ Greg & Pam Martin
Theresa Sherrin
Allan Storie
Joyce Weldan

MEET OUR TEAM

What touches our hearts about working at PLS...



Theresa Murphy
Executive Director
34 years

...my heart melts to see our women be able to begin to dream "their" dream for themselves and their babies.



Martha Alejandre
Director
31 years

...seeing the women's faces when they complete a goal they set for themselves and seeing the babies grow.



Wanda Crawford
Case Manager
13 years

...when a resident "Aha" moment startles her and she starts believing in herself and says, "I can do this"



Audrey Weis
Health/Ed Coordinator
10 years

...being able to help our ladies and educate them for a better future.



Tammy Krause
Office Assistant
25 years

...to be able to see how the lives of our women are changed from the time they walk in to the shelter and the hope that they receive.



Kenya Brown
Transitional House
Supervisor
3 Months

...to see the women work hard at getting their life together for themselves and their babies.



Kathy Madrid
Infant Care Teacher
Social Media Specialist
11 years

...getting to see our clients grow into their role of mother and loving their babies.



Madeline Salvador
Events & Fund Development
Coordinator
3 years

...the clients and community we serve.



Griselda Mendez
Thrift Shop Coordinator
12 years

... that Precious Life helps the unborn and that we can provide the needed items and clothes that each woman needs.



Gizele Bell
Cashier
4 years

...working at a place that helps for a good cause and getting to know the volunteers that make this shop possible.



Denise Auilar
Infant Care
2 Years

...is being a part of a movement that helps to end homelessness for women & children in America.



Alexz Cruz
Infant Care Teacher
1 year

...knowing babies are in a safe place with people who love them.



Diana Hernandez
Infant Care Teacher
1 year

...is the growth of the mothers through the program and the development of the babies.



Ranya Chan
Donation Supervisor
10 months

...every contribution we make, helps the mothers and babies, for a better life and future.



Tee Off For The Heart

17th Annual Golf Tournament

Thank you for your contribution to our 17th Annual Golf Tournament.
Please include this form with your item(s) so that we may properly acknowledge your gift.

Donor Information (Please Print):

Company/Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

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Please Send Donations By **August 30th** To Ensure Proper Recognition!

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Event Contact:

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madeline@preciousliveshelter.org

Register Online Today!



In Memory

Intentions For....

Abilio Hernandez
 Albert & Margie Susanka
 M /M Angelo Baldocchi
 Angiuli Family
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 Dave McEachen
 Dave McEachen
 Dave McEachen
 Dave McEachen
 Dave McEachen
 Dave McEachen
 Doris M. Maddock
 Jack Distaso
 James & Audrey Redding
 Jane Mais
 Jean Barbazette
 Jeffrey Fried
 Jeffrey Fried
 Joyce Browne
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 William O'Connor

Requests were made by...

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 † John & Jody Hersh
 † Rose Marie Angiuli
 † Maria McEachen
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 † Bob & Santa Campuzano
 † John O'Brien
 † Olivia Udabe
 † Gloria O'Connor

In Honor

Dolores Gibson ♥ Chapter IG Peo Sisterhood

Birthday/Anniversary/Celebrations

Their work with Mothers & Children ~ St Anne's

Knight of Columbus #9594

Knight of Columbus Charities Inc.

Birthday ~ Tina Shaw

Savina Crosetti

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Tina Shaw

8th Birthday ~ Brody Sandvig

Christina Watson

Wedding Anniversary ~ Adrian & Cristina Gutierrez

Henry & Donna Eagar

19th Wedding Anniversary ~ Darren & Sarah Sandvig

Christina Watson

58th Wedding Anniversary ~ Larry & Savina Crosetti

Rose Marie Angiuli

Our 63rd Wedding Anniversary

Bob & Santa Campuzano July 22nd

PLS Board of Directors, Staff & Volunteers

Mother's Day Magic



PLS women were pampered once again by members of Branch Church, Radiant Church and SeaCoast Grace Church who hosted our Mother's Day Celebration. This year's theme was Mother's Day Magic. Thank you to World Champion Magician, Johnny Ace Palmer for giving them a magic show they will never forget.



*In Memory of
 Marianne Testa*



*Long-Time
 Thrift Shop Volunteer*

Bob & Santa Campuzano

Rose Angiuli

Amy Clake

Jim & Theresa Murphy

Kevin & Donna Burley

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Theresa Sherrin

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Volunteer Recognition Brunch
October 7 2023
Saturday - 10am to 12pm



El Dorado Golf Club
 2400 Studebaker Rd.
 Long Beach, CA 90815



Save the Date!

Come get up!

Join us to celebrate Volunteers for all that they do for PLS and visit with Residents, Volunteers, Staff and Board Members.

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