



Precious Life Shelter
Saving Babies, One Mother At A Time

WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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...



Dearest PLS Friends,

As we embark on 2024, we are committed to the values set before us by our founders, Don and Theresa Sherrin, who made a plan, had a dream, and set out to help the vulnerable women they provided for in their home (44 women) before we opened our doors. Thirty-five years later, what has happened here on Reagan Street has impacted thousands of lives and that is because YOU have provided the resources to accomplish their dream.

For Don and Theresa, children have always been their reason to start Precious Life. There is a quote I love which says, **“Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work.”** YOU have shared with us what can happen when those who want the best for the child provide what is needed for the mother. The work they need to accomplish while with us is not easy, but we share with them that we and many others will walk along side you to help you build a future for you and your child.

In this newsletter, we are introducing some of our new PLS Team. We have had retirement and relocation, so new staff is helping us to reach full capacity. We thank Audrey Weis for the 11 years she shared with us as our Health & Education Coordinator. Enjoy your 2nd retirement and all the travel plans you have made. Our shop is a busy place and we invite you to join us as a volunteer and shopper. New items arrive daily and if you have not added your name to the weekly newsblast to follow sales and shelter happenings, please feel free to contact the office to give us a current email address to get the latest news.

We continue to meet with our architect, Don Jacobs, and HomeAid OC to develop plans and design the future Reagan Street permanent housing units. We are hoping by the time you come to our annual Taste of Precious Life on June 2, we will have an architectural rendering for you to view. We will have a wonderful Sunday afternoon with tastes that will tickle your palate. Watch the website and weekly blast that comes out on Tuesdays for more information. If you would like to help with this event, contact us at the office. Our committee chair would love your help.

Our biggest asset is YOU. We cannot do what needs to be accomplished without your help. You have stood with us these past 35 years and believed us when we shared our dreams and vision for Precious Life. Please hold us in your prayers as we continue to provide services that women who have no place to go need to change their lives, if they so desire.

May this year be one of abundance in love and caring for those around you.

With sincere gratitude,

Theresa E. Murphy
Executive Director



Congratulations
Audrey
on your
Retirement



Welcome Aboard
Michelle
Health & Education
Coordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- A Taste of Precious Life
June 2, 2024
- Tee Off for the Heart
September 18, 2024
- Every 2nd Saturday of
the month - Thrift & Gift
Shop Open 10-3pm



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We are thankful, grateful and truly blessed by the abundance we have received from supporters and donors these past few months:



Students from Montessori Greenhouse School deliver canned food collected from annual drive to fill our pantry.



Toni Foster makes and delivers stockings each year for women and babies to place under their tree.



Kids at Winter Wonderland heard about PLS and collected products for shelter.



Theresa Murphy receives donation from St. Anne's Knights of Columbus delivered by Ed Harkin.



St. Cornelius hosted baby shower for shelter and delivered items to enhance layette bags that each mom receives.



Thank you St. Hedwig Service Day crew for decorating the shelter for the holidays.



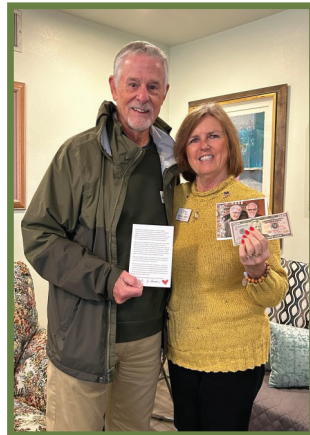
LOTE, women's group of Seal Beach, donated two car seat/stroller sets for our moms.



West Cypress Church put together adorable purple layette backpack tote bags for each woman and baby.



Brand new toy delivery from Ret. USMC, Dr. Kenneth Graham and his helper.



Donor brings monetary gift inspired by family wedding requested in lieu of gifts to "pay it forward."



Thank you Gather Church for continuing to provide Christmas gifts to shelter moms and babies.



"God's Work Our Hands" of Bethlehem Lutheran Church assembles items collected for layette bags for Precious Life.



Thank you to all the businesses, groups and individuals who blessed the shelter during the holiday season:



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 West Cypress Church ~ Vacation Bible School Kids
 Westminster Lutheran Church of Hope



Thank you to all those supporting our "Adopt a Family" Program this past Christmas:



Caley & Associates ~ Kim Parker
 Connie McDonald
 Gather Church ~ Los Alamitos
 Red Hats Society Long Beach
 ~ Diana Hillis-Bradford
 Stanley Howard
 Toni Foster





“A Precious Christmas” Open House Highlights



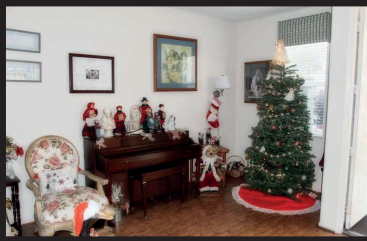
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&
Staff



Santa & Mrs. Claus



Christmas carols sung by St. Hedwig Singers: Karen & Monica Sexton and Monica Wissuchek.



A great big thank you ...

to all those who helped with setup, clean-up, baking, and volunteering. Thank you to St. Hedwig for helping to decorate shelter. Thank you to singers, Karen & Monica Sexton and Monica Wissuchek for leading the guests with carols. THANK YOU ALL! We could not do this without your help and you are truly a blessing.

2023 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN DONORS

Our records “to date” indicate those of you who have already made a pledge; your generosity blesses us in a very direct manner. We continue to receive designated envelopes daily. If you are not listed, it does not mean you are forgotten, just not listed yet.

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In Honor

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BIRTH/BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

~ CELEBRATIONS ~

18th Birthday ~ Aiden Sandvig

Christina Watson

My Precious Wife ~ Marti Johnson 8/26/23

Vernon Johnson

Leesa Van Deusen ~ Thanks For Caring For Us

John & Kathy Deusen

In Honor, My Daughters Theresa, Cathy & Beth

Barbara Lunsford

In Honor ~ Respect Life St. Cornelius

Gloria O'Connor

**PLEASE WELCOME TO THE
PLS TEAM...**

Donation Specialist



Robert

Facility Assistant



Matt

**Infant Care
Teacher**



Shannon

**Infant Care
Teacher**



Alex

Thrift Shop / Events



Melody

2023 Source of Revenue

Private Contributions	\$ 431,324.00
● Annual Pledge	\$ 62,125.00
Foundations / Corporations	\$ 95,870.00
Grant ~ OC Family Commission	\$ 25,000.00
Children Care	\$ 8,322.00
Thrift and Gift Shop	\$ 447,508.00
Fund-Raising Events	\$ 148,317.00
Program Fees / Permanent Housing	\$ 31,712.00
Expansion Rental Property	\$ 10,200.00
Total Income	\$1,260,378.00

2023 Operational Expense

Operations **\$ 255,810.00**

(Emergency, Transitional, SPE Programs. Utilities, residents' needs, supplies, food, Counseling, Newsletter, etc.)

● Child Care	\$ 7,958.00
● Thrift Shop	\$ 39,127.00
Fund-Raising Events	\$ 62,252.00
● Annual Pledge	\$ 2,941.00
Permanent Housing	\$ 10,041.00
Expansion Rental Property	\$ 6,694.00

(Includes, Property Taxes, Insurance & Mortgage)

Wages-Staff **\$ 442,105.00**

4 F/T, 5 P/T employees. Includes monthly stipend, room & board for 1 Live-in House Manager.

Wages - Child Care **\$ 121,154.00**

2 F/T and 4 P/T employees (Partial Salaries reimbursed by grant Funds.)

Wages - Thrift Shop **\$ 89,785.00**

(3 Hourly staff, 5 days a week)

All Employees ~ State and Federal taxes. **\$ 59,213.00**

Withholdings, and Workers Comp.

Total Expenses **\$1,097,080.00**

2023 Program Statistics

	Women Served	Bed Nights	Babies/Child Served	Babies/Child Bed Nights
Em.	45	644	3	78
Trans.	16	1,196	8	746
SPE	5	449	5	449

Babies born in 2023 ~ 7

Permanent Housing (Women & Children) Bed Nights 1,307
2 Women & 3 Toddlers

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St. Isidore Historical Plaza
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