



"Saving babies, one mother at a time."

PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER, INC

Spring 2021 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 homeless pregnant adult women and their children"



From the Executive Director's

Desk...

Dear Friends of PLS,

May the beauty of spring refresh each of you and as we move more and more toward being able to interact with each other, as so many of you have reached out to us at the shelter ready to return to teaching classes in person, mentoring our women, planting a garden, teaching our residents to sew for their newborn, and that has brought such smiles to the faces of our women and staff. We are blessed by your energy and desire to return to provide such needed friendship and service to the women and babies needing your care and thoughtfulness.

We have struggled to keep our residents engaged in what needs to be done to prepare them for delivery, birth and parenting because they are coming into the shelter so late in their pregnancy. During the lockdown, many had been in situations where they have not done anything and had very little encouragement to prepare for their child. Every woman is in control of herself, her acts are her own, she has full responsibility for every moment of every day; the success or failure of her life rests squarely on her shoulders. She alone is free to choose between the paths to her goals, or to abuse that freedom and abandon herself to choices that direct her from her stated goals. We are the place that tries to encourage her to elevate herself toward those goals. Frequently we have women who share that they have been told they will "never be good at anything." We hope to help them recognize that they are valuable and have purpose, and encourage them to use the gifts they have but may just need to be uncovered. So many of YOU are the conduit to that unveiling for our women, and we thank you for challenging, encouraging, and holding the women accountable for their choices because only then do they begin to see their ability to accomplish the goals they set for themselves. Our gratitude for each of YOU is immeasurable and so appreciated. It has been said, "It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful." We relish in the joy YOU bring to our women and their children.

Our Pop-up Sale and Craft Beer and Wine Pull was a wonderful event, and we thank YOU for supporting us in trying to provide fun and "fund raising" opportunities to gather our program and services. We are in the midst of formalizing events for the remainder of 2021. Our Golf Tournament looks good for September 15, 2021, at El Dorado Golf Course. Keep your eyes open for specific details soon and get out to the driving range in the fresh air to work on that "hole in one." Then we believe our BIG event will be in early October, and we hope that it will allow us to gather together to celebrate all that has been accomplished in the past 32 years here at the shelter.

The escrow on our new acquisition closed in early March, and we have

begun the discussion with HomeAid Orange County once again on a partnership to develop of 10901/10905 Reagan Street site. We will discuss with the City all possibilities of development, and we will keep you informed as we move ahead. Our efforts to set aside funds through out events is imperative, and our seeking of donors and partners will be a major part of how we move forward in 2021 into 2022. Thank YOU for all YOU have provided to let this development come into our future. We still know that permanent reasonable housing is greatly needed by our women and children and that is one area that will be included in our development strategy.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and our goal is to see that every child is well taken care of and parented and nurtured by our moms. I believe most of you know that the shelter has a licensed Infant Care Center here on our premises, and we are licensed for ten infants up to 2 years of age. We are a mandated reporter and as we share with our women, we will "always error on the side of the child." Each day approximately 78 calls are reported for abuse and neglect of a child. One third of domestic violence emergency calls made to 911 are made by a child. We take very seriously the needs of each child and that training a woman how to care for and nurture her newborn is a major objective of Precious Life. Many of our Health & Education instructors are nurses, doctors, EMT's, PA's, nutritionists and counselors, and they provide a wealth of instruction and hands-on help for our women. "Saving babies, one mother at a time" is not just a catch phrase at the shelter, it is our mission and YOU work in that saving environment for us. THANK YOU!

Our Thrift shop is busy, busy and once again we thank you for shopping, donating and volunteering. If you have some time on your hands, we can put them to work here at the shop, and we invite you to join our team!! The shop is our social enterprise to keep programs and operations moving forward everyday, and we are so grateful for your support.

Each morning as I look out my window and see the beauty of the sun rising, I offer a prayer and thought for each of YOU and am reminded how blessed we are at Precious Life to have your support. May this springtime bring you Joy; it is gratitude for your goodness that fills our hearts.

With Blessings,

Theresa E. Murphy
Executive Director

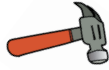


Victor Sofelkanki

Victor Sofelkanki's Eagle Scout Project ADA Unit Project



Victor's project was to build movable shelving and organize inventory for PLS Thrift Shop classy rack and eBay items.

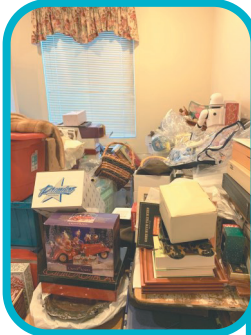


Hard to list items and find them to ship.

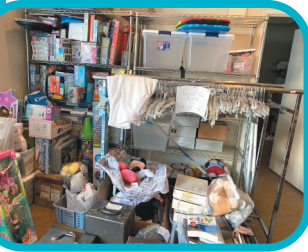
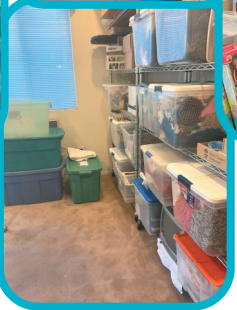


Victor Sofelkanki and his crew

Victor and his hardworking crew did an amazing job. High-end donations can be neatly organized and placed on shelves for easy access.



Clutter of donation located in our ADA room for storage.

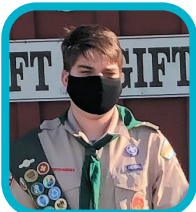
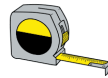


Donations now can be organized on new shelving built and installed by Victor and his crew.

Clutter solved...



Shelving was also built and installed in the back room of ADA Unit. Look how organized it is! Our eBay volunteers are so grateful.



Robert Saliba

Robert Saliba's Eagle Scout Project Planter Project & Rolling Cart



Robert's project was to beautify the Thrift Shop planters with new plants that are water resistant and build a rolling cart for easy transport of Thrift Shop items to front yard.

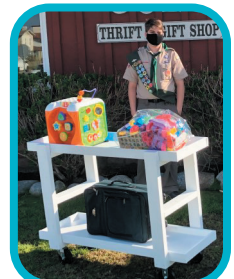
Before....



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After...



Sturdy new rolling cart to transport items to Thrift Shop front yard safely.

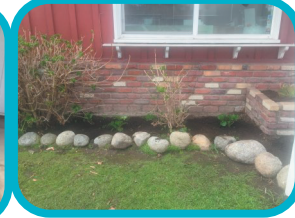
After....



Thrift Shop front walkway gets a new look.



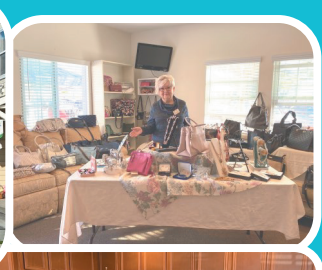
Front planters at the shop were filled with new flowers.



Robert planned and organized his project, which included removal of old plants and replacement with water resistant ones in the Thrift Shop front planters. He also built a rolling cart to be used for transporting donations. We are grateful for this young man and his hard work in helping to enhance our Thrift Shop.



Spring Galore Pop-Up Sale



This outdoor event held in shelter parking lot where tables were filled with beautiful Easter, Spring Décor, Mother's Day gifts, toys and baskets. A gorgeous selection of jewelry and designer purses wonderfully displayed in our boutique room by Pat Nohalty and friends.



Thank you to our Board of Directors, Staff, PLS Volunteers and students from Respect Life Club from Mater Dei and Give Club from Los Alamitos High School for volunteering. Thank you all for helping to make this a huge success.

St. Patrick's Day Craft Beer & Wine Pull



Board of Directors Jon San Jose, Sean Payne and Cynthia San Jose.



Thank you to these breweries for their donation:

Three Weavers Brewery
Los Angeles Ale Works
Trademark Brewing Long Beach
Lost Coast Brewery

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Grocery Outlet ~ Charles & Raja Jones
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Congratulations...
Grand Prize Magnum Winner



Jim & Donna Biery

Beer & Wine Pull Winners

Shane & Olga Cuda
Deanne Dillenbeck
Dean & Wendy Grose
Peggy Heath
Cathy Hughes
Gloria Lacey
Lloyd Mantong
Gillian Stormont
Roger & Connie Udabe
Dave Wilantt

Thank you to those listed below for supporting Precious Life Women and babies these past few months:

Barbara Jones
Bethlehem Lutheran Woman's Group
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CSF ~ Los Alamitos High School
Cypress Women's Club
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Sherill Franklin - Arbonne
St. Irenaeus Church
St. Ives ~ Respect Life Ministry
Women of the Good Shepherd - Buena Park

Happy Mother's Day



Celebrating all mothers who are birthing and parenting their child(ren) and wishing a very Happy Mother's Day to all. A special thank you to Amy Ward for gifting our women with these beautiful diaper bags full of layette items.

Big Hearts



Wanda and Ruth received Valentine Cards and heart pillows hand-made by NCL for each resident.



INTRODUCING



ELONA WILLIAMS
Transitional House Supervisor

We are excited to get to know her as she begins her journey at PLS.

WELCOME BACK



INKA HADAS & BETH HEY
Infant Care Teachers

PLS is so blessed to have these teachers again!

The O' Sunflower Trio

A St. Patrick's Day Porch Concert



Thank you Cathy, Claudia and Brooke for your innovative way to bring a little bit of joy and happiness by giving a local neighborhood porch concert to benefit Precious Life women and children. You are a blessing!

NEEDS

20lb Copy Paper - White
Black Trash Bags - 33 Gallons
Paper Clips - Standard & Jumbo
Scotch Tape Refill Rolls
Packaging Tape Refills
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Face Tissue
Ziplock Storage Bags - 1 Gallon/Quart
Disinfectant Hand Soap Refills
Scrubbing Bubbles Bathroom Cleaner
Disinfectant Wipes
Lysol Disinfectant Spray
Dreft Laundry Soap
Porta Crib Fitted Sheets - 24" x 38"

We graciously thank donors for continuing support throughout 2020 Annual Pledge Campaign:

Mr. & Mrs. Walt Horne
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Ms. Recinda Kay Shafer
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Udabe

In Memory

Intentions For....

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In Honor

Mary Jo Bolton ♥ Patrick & Myrtle Gunning

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY ~ CELEBRATIONS ~

Birthday ~ Caleb Sandvig

Kenneth & Christina Watson

44th Birthday, daughter , Sarah Sandvig

Kenneth & Christina Watson

15th Birthday, grandson, Aiden Sandvig

Kenneth & Christina Watson

Anniversary ~ Erik & Melissa Sandvig

Kenneth & Christina Watson

25th Anniversary ~ Tony & Maddie Selfort

Roger & Connie Udabe

Birth of 1st grand baby due May 3, 2021

Robert & Silvana Eagan

In Honor ~ Jim & Theresa Murphy

For their hospitality

Gerald & Beverly Schula

**In Honor ~ I Love Precious Life :) For Jesus:
 To thank him for giving Kaia & I a safe place to rest
 and to meet each other
 Linda & Kaia Calvert**

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Go online at Ralphs.com / Food4less.com and go to Community Rewards and link your card to Precious Life.

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Help Precious Life by buying items on ebay.com, click on Advanced, then By Seller. Enter Seller's user I.D. - Precious-thrift-gift and click on search.

Happy 90th Birthday



Kathy Wachter

Original Board of
 Director
 Health & Education
 Director



Kathy Wachter's family celebrated her 90th birthday by hosting a car parade where Kathy could safely see her family and friends and they could deliver birthday wishes.

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Closed Saturdays

Volunteers needed to sort, price and organize daily donated items. Please call the shelter office if you would like to help - 562-431-5025. eBay helpers needed to list items to be sold. Please contact Gail Goodman 562-822-3405 and get started today!

With grateful hearts...
PLS Board of Directors & Staff would like to thank volunteers, donors and shoppers who continue to support PLS gift shop during these uncertain times so that we could remain open.

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