



# PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER, INC

## WINTER 2023 Newsletter

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

(562) 431-5025 - P.O. Box 414 - Los Alamitos, CA 90720

"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 Supporters,

Welcome to 2023, as we begin this year with two beautiful baby boys born just days after moms arrived at PLS! As we begin our 34th year of service to the vulnerable homeless pregnant woman, we still know that the services provided by your generosity are as needed as ever. Our mission remains steadfast to provide the most needed services we can to help the women walking through our doors. They are coming later and later in their pregnancies, services are further away, so they must travel just to get to doctors and hospitals their need for emotional as well as physical services sometimes is critical to the well being of mom and certainly her baby. We ask everyday how can we meet their needs, and then one of you calls or walks through our door and asks "How can I help?" We smile and realize that "Big journeys begin with small steps," and our women just need to be assured that we are here for them so their "Big Journey" can begin.

We are in the midst of creating our development and expansion plans to share with you this year, and also looking at how our services to our women and children can be updated to meet the changing needs from their time on the streets. We are asking you to consider being a mentor or instructor, maybe you would like to be a birth coach, or perhaps you are interested in volunteering at our Thrift Shop or on one of the event committees to support our efforts in "Saving babies, one mother at a time." Every volunteer provides such a valuable asset to our women and our program. Thinking back 34 years, I can remember being asked to help answer the phones on Tuesday morning, and just recently received a call from one of those moms who called 30 years ago. She shared her success and gratitude for Precious Life just being there for her and now grown child. You have accomplished so much for the over 3500 babies and moms that have walked through our door.

One specific need is help for our eBay selling team. Do you like books, records, paintings? They need someone who might look for and post the volumes of books and collectables to raise funds on our eBay site. Contact Gina Parker, ginaparker@me.com and she will contact you. Maybe you would like to join us as we prepare for Santa Maria BBQ, "A Taste for Precious Life," or "Tee Off for the Heart♥" or sort and price clothes at the shop, contact

Tammy at the shelter at 562-431-5025 ext. 203. As we start this year kicking off "Big Journeys begin with Small Steps," please consider joining us.

Inside this newsletter we are sharing our 2022 year end wrap-up. It was a whirlwind of changes as our Emergency House Supervisor left PLS after 11 years. Keep Wendy in your prayers as she is dealing with some serious health issues. Now we are revamping the Emergency Unit to meet the needs of our vulnerable population. We have been doing some staff coaching with one of our former Directors to help us be more communicative to meet client and staff needs.

At the end of 2022 I shared a thought with you that started "See miracles in life everyday: SMILE!" You blessed our women and children in abundance, and the smiles on their faces are shared with you inside. THANK YOU! Statements made were, "I have never been blessed like this", "I feel so special," and we thank you for being their special smile giver.

Please check the website for updates on events, dates, locations, registration, and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us.

May this new year find each of you making your journey with those you love and cherish, and one step at a time will get us to our location and allow us to see how far we have gone, one small step at a time.

With Gratitude for the lives you save,

Theresa E. Murphy  
Executive Director

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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

**Bang on the Bay:** July 3, 2023

**Putting Cup:** August 5, 2023

**"Tee Off for the Heart♥":** Sept. 20, 2023 @ El Dorado Park

**"A Precious Christmas":** December 10, 2023



# "A Precious Christmas" Highlights



Thank you to friends, families and volunteers for joining us for "A Precious Christmas" Open House. We are grateful for the volunteers that helped bake delicious treats and goodies, decorate, set-up and take down. Thank you for helping when needed, you are all a blessing.



Thanks, Santa, for taking time out of your busy schedule to visit with our guests.



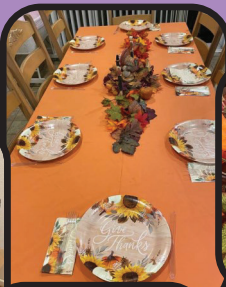
# A Bountiful Thanksgiving



Radiant Church hosted a beautiful homecooked Thanksgiving dinner for residents and their children. We are so grateful for their continuing love they provide to Precious Life. You are such a blessing!



Janice enjoys her 1st Thanksgiving.



Pastor Joel Kelly and friends of Radiant Church.





# RESIDENT'S CORNER

## Precious Babies Born in 2022

September



Jeremiah

July



Andrew



August



Malachi



Not pictured:

Mia Yoshi - August  
Leilani - October  
Princess - December



## Babies Born in 2023



January



Elijah Izaiah

January



Liam

## Currently in Residence



Liam

Not Pictured:  
Leilani  
Princess



## SPE Resident



## Congratulations Alissa!

for receiving her  
one year of  
sobriety award.

## Graduate & Friend of PLS



Kelsey was our first permanent housing resident, and she has moved out of California. We will miss her dearly. We are so excited for her new journey in life.

## SHELTER NEEDS

Paper Clips ~ Standard Smooth

Bright White Copy Paper ~ 20lbs (not recycled)

Glue Sticks

Letter Size Manila File Folders

Black Drawstring Trash Bags ~ 33 Gallon

White Kitchen Trash Bags ~ 13 Gallon

Scrubbing Bubbles Cleaner

Lysol Spray

Brother P Touch TZe Refill tape ~ Black on White

Powdered Laundry Detergent ~ Small

Ziplock Storage Bags ~ 1 Gallon, Sandwich

Forever Stamps for Residents

Bassinette Sheets ~ 32" x 16" (Pac N Play size)





# Blessed Beyond Measure...



with gratitude for all the wonderful supporters who gifted the shelter this Christmas season.





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

American Legion Auxiliary ~ Leisure World Unit 327  
Annette Raizola  
Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church ~ Anaheim  
Artsy Bakes ~ Mana Jones  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church ~ Los Alamitos  
Bill & Donna Holder  
BLK BOX Performance Fitness Gym ~ Los Alamitos  
Bob & Awilda Fagin  
Boy Scout Troop#657  
Buckels Family  
Bunny's Kids  
Caley & Associates ~ Rebecca Caley  
Carla Hodge  
Carlos & Corrine Alcaino  
Cathy Stover  
Centerline Gym ~ Los Alamitos  
Chapter X P.E.O ~ Los Alamitos  
Donata McCulloch ~ Women @ A Christmas Tea  
Don & Connie Giddens  
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Ernest G. Herman Foundation  
Faith Recovery ~ Long Beach  
Gather Church ~ Los Alamitos  
Girl Scout Troop#3573 ~ Los Alamitos  
Giving Hearts Optimus of CA  
Golden State Water ~ Gobble Program  
Holy Families ~ Artesia  
Hope Lutheran Church ~ Westminster  
In-N-Out Foundation  
Jerzy & Dorothy Krogulski  
John Brown  
John & Virginia Trapani  
John & Vickie Dynice  
Joyce Ann Antimarino  
Justin's Neighborhood Church ~ Cypress  
Kinesis Chiropractic ~ Mallory Feinberg  
Knights of Columbus #9594  
Kontogouris Family  
LAHS American Red Cross Club  
La Mirada Vista  
Las Damas ~ Sunset Beach  
Leisure World Community Church  
Leisure World Woman Club

Lexington Jr. High ~ Cypress  
Los Alamitos Chamber  
Los Alamitos Medical Center ~ Medical Staff  
Lt. Col. Kenneth Graham  
Mary Green  
Mary Borges Faria  
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Melinda Severtson  
Montessori Greenhouse School ~ Garden Grove  
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel DePonte  
Our Lady of Fatima Peregrine ~ Artesia  
Pacific South West District ~ Lutheran Church  
Paola Price  
Radiant Church ~ Huntington Beach  
Red Cross Club Los Alamitos High School ~ Addison Butler  
Residence Inn Cypress  
Republican Women  
Sam & Charlene Wood  
S. Chris Emanuel  
Senior Center of Cypress  
Speer Foundation  
Stephanie Albright  
Stephanie Sanchez  
Stitches from the Heart ~ Marilyn  
Stitches with Love ~ Bellflower ~ Marilyn  
St. Anne Catholic Church ~ Seal Beach  
St. Cornelius Catholic Church ~ Long Beach  
St. Hedwig Catholic Church ~ Los Alamitos  
St. Irenaeus Church ~ Cypress  
St. Julianna Falconieri Church ~ Faith Family Formation  
St. Matthew Church ~ Long Beach  
St. Paul of the Cross ~ La Mirada  
St. Peter Chanel ~ Norwalk  
St. Pius XYLI ~ Long Beach  
Sylvia Monoz  
Sunflower Trio Christmas Porch Concert ~ Long Beach  
Woman's Club of Seal Beach  
Woman's Club of Cypress  
West Cypress Church ~ Vacation Bible School Cypress  
West Orange County Republican Women  
Westminster Lutheran Church of Hope  
Women of the ELCA ~ Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Youth Center of Los Alamitos  
Yvette Severtson

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

Becky Allie  
Catherine Baital  
Caley & Associates ~ Kim Parker  
Connie McDonald  
Ensemble Real Estate Solutions  
Gather Church ~ Los Alamitos  
Jeanine Corpus  
Josie Knapp  
Karen Cussen

Lisa Corigan  
Mary Ann Vander Linden  
Nancy Karl  
Mattel Toy Company  
Paola Price  
Toni Foster  
Peace Michal Tara Love Org. ~ Traveras Family  
Victoria Rojas





## 2022 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.

Thank You

### Pledges are used for development and expansion

Mr. & Mrs. Joey Anderko	Mr. & Mrs. Victor Kriss
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## 2022 Source of Revenue

Private Contributions	\$ 332,521.00
• Annual Pledge	\$ 50,495.00
Foundations / Corporations	\$ 186,044.00
Grant ~ OC Family Commission	\$ 65,000.00
Children Care	\$ 3,426.00
Thrift and Gift Shop	\$ 376,119.00
Fund-Raising Events	\$ 378,208.00
Program Fees / Permanent Housing	\$ 40,817.00
Expansion Rental Property	\$ 17,400.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,450,030.00</b>

## 2022 Operational Expense

**Operations** \$ 356,978.00

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

    • **Child Care** \$ 22,066.00

    • **Thrift Shop** \$ 59,403.00

**Fund-Raising Events** \$ 129,877.00

    • **Annual Pledge** \$ 2,527.00

**Permanent Housing** \$ 66,067.00

**Expansion Rental Property** \$ 5,350.00

(Includes, Property Taxes, Insurance & Mortgage)

**Wages-Staff** \$ 427,364.00

3 F/T, 3 P/T employees. (25% of 1 F/T staff is reimbursed by grant funds.) and 1 P/T paid intern. Includes monthly stipends for 2 Live-in House Managers.

**Wages - Child Care** \$ 88,741.00

1 F/T and 2 P/T employees, (Salaries reimbursed by grant Funds.)

**Wages - Thrift Shop** \$ 83,336.00

(3 Hourly staff, 5 days a week)

**All Employees ~ State and Federal taxes.** \$ 57,379.00

Withholdings, and Workers Comp.

**Total Expenses** \$1,299,088.00

### 2022 Program Statistics

	Women Served	Bed Nights	Babies/Child Served	Babies/Child Bed Nights
Em.	52	435	0	0
Trans.	17	1,120	7	399
SPE	2	308	2	308

Babies born in 2022 ~ 6

Permanent Housing Bed Nights 1,884  
(Women & Children) 3 Women & 3 Toddlers



## In Memory

### Intentions For...

Adelaide Cota †  
 Adelaide Cousins †  
 Al & Margie Susanka †  
 Alice "Ruth" Speurs †  
 Angelo & Sue Baldocchi †  
 Angelo & Shirley Baldocchi †  
 Barbara Hvidas †  
 Barbara Robarge †  
 Barbara Robarge †  
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 Judy Coleman †  
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 Leslie Goldman †  
 Lita Louise Lewis †  
 Marge Faustner †  
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 My Parents †  
 My late Mom †  
 Sondra Ball †  
 Red & Kristine Sander †  
 Ron Bates †  
 Tom Bergeron †  
 Wilbur (Bill) Bolton †  
 William O'Connor †

### Requests were made by...

Janette Sherard  
 Reginald Cousins  
 Kathy Wachter  
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 Kamakshi Annaswami  
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 Gary & Carole Bacher  
 Cathy Sander  
 Marilyn Bates  
 Cathleen Bergeron  
 Jon M. Lang  
 Gloria O'Connor

## In Honor

### Intentions For...

Cooper Steinhauser  
 Leesa Van Deusen  
 Taylor Lynn Graves  
 Theresa Murphy  
 Theresa Sherrin

### Requests were made by

♥ Chris Steinhauser  
 ♥ John & Kathy Van Deusen  
 ♥ Vicki Carpenter  
 ♥ Dorothy McDermott  
 ♥ Sister Brid O'Shea  
 ♥ Courtney V. Cunningham ♥  
 Connie Vaughan

### BIRTH/BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

#### ~ CELEBRATIONS ~

**Birthday ~ Robert Eagan**  
 Silvana Eagan

**Birthday ~ Linda Saucier**

Mary Ellen Baker

**50th Wedding Anniversary ~ David & Laurie Harlow**  
 Theresa Murphy

*Former Director Precious Life*



*In Loving Memory*

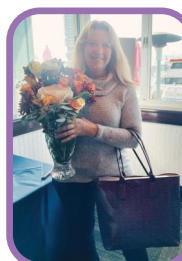
*Jim Duncan*



Precious Life Board of Directors  
 Jim & Theresa Murphy

### LUCKY WINNERS

### The Boathouse on the Bay KICKOFF EVENT



*Congratulations Winners!*

### Special Needs

Our eBay sellers are looking for a volunteer who likes to research "old" or "first editions" books, paintings and collectibles. If interested please contact Gina at 714-488-1924 or [Ginaparker@me.com](mailto:Ginaparker@me.com)

**ALERT..... To Come.... Keep Watch for...  
 the completion of Andrew Jew's Eagle Scout  
 Project in the next newsletter!**



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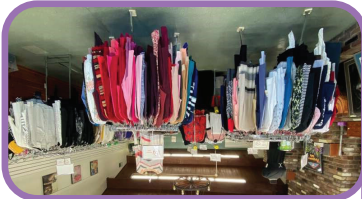


## OR CURRENT RESIDENT

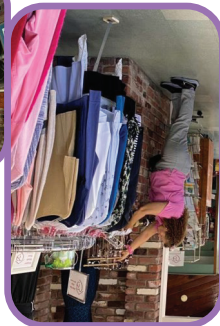
# PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER Thrift & Gift Shop

Volunteers needed to price, sort, hang & organize donations that arrive daily. Monday through Friday 10am to 4pm and Donation Drop-off.

**Store Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
10am to 4pm



New items added everyday!



Come take  
a look!



**Donation Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
10am to 2pm

Contact Tammy at Shelter Office 562-431-5025 to see how you can get started today!

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