



"Saving babies, one mother at a time."

PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER. INC WINTER 2021 Newsletter

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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 Supporters and Friends of PLS,

The past year has given most of us much time to reflect. What a year 2020 presented!! One of the main reflections of this time is how we at Precious Life were lifted up and sustained by the goodness and generosity of all of YOU. Every individual, family, non-profit and business, small or large, privately owned or corporate, faced the challenge in uncertainty.

At PLS, we had to first immediately assess how we would continue to provide for those in residence at the beginning of March, and then determine how we must modify our process to continue to provide service to the population needing our help. Immediately we had to close the Thrift Shop, our social enterprise, cancel our in-person events with all of YOU, which generates program funds, and then immediately "ask" YOU for your help while all of YOU were adjusting to all the changes YOU had to make in your lives, personally and professionally. YOU never failed to contact us, offer assistance through generous financial gifts, supplies and prayers. We missed all of YOU as we had to place a "No Visitors" sign on our doors. Your constant thoughtfulness for our "unevents", answering our PPP needs, calling and saying "what do you need?" while out shopping to provide for moms and babies was overwhelming and so appreciated. We believe sometimes miracles are just good people with kind hearts. For us, that describes each of YOU!! Thank you.

At the beginning of a new year much still continues to be maintained for the well-being and safety of those we serve, as well as for our volunteers and our staff. We will carefully continue all the required protocols we have implemented to secure such for each of them; but there is a saying that "out of difficulties grow miracles": Our precious babies born this past year and the promise of new beginnings for 2021. Our goals has been to develop permanent housing, as rental units, for graduate moms and their children, and your generosity and goodness helped us to do that in 2017! The four units on Cherry Street have been occupied since the day we dedicated the units. We always believed and have set aside annual pledge funds and specific-

designated donated funds for future expansion, hoping for more permanent units. Who would have thought that the uncertainty of 2020 would close with the acquisition of a new property that will allow us to plan and develop just what we had believed possible? - "someday." Our new property is directly south of our property on Reagan Street, and we look forward to sharing with all of YOU how our development progresses. We ask for your prayerful support to direct our resources and efforts to be "another miracle" because of your generosity and goodness.

In this winter letter, we share so many beautiful memories of the last year and few months, and we thank you for sharing yourselves with our women and children. I leave you with this reflection:

"Life is Short, don't take one day for granted, for everything can change in a moment. Be grateful for all YOU have and all that YOU are. Remember who is most important to YOU and always cherish them. Life is a gift and We are blessed!

Thank you for being the thread in the fabric of our organization, and we look forward to all that will be shared with YOU in 2021. Our doors are open to those in need because of YOU!

With Sincere Gratitude,

Theresa E. Murphy
Executive Director

Spring Galore Pop-Up Sale
March 13 ~ 10am to 2pm
Precious Life front parking lot
Easter/Mother's Day Specials



Come check it out
and join the fun!





2020 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.

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RESIDENT'S CORNER

Precious Babies Born in 2020



Children Currently in Residence



Happy 3rd Birthday, Nova!



NEEDS

- Bassinette Sheets - (16" x 20")
- Gallon/Quart Ziploc Bags
- Black Trash Bags (33 Gallons)
- White Kitchen Trash Bags
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Lysol Spray
- Anti Bacterial Hand Refill - Bottle
- Dreft Laundry Soap
- Paper Clips ~ Small
- Glue Sticks
- Inside Ant Spray
- Swifer Wet Jet Pad Refills
- Liquid Laundry Detergent ~ Small
- Forever Stamps for residents
- 9 Volt Batteries



Residents' Christmas Morning



Shelter residents were blessed by generous donors who adopted them for Christmas. See page inside for details.



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

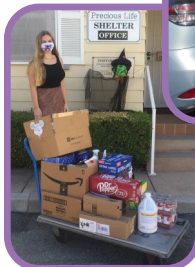
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 Women's Moose

Community Service & Generosity



Amnesty Club of Los Alamitos High School swept up leaves that were left by the strong winds. Thank you Bailey, Ashlyn & Kylee.



Sally Stewart



Neighbors donated needed items, coordinated by Sally Stewart.



We are grateful to the Give Club from Los Alamitos High School for their day of cleaning around the shelter.

Baby "Bottle Blessings"



from Seal Beach Girl Scout Troop 3724

Hygiene items to be given to each Resident entering Precious Life.



With appreciation and grateful hearts, we thank all those who supported the shelter during the past few months by blessing the shelter with your generosity: Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Anaheim, Arlene Parker and Family, Allison Yabroff, Audrey Dornish, Cheryl Graham, Donahue Family, Kim Holistic Foot & Ankle Center in Long Beach, Kinesis Chiropractic's - Dr. Mallory Feinberg, Kontogouris Family, Orange Girl Scout Troop #6046, Royal Oak Residents, & UPS Cerritos - Isaac Ramirez. Thank you to those who supported the women and children we serve by taking part in our Adopt-a-Family Program. Our women and children are blessed by your generosity: Becky Allie, Caley & Associates, Cat Jones Family, Connie McDonald, Fred Fix, Gather Church in Carson, Los Alamitos Medical Education Dept., Mary Anne Van der Linden, Peace Michael Traveras Love Organization & Toni Foster.

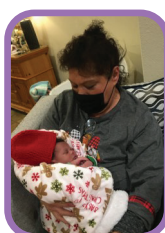


Stuff A Bus Event



Precious Life Shelter was blessed by Tom & Connie Giddens - Scenic Coachways who organized a "Stuff a Bus" event for Precious Life. They collected brand new toys and food items to fill our pantry. They were able to fill the whole storage area on their bus. We thank them for their generosity to help those in need. Local residents serving the needs of the community.

Residents & Staff Christmas Dinner



Kim San Jose holding baby Josiah.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude to Kim San Jose and her son Patrick for hosting an elegant Christmas Dinner. Residents and staff were treated to a delicious home-cooked meal, desserts and gifts for all. The love that she has for Precious Life shows in everything she does, and we can't thank her and her son enough for all that they do to provide an evening to remember.



In Memory

Intentions For...

Adelaide Cousins †
 Al & Margie Susanka †
 Angelo Baldocchi †
 Arlene Pelonis †
 Arlene Pelonis †
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 Bob Payne †
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In Memory

Intentions For...

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 Nancy Walsh †
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In Honor

Intentions For...

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 John & Jack Nessley ♥
 John Price ♥
 Kathy Wachter ♥
 Lawanna Sullivan ♥
 Madeline Salvador ♥
 Respect Life Sunday ♥
 Steve & Nancy Stock ♥
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In Honor of supporting women like you,
 have supported me:
 Christine Johnson, Stephanie Reizuch, Steffie Hands,
 Erica Kurowski, Nubia Cedeno, Carol Iannessa
 With Gratitude, Heidi Fitzsimons

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY
SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Birthday ~ Domenica Rose Long
Rose Marie Angiuli

Birthday ~ Kenneth Watson
Christine Watson

In Memory ~ Msgt. Bob Wojciechoski, USMC
Patricia Singer

**In Memory ~ Adelaide Cousins, a long time
volunteer who worked at the Thrift Shop and gave
so much of her time ~ Paul Seigman**

In Memory ~ James Heffron

Franciscan University Admin. Acctg. Business
Services & Finance Staff

With love & prayer, from Fr. Dave. & your Franciscan
University family

64th Wedding Anniversary ~ Margaret Dunn
Margaret Dunn

Wedding Anniversary ~ Drew & Siobhan Gormley
Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons

Wedding ~ Jeff & Diane Rattiner
Jack & Virginia Fitzsimons

2020 Program Statistics

	Women Served	Bed Nights	Babies/Child Served	Babies/Child Bed Nights
Em.	30	342	-	-
Trans.	17	1169	11	594
SPE	1	206	1	206

Babies born in 2020 ~ 11

Permanent Housing 12 Bed Nights 4210
(6 Woman & 6 Children)



Don't forget that you can support Precious Life every time you shop at Ralphs and Food4Less by signing up on line. Go to Ralphs.com / Food4Less.com.

2020 Source of Revenue

Private Contributions	\$ 485,067
•Annual Pledge	\$ 48,348
Foundations / Corporations	\$ 115,577
Grant ~ OC Family Commission	\$ 110,000
Children's Home Society	\$ 3,460
Thrift and Gift Shop	\$ 211,731
Fund-Raising Events	\$ 70,594
Program Fees / Permanent Housing	\$ 66,975
Total Income	\$1,111,752

2020 Operational Expense

Operations	\$ 227,710
(utilities, residents' needs, supplies, food Counseling, Newsletter, etc.)	
•Child Care	\$ 10,740
•Thrift Shop	\$ 73,834
Fund-Raising Events	\$ 4,089
•Annual Pledge	\$ 1,696
Cherry Street Property	\$ 49,135
Wages-Staff	\$ 377,941
3 F/T and 4 P/T employees. (25% of 3 F/T staff is re-im- bursed by grant funds; 100% of 1 F/T staff is reimbursed by grant funds.) Includes monthly stipends for 2 Live-in House Managers.	
Wages - Child Care	\$ 51,962
2 F/T and 6 P/T employees, plus subs. Comp. (Salaries re- imbursed by grant funds).	
Wages - Thrift Shop	\$ 73,319
1 F/T and 3 P/T employees.	
All Employees ~ State and Federal taxes. Withholdings, and Workers Comp.	\$ 51,569
Total Expenses	\$ 921,995



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Store Hours:
M-F 10am - 4pm
Closed Saturdays



Stop on by and check out our new designer purses and better jewelry case, and while you are there our check our Collector's Corner too! New items added everyday!



Thrift & Gift Shop
3622 Florista St., Los Alamitos
562-430-7309

Masks and social distancing still required as we continue to maintain a safe shopping environment for workers and shoppers.
If you would like to receive regular Thrift Shop notices on special sales and events, please fill out an information card by asking Shop Cashier.

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