

# PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER. INC SPRING 2022 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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Saving publies, one mother at a time.

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...

Dear Supporters of PLS,

Spring brings joy and new life, and we are blessed to provide the healthy and safe environment for our women to birth their child and embark upon the parenting time in their lives. We watch how our women move from uncertainty when they walk through our door into determination to make significant changes she says she desires. Many of you walk with them as an educator, birth coach or mentor, and for that we are so grateful to have them develop friendships that support them in reaching their desired goals.

There is a beautiful reflection I read that states, "Be grateful for every second of every day that you get to spend with people you love. Life is so very precious." For our women they begin to believe that they deserve to be loved and cherished while here at Precious Life, and that is because of each of YOU.

Speaking of how blessed we are, we want to say THANK YOU for making our "Under the Stars" Gala an evening that has outdone any gala yet. YOU helped us raise over \$130,000 to provide for the development and building of our future housing units here on Reagan Street. We are not sitting on our laurels, but we are in the midst of "A Taste of Precious Life" to be held on June 5, 2022, at St. Isidore Historical Plaza. Check our the website to register for the wonderful afternoon to taste great food, craft beer and select wines. There will be wonderful auction items, music and friendship. More information in this newsletter or call the office at 562-431-5025.

Then "Tee Off for the Heart♥" will be September 21, 2022, and the constant contact and brochure will be released by midJune, so watch for that to arrive in your mailbox. If you are not on the alerts, please call Tammy she will make sure you get on the mailing.

We do have a fun surprise for all those who golf or want just to have fun in mid-July. Big Rec in Long Beach is planning a fun Putting Cup Mini Tournament, so we will be getting that fun event information to you. \$20 for mini golf tournament, and all proceeds stay with PLS.

We are celebrating our Thrift Shop 30 Year Anniversary. We had two wonderful special events in the shop on April 2 and April 9. Hopefully will have a couple more special events throughout the remainder of the year. If you are not receiving our SHOP ALERTS you can add your name and email on the website under the shop link or call the office.

I would like to let you know that we <u>do not</u> immediately add you to events. We wish to honor your request as such but we don't want you to think you are ever excluded from something or not notified, so please let the office know.

We are anxious to give you some ideas on our Reagan Street Project. I am meeting with our architect this week so we can begin the brainstorming on the buildings and the development. We will keep you appraised as we move forward, and we thank you for the support you have already given toward this development. We believe that as we move ahead, your goodness and prayers will help make this project another opportunity to provide for the women and children we serve. May you each know how grateful we are for the support you provide. Lives are precious and you enrich every woman and child we serve, and that makes all the difference.

With Gratitude.

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Theresa E. Murphy
Executive Director

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

"A Taste of Precious Life" Santa Maria BBQ, Craft Beer & Wine Tasting: June 5, 2022 @ St. Isidore's Plaza

"Tee Off for the Heart♥": September 21, 2022 @ El Dorado Park

"A Precious Christmas: December 11, 2022

# RESIDENT CORNER



Hello, my name is Bethany Windmiller, I am 39 years old and came to Precious Life Shelter on September 9, 2021. I was homeless and on drugs when I arrived here 9 months pregnant. I was able with the help of the staff to get clean and delivered my daughter, Janice Elana

Windmiller, on September 29, 2021. Soon after I found full time employment, and my life started to fall into place. I learned how to be a full time mother and how to become a better mother to my older children, Noah, Savannah and Blake. I have been sober for 7 months and for the first time in my life, loving every minute of it. I have reconnected with my family and have become a positive influence in other people's lives.

I am so grateful for PLS and my amazing life they have given me. The staff is amazing and I truly love each and everyone of them!

Thank you so much. I wouldn't change anything. God has his hand on PLS, and I feel it every step I take here.

Bethany & Janice

# Transitional Graduates Return for Visit



Nicolle was back in California and stopped by with newest little one, Bailey.

Kymberly stopped by with her Son Kaleb, who will be six years old this summer.





# SHOWERED WITH LOVE





Precious Life was blessed by the women of Wings at St. Martin de Porres Church who hosted a baby shower for the women and babies.



Susan Navarette and Theresa Murphy - Executive Director.



Thank you to Susan Navarette - PLS Bookkeeper for putting together this wonderful event.

## **NEEDS**

White Hand Towels
Forever Postage Stamps
Paperclips ~ Small & Jumbo
33 Gal. Drawstring Black Bag
13 Gal. Kitchen White Bags
Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Clear Packaging Tape
8 1/2 x 11 White Copy Paper
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Theresa Murphy receives handmade blankets, scarves and hats from La Mirada Vistas delivered by Dan Lee.



We thank NCL for their generous donation.



# Scotty Melandres Eagle Scout Project

Scotty's project was to create and build modern, spacious, computer workstations for PLS Classroom.



**Scotty Melandres** 

Old workstations

New workstations

"Using Mr. Fernandez design, we cut wooden sheets into the exact specifications needed using a CNC machine at the workshop facility in Costa Mesa. Now that the wood components were cut, I enlisted some of my friends from my Boy Scout Patrol to assist me in sanding and assembling the workstations over the course of a couple of Saturdays. My Dad helped paint and finish the workstations and they were installed at Precious Life."



" In order to raise funds for my Eagle Scout Project, I primarily took donations from friends and family. This is where I obtained the majority of the funds necessary to complete the project. The remainder of the funds came from a fundraiser that I held in association with the Noble Bird Restaurant in Long Beach. Once the funds were acquired, I began the design and construction process. The design was detailed, by myself and created by my father's friend Al Fernandez."

We are grateful for this young man's dedication and his hard work in organizing, fundraising and building beautiful new work stations in our classroom for PLS residents.



# "Under the Stars" Gala Highlights



Over 250 guests celebrated "Under the Stars" at The Reef in Long Beach on March 5th to provide for Precious Life's mission of "Saving babies, one mother at a time". Guests had a wonderful array of items from which to bid, a Dollar Dash, four guests left with a new 65 inch, \$800.00 Smart TV for \$100. Just some of the fun activities at the event. They were entertained by Suzanne of Inspired Benefit Auctions and DJ Allan Cason of APC Entertainment.

Los Alamitos City Officials join the fun.



Our beautiful graduates, Cassie and her mom Lina, Cinthia, Esther and our Executive Director Theresa Murphy.

### **Congratulations Opportunity Winners!**

1st Prize



Adrianna Martinez \$1,000

2nd Prize



Susan Navarette \$500



Allison Maney \$250



A few of our Board of Directors having fun on the dance floor!



## WITH GRATEFULNESS WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR SPONSORS:

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COOKIES
Butter + Cream





We are grateful to BOD Cathy Hughes and Pat Nohalty for their hard work in putting together all of the wonderful auction items and making a beautiful display for all to partake.



Party for ten which was bid on and won by Keven and Alicia Smith...



Now this is the way to party!





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WHAT A View!!

A special thank you to all businesses and donors for gathering and supporting the women and children we serve. As we begin the development and expansion for more permanent housing units for graduates and their children, we appreciate the support you have given at "Under the Stars".

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Donor Information for Auction Items:

## "A Taste of Precious Life" Santa Maria BBQ, Craft Beer

Sunday, June 5, 2022 3-7 pm St. Isidore Historical Plaza, 10961 Reagan St. Los Alamitos

## Be Creative – it's for charity! Thank you for your participation...

## **Donation / Sponsorship Information**

Check here for receipt □

Thank you for your contribution to our annual "Santa Maria BBQ, Craft Beer & Wine Tasting". Please include this form with your item(S) to allow us to acknowledge your donation properly.

Send donations to: **Precious Life Shelter, P.O. Box 414, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.** If you require further assistance or information, please email <a href="mailto:plsinfo@preciouslifeshelter.org">plsinfo@preciouslifeshelter.org</a> or call 562-431-5025. Precious Life Shelter is a private 501 (c) 3 California non-profit, TAX ID #51-0187577.

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Precious Life is grateful to our friends at Signs & Services for gifting Precious Life with this new sign with rebranded logo.



## Birthday/Anniversary/ Celebrations

Birthday ~ Chris Barnes Jeff & Marilyn Barke

**16th Birthday** ~ **Aiden Sandvig** Kenneth & Christina Watson

33rd Birthday ~ Dominic Sanna Patricia Kelly

**45th Birthday** ~ **Sarah Sandvig** Kenneth & Christina Watson

60th Birthday ~ Nicolette Kubeck John Kubeck

90th Birthday ~ Nancy Lopez (PLS Book Lady)

Philip & Ellen Brooks Jim & Theresa Murphy PLS Board of Directors & Staff

**95th Birthday** ~ **Kay Portner** PLS Board of Directors & Staff

**100th Birthday** ~ **Julia Bulla** PLS Board of Director & Staff

Priestly Ordination Anniversary, 50 yrs Golden Jubilee Rev. James Hartnett Ordained June 10, 1972 Patricia Singer Jim & Theresa Murphy

## Special Event Volunteers

Special events volunteers are always needed and for those that helped us in April on the Saturday sales, THANK YOU! If you are interested in being on that "list" to be contacted to volunteer for EVENTS contact Tammy at 562-431-5025 to provide email and phone #'s so we can connect you with event chair.



In Honor

Happy Birthday



Walter Cruz

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Sept. 21, 2022

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and click on events To register - www.preciouslifeshelter.org

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