



Mary's Shelter

Spring 2011

changing lives two at a time

Mission Statement:

Mary's Shelter empowers and equips vulnerable teen mothers and their babies for lives of dignity, hope and self-sufficiency.



Teen mothers delivered healthy babies 10 days apart.

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April 8, 2011

Annual Gala

A Midsummer

Night's Dream

Hyatt Regency Irvine

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2010 Annual Report Highlights

Thanks to our faithful donors, Mary's Shelter completed its **16th year** of caring for pregnant minors who chose life for their babies! Here are some highlights of the Annual Report inside this newsletter.

Mary's Shelter provided a safe home and loving care for a total of **44 teen mothers** and **29 of their children** in 2010. Not only did Mary's Shelter residents deliver healthy babies, but our girls matured into nurturing mothers and acquired skills to help them succeed on their own as single parents. This was accomplished through our dedicated professional staff, largely funded by our generous donors, and by our wonderful volunteers.

The enclosed summary of our audited financial report shows that in this second recessionary year, Mary's Shelter was able to meet its operating expenses. While revenue from corporations and foundations were down 35% in 2010, private donations were actually higher than in the prior year thanks to several very large gifts. **Thanks be to God!** Plus, our Board and Management continued

the cost-containment measures implemented in 2008-09 and we have further streamlined our operations in order to assure our viability going forward.

The goal at Mary's Shelter remains to increase private donations to move us away from reliance on government funding, and to encourage supporters to include our Endowment in their estate plans so that Mary's Shelter can serve teen mothers and their babies well into the future.



President Rich Van Meter thanks Chairwoman Erica Sheehy for her 5 years on the Board

Leadership Changes



New Directors (L to R) Jerry Sheehy, Deacon Tony Carrasco, Rebecca Peek and Frank Serna

At our annual Changeover Meeting on January 31st, **President Rich Van Meter** extended appreciation to Erica Sheehy who completed five years on the Mary's Shelter Board of Directors. In addition to supporting our fund raising efforts, Erica served

as President in 2009 and Chairwomen in 2010. She applied her corporate and financial experience as Executive Vice President of Compliance at PIMCO to help Mary's Shelter revise our performance evaluation plan, compensation and benefit policies and to develop cost-containment and cash-management strategies during the recession. We appreciate Erica for gifting Mary's Shelter with her passion for life and leadership skills.

In January, we also welcomed five new directors to the board to provide leadership and governance for the next three years. Welcome to **Deacon Tony Carrasco, Jacqueline Jensen** (not pictured), **Rebecca Peek, Frank Serna** and **Jerry Sheehy**. Thank you all for stepping forward to continue the tradition of helping Mary's Shelter change lives – two at a time!

The Board Officers for 2011 are: Chairman **Rich Van Meter, M.D.**, President **Alison Konop**, Treasurer **Roger Chaix** and Secretary **Peggy Holmes**.

YOU Are Invited

The annual Gala for Mary's Shelter is coming up on **Friday, April 8th**. This year we will enjoy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Hyatt Regency Irvine. Please join us for a wonderful time shopping the Silent Auction, enjoying a lovely Lenten fish dinner, dancing, honoring **Peggy Holmes** for her years of loving witness to our residents, listening to former residents talk about how Mary's Shelter changed their lives, and bidding on Live Auction prizes.

You can enjoy all of this in the company of like-minded

Mary's Shelter supporters for \$135 per person. Thanks to our Gala Underwriters, all of your ticket is a tax-deductible donation that will help Mary's Shelter care for teen mothers and their babies who rely on us at a critical time in their young lives. If you don't already have an invitation, call Christine at (714) 730-0930 Ext. 15 to request one, or make your reservation on our website.

If you've never been to our Gala before – make this the year for you and your friends!

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Featured Employees



Christine Tran

Christine Tran celebrated her five year anniversary at Mary's Shelter in November. Coming from the auto finance industry, Christine was looking for a career in the non-profit sector where she could make a difference. She joined Mary's Shelter as our Development Assistant, where she works closely with the Executive Director. Her professional skills and gracious personality result in many compliments about Christine from donors, board members and other volunteers. She handles donors' records and requests, works closely with volunteers to make sure our special events are successful, provides minutes and other support for the Board, and even helps supervise residents when needed, such as on Christmas Day. Christine has a great heart for the young mothers and babies we serve. To expand her skills in this field, Christine is now learning grant writing skills. We are delighted that Christine has embraced a development career at Mary's Shelter.

Maria Diaz completed her five year anniversary in January as a Shift Lead for Mary's Shelter. She came to us with a BA in Human Services from CSUF and has worked two or three days per week while she furthered her education. She will receive her Masters Degree in School Counseling in December. Maria especially likes working with teenagers. She says that seeing the big difference in a girl from when she arrives to when she leaves Mary's Shelter keeps her motivated. Being bilingual in Spanish is a real asset to Maria for working with some of our residents who have limited English language skills. Maria is a wonderful role model for our girls, helping them care for their babies, administering medications on her shift, encouraging them to grow while supervising them in our very structured program. We are blessed that Maria has been such a positive and stable influence in the lives of teen mothers at Mary's Shelter these five years.



Maria Diaz

RECENT SPECIAL GIFTS

Thanks to a generous gift from **Trinity United Presbyterian Church** and big discounts from long time supporters Bob and Fannette Wallace of **BW Enterprises**, we were able to replace all 18 of the old twin box springs and mattresses for our residents to start this new year.

Girl Scout Cadet Hayley Shea completed her community service project for Mary's Shelter, designing, acquiring and installing industrial shelving to store the many car seats, strollers and other baby equipment in our limited space.

A team from the **Knights of Columbus at San Antonio de Padua Church, Council #9195** came back to Mary's Shelter this year to do more painting. They gave the large kitchen and great room in our main house a fresh and cheerful coat of yellow paint.



FINANCIAL REPORT*

For the 12 months ended September 30, 2010

**This is a brief summary of the independent financial audit.*

Donors may view a copy of the complete audited financial report on our website.

Revenues		Expenses		Balance Sheet	
Govt. – AFDC	\$ 1,033,158	Resident Program	\$ 1,362,802	Assets	
Govt. – Other	\$ 33,746	Administration	\$ 90,978	Current Assets	\$ 612,969
Private Donations	\$ 295,379	Fund Development	\$ 106,645	Fixed Assets	\$ 759,989
Corp. & Fndn. Gifts	\$ 166,540	Total Expenses	\$ 1,560,425	Total Assets	\$ 1,372,958
Special Events NET	\$ 107,489			Liabilities	
Donated Svc & Equip	\$ 3,107	Net Operations	\$ 107,077	Current Liab.	\$ 76,012
Investment Income	\$ 15,665			Long-term Liab.	\$ - 0 -
Other Income	\$ 12,418			Total Liabilities	\$ 76,012
Total Revenues	\$ 1,667,502			Net Assets	\$ 1,296,946
				Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 1,372,958

Note: Donors will appreciate that 87 cents of every dollar was used for program expenses to care for teen mothers and their babies in 2010

ANNUAL REPORT

Mary's Shelter in 2010 – *Changing Lives Two at a Time*

MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY *Mary's Shelter equips and empowers vulnerable teen mothers and their babies for lives of hope, dignity and self-sufficiency. Created out of profound respect for the God-given gift of life, Mary's Shelter nurtures and protects the lives of both mother and child.*

PROGRAM SERVICES – The comprehensive services at Mary's Shelter address the physical, emotional, spiritual and educational needs of teen residents and their babies. We also stress parenting education and teach independent living skills, including job preparation, in order to intervene in the negative cycle typical of teen pregnancy.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES – In 2010, Mary's Shelter **counseled 137 teens**, their families or friends who called Mary's Shelter for guidance and referrals when they were faced with the pregnancy of a minor. That was in addition to **92 referral inquiries** from county social workers. We provided loving residential care for a total of **44 teens and 29 of their children** in our homes during the year. Their length of stay varied from a few weeks to the entire year depending on their circumstances. During the year, twelve of our residents were reunited with a family member (always our goal) and we helped twelve other young mothers prepare to legally emancipate as adults.

Seven healthy babies were born to residents while living at Mary's Shelter in the last year (and more babies were delivered to girls after they left.) Two infants were premature by a matter of days, but all seven had healthy birth weights of 6 pounds or more. Our very positive birth statistics for teen mothers were the result of 81 pre-natal visits, 19 ultrasounds, 39 hospital visits and 108 pediatric appointments during the year and the day-to-day supervision of healthy prenatal behaviors by our attentive staff.

We also scheduled appointments and took our girls and babies to a total of 303 other medical appointments during the year for non-maternity purposes, such as physical exams, sick visits, appointments with specialists and for dental and vision care.

To help foster healing and develop coping skills Mary's Shelter Social Workers provided our teen mothers, many of whom have experienced traumatic backgrounds, with 540 hours of individual therapy, 26 hours of family and couple counseling plus facilitated two weekly therapeutic groups all year. Additionally, we took residents to 54 appointments with Psychologists and Psychiatrists as needed.

To **promote spiritual formation**, build self-esteem and instill hope, we offered a weekly bible study and transportation to various church services for interested residents.

To break the cycle of child abuse and neglect, Mary's Shelter emphasizes **positive parenting skills**. In 2010, 18 pregnant girls participated in Prenatal Parenting Classes which include childbirth preparation, 36 residents attended weekly Infant (birth to one year) Parenting Classes and 9 teen mothers learned age-specific parenting techniques in weekly Toddler Parenting Classes. We also arranged three guest speakers to educate our girls about the loving parenting option that is adoption, watched the movie "Juno" and discussed it with them, and three residents met individually with adoption social workers. While no one chose adoption for her child in 2010, one mature teen mother has done so already in 2011.

We monitored the **development of all of our infants and toddlers** and took eleven children to the Regional Center for developmental screenings. As a result, further evaluations were advised for five children and three children required special services during the year to maximize their development. This involved arranging for and taking these children to weekly Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Behavioral Therapy sessions. Seven toddlers (babies over one year old and walking) thrived in our weekday Toddler Program to help them become preschool ready while their moms were in school, while our day care staff was attentive to the infants who have their own curriculum to stimulate development.

To help prepare teen mothers for successful independent living and prevent a life of poverty, the first step is to **complete their education**. In 2010, 40 of our residents made progress in an independent course of study in our own Mary's Academy, whether at a Junior or Senior High level, and four others were enrolled in a public high school primarily to benefit from an ESL program. We arranged for tutoring by volunteers as needed. Four Mary's Shelter residents graduated from high school in 2010 and one passed the GED exam. Another teen mother took college classes.

Mary's Shelter stresses **independent living skills** once a girl turns 16 years of age. In 2010 we sent nine teen mothers for vocational testing and twelve attended on-site computer classes led by a volunteer. Through Orangewood Children's Foundation, 34 of our teen mothers attended Independent Living Preparation classes covering topics such as Health and Nutrition, Personal Financial Management, Career Preparation and Orientation to Community Resources. As residents approached legal emancipation, our Case Managers helped five girls obtain day care arrangements, five secure transitional housing, three girls obtained employment and another teen mother volunteered in the community to get work experience.

HUMAN SERVICES The Mary's Shelter administrative staff includes an Executive Director, Development Assistant and Bookkeeper. The program staff included a Program Director, and four Coordinators with specialties in medical services, childcare/parenting, facilities/volunteers and program staff. Social services are provided by two Social Workers and two Case Managers. The continuous care and supervision of our residents is provided by 22 House Managers, over half of whom have college degrees in human services fields. An indicator of the dedication of our staff is that 21 of our 34 employees have worked at Mary's Shelter five or more years! Thirty-two volunteers supplemented our paid professional staff by providing services directly to our residents, and about 30 others provided indirect support (board and special events).

FINANCIAL REPORT This second year of the recession resulted in a further decrease in corporate and foundation giving to Mary's Shelter. Surprisingly, government subsidies remained stable in 2010. Donations from individuals were also about the same as the prior year, plus a few very large gifts from new donors helped make up the difference in corporate and foundation giving. Also the wage freeze and benefit reductions implemented last year, and new efficiencies introduced in 2010 enabled Mary's Shelter to cover expenses. The ongoing challenge is that Mary's Shelter needs at least **\$60,000 per month** in private donations to provide our staff-intensive services for pregnant and parenting minors and their babies. Our faithful donors have demonstrated time and again that our mission is dear to their hearts and that they will continue to rise to the occasion.

DONORS CHANGE LIVES ALL YEAR LONG

Many caring individuals, organizations, churches and companies brought smiles to the faces of our pregnant minors, teen moms, babies and toddlers last year with gifts of cash, merchandise and love. We regret any errors or omissions on this list.

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General Monitors, Inc.
George D. Nicolais & Associates, Inc.
Gladstone's Long Beach
Honda Financial Services
Illumiscapes - Total Land Care
Jann Church Partners, Inc.
Karcher Digital & Printing
Kordus Holdings, LLC
Law Offices of Merhab Robinson
& Marshall
Leroy's Pest Control
Lorin Backe Photography
Los Angeles Clippers
Los Angeles Dodgers
Los Angeles Galaxy
Los Angeles Lakers
Los Angeles Zoo &
Botanical Gardens
Lucky Strike Lanes
Mac's Auto Care
Maria's Homeless Soup Kitchen, Inc.
Mary's Kitchen
Material Handling
Management Society
Medieval Times Dinner &
Tournament
Memorial Prompt Care &
Family Medicine
Oak Creek Golf Club
Online Trading Academy
Orange Coast Premier Collective Inc.
Orange County Performing
Arts Center
Orange County's United Way
Orbit Printing
Pacific Symphony
Pilates by Allison
Ponderosa Mobile Estates, LLC
Print Techniques
PRP Wine International
Radisson Hotel Newport Beach
Rancho San Joaquin Golf Course
Roger Dunn Golf Shops
Rowley Portraiture

Sabatino's Lido Shipyard
Sausage Company
Salon Crew
San Diego Gas &
Electric Company
Schoenbachler Electro
Mechanical Sales
SG & Associates
Shoshana Spa & Salon
South Coast Repertory
Stamping with Aimee
Tantalum Restaurant
Target - Huntington Beach
The Doctors - TV Show
The Investment
Counsel Company
Toyota Motor Sales USA
Trinitas Cellars
TROY Group, Inc.
Volunteer Center of
Orange County
West-Tech Materials, Inc.
William Harold Jewelers
WorldMark by Wyndham

CHURCHES

Annunciation Byzantine
Catholic Church
Blessed Sacrament Church
Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints
Covenant Grove Church
Cross Community Church

Holy Family Church
Holy Spirit Church
Mariners Church
Mesa Verde United
Methodist Church
Pennies from Heaven
Roman Catholic Bishop
of Orange
St. Bonaventure Church
St. Cecilia Church
St. Irenaeus Church
St. Michael's Abbey
St. Stephen's Anglican Church
St. Thomas More Church
St. Timothy Church
Trinity United
Presbyterian Church

CLUBS

Blessed Sacrament
Church Outreach
Brandeis Hillel Day School
Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary
High School, Class of 1960
Catholic Bible Ministries
Catholic Daughters of America
Court Blessed Sacrament #2024
Christian Women's Fellowship -
Church of the Foothills
Color Us Gone
Crossline MOPS
Ebell Club of Irvine
Family Living

Father Maximilian Kolbe
Charities, Inc.
Floral Park Neighborhood
Association
A Foundation for Kids
Girl Scout Council of OC Troop #2171
Help Me Grow
Hillsborough Preschool
Italian Catholic Federation
Branch #423
Knights of Columbus Council #3926
Knights of Columbus Council #5385
Knights of Columbus Council #6332
Knights of Columbus Council #7985
Knights of Columbus Council #9195
Knights of Columbus Council #9487
Knights of Columbus Council #9511
Knights of Columbus Council #9594
Knights of Columbus Council #12451
Ladies Auxillary, Knights of
Columbus Council #6020
Moms Club of Newport Beach
Newport Harbor Emblem Club #394
Prayer, Adoration, Learning &
Sharing (P.A.L.S.)
Quilters Guild
Red Hill Lutheran School
Santa Margarita Catholic
High School
Serra Club
Soroptimist International of
Laguna Beach
St. Cecilia Women's Prayer Group

St. Irenaeus Parish AM Bible
Study Group
St. Juliana Falconieri School
Stitches from the Heart
Sts. Simon & Jude Men's Club
Tustin Assistance League
Tustin Lions Club
Water from the Rock
Whittier Christian High School
Youth for Christ at UCI

FOUNDATIONS

The Disneyland Volunteers
Community Fund
Employees Community Fund
of Boeing California
Frome Family Foundation
George Hoag Family Foundation
Joerger Family Charitable
Foundation
Marisla Foundation
Orange County Community
Foundation
The PIMCO Foundation
The Reso Foundation
St. Joseph Health System
Foundation
Sweet Bay Foundation
Union Bank of California
Foundation
Vons Foundation

Love is in the Air!

Fifty Gala Underwriters celebrated Valentines Day at a lovely party graciously hosted by **Director Cheri** and **Dr. John Maggiano**. In keeping with their Tuscan Villa style home, individual pizzas were made to order in their kitchen pizza oven, while guests enjoyed elegant antipastos, were treated to special wine selections from the Maggiano wine cellar, and topped it off with desserts fit for a Valentine.

Carrying out the theme, most guests dressed in red, God treated us to a spectacular red sunset, and guests were given red carnation boutonnières to wear when they responded with a gift to the Underwriting Board: ***Be a Sweetheart and Help Underwrite the Mary's Shelter Gala***. As a result of the success of this event, tickets to the April 8th Gala will be tax-deductible for guests.





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