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Mission Statement

The mission of Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children is to empower women and their children to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency, through housing, employment and support services offered with dignity and love.

Hazel's Adventure



Hazel in front of the Grand Canyon

Angel Guardian is home to 12 mothers and 24 children. A year ago, Erica and her three children moved in after a loss of a job and then a home. Since moving into Angel Guardian, the family has begun to feel safe and has the confidence to move forward in their lives. Erica is now interviewing for jobs, one son is taking piano lessons and this summer 15-year-old Hazel was given the opportunity to spend a month touring the country with 30 other high school students, where they visited college campuses, national parks, museums and other historic landmarks across the United States.



Circle Line Tour of New York City



Save the Date

Auxiliary's Annual **Forget-Me-Not Luncheon** at the Wilshire Country Club on Saturday, November 7th. For more information, call (213) 482-1834.



Washington D.C.

Good Shepherd Center connected with the nonprofit Godparents Youth Organization (GYO) when its founder, Tanya Walters, volunteered at the Center. Tanya suggested that our young residents would be perfect candidates to apply for the "Travel Men-Touring" experience.

To qualify for this educational travel experience, Hazel was required to read "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" and write an essay about the book. She also had to write a personal statement about her life and why she deserved to take this trip.

Hazel traveled to 26 states, visited 26 museums, toured 20 colleges and universities, and helped her fellow travelers distribute backpacks and school supplies to 10 Boys and Girls Clubs. Along with GYO participants and other students from youth organizations across the country, Hazel had

the privilege of dining with President Obama at the White House. Other highlights Hazel enjoyed were the Grand Canyon, the campus of Harvard University, and the JFK Memorial in Dallas.



New Friends

"I enjoyed it and I really do want others to see what I saw," observed Hazel. "I want to have a better life for myself and I want to take care of my mom." Hazel is a junior at the Edward R. Roybal Learning Center in downtown Los Angeles. As a result of this experience, she aspires to obtain a B.A. in Political Science from Harvard University.



Leaving Los Angeles

"Ever since we've been here (at Good Shepherd Center's Angel Guardian Home) it's just been the best thing that could've happened to me and my family," says Erica.

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From the Director

It is hard to believe that twenty-five years ago Cardinal Timothy Manning asked me to find housing for women and children living on the streets of Los Angeles near Saint Vibiana’s Cathedral. Thanks to the support of Board Members, Auxiliary Members, and Volunteers throughout our region, Good Shepherd Center has grown dramatically to serve the growing population of homeless women and children. God bless you all for helping so many in need with dignity and love.

My heart is greatly saddened that these difficult economic times have caused us to temporarily discontinue our programs at the Mother Child Residence. The mothers and children have all been placed in new housing with three in permanent apartments. We hope to re-open Mother Child in one to two years as our donations increase and allow us to serve this fragile population.

Calls for emergency shelter and homeless housing increase each week. We strive to serve as many women as possible. I humbly ask that you please continue to support Good Shepherd Center and its programs. May God bless you all.



From the Board President



What an honor to serve as Good Shepherd’s Center’s Board President. I hope that I can follow in the footsteps of all the others who have served this very special organization over the last 25 years. I have been extremely impressed with all that has been accomplished by the Board and Good Shepherd Center’s (GSC) loyal followers.

The services offered by GSC have never been in greater demand. All of GSC’s resources - mobile outreach, drop-in center, transitional and emergency housing - are being directed toward assisting homeless women and children, by providing them with both the moral support and the tools to help them become self-sufficient.

This year, the primary focus of Good Shepherd’s Board is to move from a successful capital campaign, which resulted in the completion of the Women’s Village, to designing programs to fund the operations of GSC’s four facilities. I am most appreciative of all those who have made GSC the successful organization that it is today and ask for your continued support to assure that GSC can continue to offer its extraordinary services to the homeless women and children of Los Angeles.

Bill Dahlman

Young Professionals Group (YPG) Evening of Art

More than 100 young professionals gathered for an evening of art, music and good works at YPG’s annual fundraising event, held on June 6 at T.A.G.—The Artists’ Gallery in Santa Monica.

The Village Kitchen provided hors d’oeuvres and delicious desserts. The event raised over \$8,000 with proceeds benefiting Good Shepherd Center.

Since 2001, the Young Professionals Group of Los Angeles (YPG) has brought together hundreds of men and women in support of the life-changing programs of Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children. YPG members volunteer onsite, plan fundraisers, and gather for social outings, like happy hours, nature hikes and sporting events. To become a member of the YPG and for more information, visit www.ypgla.org or email membership@ypgla.org.



YPG Executive Committee Laura Smolka, Keri Peterson, Tiffany Fisher Quick, Taryn Mathis, Kristin Engle, Dana Gilreath, Marcy Gussin and Sabrina Sarmiento.



Fall 2009

25th Anniversary Gala Celebration Honored Sister Julia Mary

On May 15, 2009, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Board Members Harper and Andrew McDonald co-chaired a wonderful Gala honoring GSC's founder, Sister Julia Mary Farley. Over 200 friends, donors and staff came together to celebrate 25 years of serving homeless women and children. Thanks to the leadership efforts of Harper and Andrew, over \$225,000 was raised.



Top Row: #1 Gala Co-Chairs Harper and Andrew McDonald; #2 Board Members Kerstin Royce, Nancy Fox, Yvonne Manns and Bonnie McClure; #3 Phil Nowlen with his wife, Ahmanson Foundation Program Officer Mindy Jones, and long-time GSC supporters Judy and Steve McDonald

Middle Row: #1 Father William P. Wolfe, the Honorable Richard Bryne, Steve McDonald, GSC Auxiliary Member Chickie Byrne, Catholic Charities Executive Director Monsignor Gregory A. Cox; #2 Board President Bill Dahlman, Harper McDonald, NBC News Anchor and Emcee for the evening Colleen Williams, Monsignor Gregory Cox, Sister Julia Mary, Andrew McDonald, City Councilman Tom LaBonge; #3 Sr. Monica Tran of the order Lovers of the Holy Cross, GSC Auxiliary Members Emma Dry and Carol Leahy and Sr. Mary ToNga Nguyen

Bottom Row: #1 Auxiliary Member Nancy Kane, Board Member Bonnie McClure, GSC Auxiliary Members Mary Kane, Sylvia Watson and Isabelle Zimmerman; #2 Board Member Pasquale Vericella with wife Pattie, and GSC Sustainer Gordon Freshman; #3 L.A. City Councilman Tom LaBonge with Sister Julia Mary

Volunteer Corner

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It takes a community to make a difference in the lives of the homeless women and children at Good Shepherd Center. We are grateful to the terrific volunteers and donors who are willing to give their time and efforts to make a difference.



Hair stylist
Nancy Trumpower

One night each week, certified yoga instructors Scarlett Jung and Salene Seymour hold yoga classes for an average of 10 residents. On Monday mornings, hair stylist Nancy Trumpower gives free haircuts to our women and children. Volunteer Kirsten Stoltmann has started a weekly book club, focusing on inspirational, self-help books by authors such as Dr. Wayne Dyer and Louise L. Hay. These books are being donated by Hay House Publishing Company.



Volunteer painters from Forest City

On June 10th, a group of 30 volunteers from Forest City Commercial Group, a real estate management and development company, came to Hawkes Transitional Residence to paint the common areas on the first floor, using paint and supplies donated by Sherwin-Williams. Thanks to them, the community room, hallways and foyer all have a fresh look in vibrant colors!

Snack and Pack Back-to-School Event



On Saturday, August 15, volunteer Nancy Trumpower planned a back-to-school event "Snack n' Pack," for the children at Angel Guardian Home and Mother Child Residence. Over 40 children and their moms received backpacks, school supplies and a party to celebrate the new school year.



TOURS

Please join us with friends and family at the Farley House for a tour of our Women's Village Campus on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am or on the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon.
RSVP to Ana at 213-482-1834 to reserve a spot and for more information.

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