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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.



### Save the Date!

Good Shepherd Center  
Annual Gala  
June 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.  
Beverly Hills Hotel  
9641 Sunset Blvd.  
For information call  
(213) 482-1834

## Marilyn Roberts – a blessing to Good Shepherd Center

Every Wednesday the residents and staff at the Languille Emergency Shelter know that they will be greeted by Marilyn Roberts with a smile, kindness and understanding. A longtime member of Good Shepherd Center's Auxiliary. Marilyn has volunteered for Good Shepherd for 20 years with enthusiasm, consistency, and humor.

Each day at Languille, the residents leave between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to seek employment, transitional and permanent housing, and other services. In the morning, Marilyn collects the women's room keys, signs them out, and gives them a sack lunch to sustain them in their journey toward independence. Upon their return, Marilyn welcomes them with a smile and signs them back in.

During the middle of the day Marilyn assists the drop-in clients, offering them toiletries and towels for the showers, detergent and coins for the washing machines, and general information. Marilyn fields phone calls from staff, clients, women seeking shelter, case workers and the many people who interact with Good Shepherd Center. Sometimes she sees the same faces during the drop-in hours. Sometimes new faces will appear, but her tasks shift with the needs.

Prior to volunteering at Languille, Marilyn worked as a social worker at a senior citizens' center. Through her work, she met a homeless woman who told her about Good Shepherd Center, and we have been lucky enough to have her here ever since.

Marilyn is a mother of two, now adults, married with their own children. Her daughter Suzanne is a general practice physician at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. Her son John is an attorney. When Marilyn isn't serving Good Shepherd Center, she's spending time with her grandchildren, husband Eric and their newly rescued puppy, Astro.

Marilyn was honored at our last Auxiliary luncheon for her work and dedication to Good Shepherd Center. The Good Shepherd Center Auxiliary serves Good Shepherd Center in a volunteer and fundraising capacity. The Auxiliary was established in 1985, a year after the founding of Good Shepherd Center.



Marilyn Roberts at Auxiliary Luncheon

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## Congratulations to Stasia!



Angel Guardian residents Stasia and her mother Susan, have been part of the Good Shepherd family for eight years. Stasia is now a third-grader at Union Avenue Elementary, and has received perfect attendance for two years and is a three-time winner of the Student of the Month Award.

According to her teacher Philip Weinberg, Stasia has shown excellent effort and behavior, participation in class, completion of in-class and homework assignments on time, and exhibits that "little extra."



Families at Angel Guardian receive supportive services and case management from Good Shepherd Center for as long as they live at Angel Guardian. Children and their mothers may live at Angel Guardian Home until the youngest child reaches the age of 18.

## From the Center Director

Dear Friends,

With the Easter season, we celebrate the arrival of spring, new life and renewed hope. It is exactly in times like these that we realize that our programs at Good Shepherd Center provide new beginnings for our women, mothers and children through case management, job development, counseling and shelter.



With great humility, I am grateful for the support of our volunteers and donors, who have enabled us to provide shelter, food, clothing and optimism for the homeless women, mothers and children we serve. Now in our 26th year, the need for homeless services is greater than ever before. Each week, we receive more than 30 calls requesting shelter. With your continued support, we will continue to meet this challenge.

May God bless you,

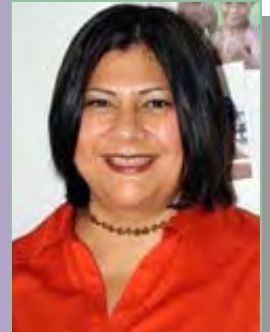
*Sister Julia Mary*  
Sister Julia Mary

## Welcome Silvia!!!

Silvia Gutierrez has joined Good Shepherd Center as our new Associate Director.

Silvia oversees all programs of Good Shepherd Center, which include our emergency shelter, community outreach, transitional housing, workforce development, our onsite culinary arts training program, The Village Kitchen, and fundraising. Her fresh perspective and leadership skills will help strengthen our core services of shelter, case management and job development.

Silvia previously served as the Area Director for PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), and brings more than 10 years of experience in the social services field.



## From the Board President



Over the last year, we have experienced an increase in requests for shelter and services, and have found that the work we do here at GSC is more needed than ever. In the last six months of 2009, 38 women moved into permanent housing, after living in our facilities and completing our programs.

Our Annual Gala will be a little different this year, including a new location at the Beverly Hills Hotel, and not one but two distinguished honorees. Ugo Mamolo of Viktor Benès Bakery (which you've probably seen in your local Gelson's stores), and Aida Thibiant, founder of Aida Thibiant European Day Spa in Beverly Hills will receive the Sr. Julia Mary Award for their many years of generosity to our residents. Please watch for your Gala invitation in the mail. I thank everyone for their support.

*Bill Dahlman*

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## Auxiliary Luncheon

Last November, the GSC Auxiliary held their annual luncheon at the Wilshire Country Club, complete with a silent auction, a delicious lunch, and many kind words from honorees and other supporters of Good Shepherd Center.



Auxiliary members, seated—Lori Urbanec, Cyndi Tanaka, Tricia Chicagus, Pat Wedlock, Lorraine Holmes; standing—Donna Whitworth, Isabelle Zimmerman, Karen Maiorca, Eleana Williams

The Auxiliary honored two women for their exceptional volunteerism, leadership and generosity: Susan Kneafsey, president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the New Garment Association (NGA) and Marilyn Roberts, a longtime member of the Auxiliary and devoted volunteer at Languille. NGA has provided GSC residents with pillows, sheets, blankets, undergarments, socks and clothing throughout the year. See cover story for Marilyn's many contributions for 20 years.

It is because of our volunteers and support organizations that we are able to enhance our services, raise funds and keep our costs down. Special thanks to the Auxiliary, NGA and our sponsor, the Austrian American Council West for their service and dedication.



Auxiliary President, Christine Lotts; GSC Center Director, Sr. Julia Mary; and NGA President Susan Kneafsey



Members of the Austrian American Council West with Sister Julia Mary: Lilliana Popov-Alexander, Exec. VP; Veronika Reinelt, President; SJM; Winnie Reitnauer, head of AACW's Special Events Committee

## Good Shepherd Center Celebrates the Holidays



The Vericella family helped us kick off our holiday season by hosting a beautiful Thanksgiving lunch with all the trimmings. Before the feast, we raffled off prizes given by our donors, and the children played in the courtyard.

Following our Thanksgiving celebration many Christmas festivities took place throughout the month of December. Many generous people came through our doors to contribute to our Adopt-a-Resident/Adopt-a-Family program. Our residents filled out a wish list and received what they requested, because so many of you shared your generous spirit with women and children of Good Shepherd Center.

The United States Secret Service, the LAPD and the CHP hosted a party which they fondly refer to as "A Better Christmas." Uniformed officers unloaded a truck filled with toys, flowers and candy, and each resident received a gift. Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves were greeted by residents and staff singing carols, while the children patiently waited in line to talk to Santa.



St. Michael & All Angels Church hosted a Christmas party, led by our lovely volunteer Jane Wilson, for the children of Angel Guardian Home, complete with face painting, arts and crafts, cookie decorating and a tasty lunch.

We displayed donated toys and clothes in our Farley House Community Room and had a Christmas giveaway and let the mothers "shop" for their children. Among the many donors, the New Garment Association donated toys and gifts. Laura Geller donated cosmetic gift sets, and Bed Head donated hair products. On Christmas morning, the Ali family hosted a Christmas

breakfast for all residents, and the Bannerman Foundation helped support all of our holiday festivities.

To our donors and volunteers - your compassion makes it possible for our residents to have festive holiday celebrations!

Our warmest thanks to all of you!

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## Planned Giving By Chris Lowe, CFP, GSC Board Member



There are many ways to include Good Shepherd Center in your estate plan. Planned Giving enables you to support Good Shepherd Center and may qualify your estate for a tax deduction. Please consider:

- Making a lifetime gift or bequest of cash, securities, or other property
- Designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a fixed percentage of your estate to Good Shepherd Center
- Leaving all or a portion of your residuary estate to Good Shepherd Center after you have provided for other beneficiaries

- Naming Good Shepherd Center as a contingent beneficiary of your estate in the event your other beneficiaries do not survive you.
- Naming Good Shepherd Center as a contingent beneficiary of your IRA, in the event that your first named beneficiary does not survive you.

Whichever way you choose, you may stipulate that your bequest be used for a specific purpose or, because homeless services and priorities change over time, you may wish to give Good Shepherd Center the flexibility to use the funds where they are most needed. If you are considering a lifetime gift or bequest with specific restrictions for its use, you or your legal and/or financial advisor(s) may discuss your plans with Good Shepherd Center's Director of Development, Cathy Seward (213) 482-1834, ext. 119 or [cseward@gschomeless.org](mailto:cseward@gschomeless.org)

#### Did You Know...?

Making charitable bequests from your IRA, 401 (k), or other qualified retirement plan and leaving less "tax burdened" assets to your family or other non-charitable beneficiaries can potentially save income and estate taxes.

## Young Professionals Group invites YOU!

Young Professionals Group (YPG) continues to serve Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women & Children through its ongoing volunteer and fundraising activities. Last December, nearly 20 YPG members joined residents in the community room for a rousing game of Bingo, followed by ice cream sundaes and prizes just in time for the holidays! Another event planned for the residents will be egg decorating, an egg hunt, and a delicious brunch on Easter Sunday.

YPG is always seeking individuals ages 21-40 who are interested in social and networking opportunities as well as participating in activities that benefit Good Shepherd Center. For more information, email [info@ypgla.org](mailto:info@ypgla.org) or visit [www.ypgla.org](http://www.ypgla.org).

Membership dues are waived through December 2010, so this is a great time to get involved, all in support of this wonderful organization!



YPG members hosting the ice cream social and Bingo

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