



Upcoming Dates

- **May 12th** *Homeless... no more Gala* at The Beverly Hills Hotel, Honoring Gloria & Richard Pink and Beverly Wolfe Pink from the legendary **Pink's Hot Dogs**. For more information or for Reservations, Please contact Ana at 213-482-1834 .



- **May 16th** is Mother's Day honor the special mother/s in your life by making a donation to Good Shepherd Center (*More details on Page 5*).

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The mission of Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women & 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.

Angela's Story



Angela is a new client at the Languille Emergency Shelter. Prior to coming to Good Shepherd Center Angela had been a single mother of two. While raising her children, she went through spells of unemployment, and even spent time in jail. After all this misfortune Angela decided to move in with her cousin.

The living arrangement as dependent to another family was very difficult for Angela. She contacted several social service agencies and found Good Shepherd Center's Emergency Shelter. Today she considers this wonderful change in her life as "a miracle," the "greatest blessing" ever.

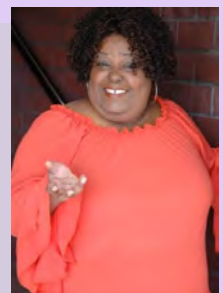
Today, Angela is working hard with the assistance of her case manager at Good Shepherd Center and the job development staff to secure employment and find permanent housing of her own. She has set high goals for the future and plans to continue her college studies to eventually become a drug and alcohol counselor. "I want to be able to help people in the future the same way that Good Shepherd has helped me," Angela says. She feels that the work of client counselors is very important, as they get to know and understand the lives of troubled women and help them to "heal their souls."

We are confident that with hard work and dedication Angela will soon realize her goal of becoming a counselor. The Good Shepherd family is proud to assist her along this important journey. Congratulations Angela, we know that you will be a wonderful counselor.

Good Shepherd Center Success Story

Karen is an actress, a singer, a graduate of the American Musical Dramatic Academy, and a former resident of Good Shepherd Center.

She came to Los Angeles to live out her childhood dream of becoming an actress. She earned her BFA and found representation, but knew she would have to take other jobs to make ends meet. For a short time, she worked as a childcare counselor and injured her back on the job. She was out of work for several months and began sleeping in her car. Even during this trying time, she still maintained contact with her agent, went on auditions, and looked for work.



Karen had met a young woman, also homeless, who told her about Good Shepherd Center. Within a few days she was accepted into our program.

While she was living at Good Shepherd, Karen booked several television jobs, including NBC's "Law & Order" and Fox TV's "Raising Hope." She saved enough money for her own apartment. "I think that God just allowed me to have what I needed to survive. Once I survived all that, I was led directly to Good Shepherd Center. It was a lot of prayer and a lot of tears and it was a scary situation for me. If Good Shepherd was not there, I don't know what would've happened to me."

Message from the Center Director



Dear Loved Ones,

I am very thankful for the opportunity to return to Good Shepherd Center and continue the work that Sister Julia Mary began in 1984. After working at GSC for 17 years, primarily at Languille Emergency Shelter and in the Mobile Outreach Program, I spent 8 years as Superior General of my order, the Lovers of the Holy Cross of Los Angeles. Good Shepherd's mission and the mission of my Religious Community are one: "to serve the poor and the needy with dignity and love."

Since my return I have been both inspired and challenged by a larger Good Shepherd Center with a completed Women's Village. There always seem to be more homeless mothers, women and children to serve. The ravages of homelessness continues at alarming rates. Our work is made possible by all of you, our incredible donors and volunteers.

This year we will update the emergency shelter. After more than a quarter century of daily use, Languille is in need of refurbishment and repair. Another project will be to bring more mothers and children into the Women's Village.

I know that all of us working together will help homeless mothers, women and children move forward in their lives.

May God bless you today and every day.

Sr. Anne Lanh Tran, LHC

Message from the Board President



Dear Friends,

I would like to express my gratitude to all supporters who have given their time, in-kind donations, services and financial support, especially during these difficult economic times. Yes, "it takes a village" to maintain the vital programs for the mothers with children and the single women who come through the doors of Good Shepherd Center.

Speaking of "village", we are happy to acknowledge that 7 women recently graduated from the Village Kitchen training program in the culinary arts. These graduates have secured jobs at a new bagel store in Beverly Hills, at a restaurant in Hollywood and at the Student Lounge at USC. The Village Kitchen training program, funded by generous donors like you, has provided these women an opportunity to pursue careers in the culinary industry.

I am also pleased to announce that we have a new outreach van. This new vehicle was made possible by the very generous donation of Bob Smith Toyota and a gratefully recognized group of Good Shepherd Center donors. Now we can continue to provide food and critical services to the unsheltered homeless women who reside on the streets, in nearby parks and the surrounding areas.



We start the 2011 year with 9 new board members who come to us from a variety of professional backgrounds and an eagerness to help advance the mission of Good Shepherd Center. The members have already prepared a new video and are helping us to create a new and improved website, both which will be unveiled soon.

Please join us at our annual Board Gala on May 12th at the Beverly Hills Hotel, where we will be honoring our friends Gloria and Richard Pink and Beverly Pink Wolfe, owners of the World-Famous Pink's Hot Dog Restaurant.

Friends like you make it possible for us to provide hope and opportunity to those desperately in need, helping to rebuild the lives of homeless women and children for today and tomorrow.

William Dahlman

*Homeless
...no more*
A GALA EVENT
2010



Benefit Chair Timi Freshman, 2010 Honoree Aida Thibiant, Founder of GSC Sr. Julia Mary and Councilman Tom La Bonge



2010 Honoree Ugo Mamolo and Sr. Julia Mary



Board Members Andrew & Harper McDonald & friends



Fabienne and Rod Berman with Pattie Vericella.



Board member Tiffany Quick and husband David hosted a table of friends.



Board Member, Vanessa Sheh Meyer & Auxiliary President Christine Lotts



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Heidorn, Heidi Burnett, Marra & Bob Boada



Katherine Dahlam & President of the Board, Bill Dahlman



Michael Weaver, Ianthe Jones, Emily & Nancy Beyda



Board members Carolyn Ludwig and Timi Freshman with Faith Porter



Sr. Julia Mary Farley, Sr. Anne Tran, and friends



The Auxiliary's 2010 Forget Me Not luncheon presented the "From the Heart Award" to the Auxiliary Founders and Charter Members.

Photos from Top left: Honoree, Nancy Beyda, MC Fritz Coleman, V.P. Sylvia Watson, Pres. Christine Lotts, GSC Director, Sr. Anne Tran, VP Isabelle Zimmerman, Honoree, Alexandra Rose; Top Right: Kathy Gless, Cynthia Hilson, Louise Phipps, Juliana Patron, (seated) Kathy Whooley, Peggy Bartenetti, Cynthia Roberts, Marilyn Roberts, Kathleen Palmer; Bottom Left: Sylvia Watson and Isabelle Zimmerman's table Bottom right: Beverly Herman's granddaughter, Toni Hodgkiss, Chickie Byrne, Carol Leahy, Suzanne Branchflower, Emma Dry, Susan Hoen, Joan Shewfelt, Sylvia Bacca

From the Heart awards were made by the children of GSC.



Standing: Sr. Anne Tran; Development Director, Cathy Seward; Auxiliary Members, Pat Wedlock, (seated) Eleana Williams, Isabelle Zimmerman & Mary Beth Legg



In June 2010, Cheryl Saban spoke to the women of Good Shepherd about her book "A Woman's Worth" and her personal experiences. She encouraged all to make a change in their lives and shared hope.

Jamielle, a volunteer from Sister Giant, teaches the children at our Angel Guardian Home how to plant and care for a vegetable garden. The garden is located near the AG parking area.



Angel Guardian residents Yanina & Sophie march in a Disneyland Parade.



A Valentine Pizza Party facilitated by Jane Wilson & friends brings smiles.



Christmas 2010!

Easter 2010



Easter egg coloring and Easter egg hunt with Angel Guardian residents and Young Professionals Group



Planned Giving

IRA Gift Incentive Renewed for 2010 and 2011

On December 17, 2010 the President signed the Tax Relief Bill, retroactively renewing the special tax incentive for contributions made directly to charities from your Individual Retirement Account. This legislation applies to all 2010 and 2011 IRA gifts and contains the following key provisions:

- You may contribute up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to a publicly supported charity like Good Shepherd Center for Women & Children and avoid taxable income on the transfer.
Note: Only distributions from traditional IRAs qualify—not distributions from employer sponsored retirement plans, such as SEPs, Keoghs, 403(b) plans, 401(k) plans, SIMPLE IRAs, or profit sharing plans.
- The transfer must be made directly to Good Shepherd Center for Women & Children from your IRA administrator. You cannot withdraw the funds yourself and then write a check to Good Shepherd Center for Women & Children.
- You must be age 70 ½ at the time of the gift.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this incentive, we can provide you with a sample authorization letter for your IRA Administrator. Please contact Catherine Seward, Development Director at (213) 235-1965 or by e-mail cseward@gschomeless.org.

As always, we suggest that you consult with your tax adviser first.



Mother's Day

Honor the special mother (s) in your life by making a donation to Good Shepherd Center and we will send her a beautiful card letting her know that you made a donation in her honor. This card features an inspirational quote, a mother's day greeting and information about Good Shepherd Center.

To make a donation for a card to be sent to those special "mothers" in your life, please call Ana Millan @ 213.482.1834. (Suggested donation per card is \$25).



Young Professionals Group

Young Professionals Group of Los Angeles (YPG) has been in service for Good Shepherd Center (GSC) since 2001. As may be inferred from the name, YPG consists of young professionals between ages 21 and 40 in the greater Los Angeles area. Our focus is on fundraising for GSC as well as providing volunteer opportunities and social networking prospects for our members. In year 2010, our benefit event held at TAG Gallery in Santa Monica, raised over 20,000 dollars, with all proceeds benefiting Good Shepherd Center.

YPG underwent a change in leadership this year and the new group is beyond excited to continue serving GSC. One of our main goals for this year is to increase membership by offering a variety of activities including: professional development, increased social networking via periodic gatherings including Happy Hours, hiking, and other social outings, and by offering more volunteer opportunities. We are all very excited to be working with YPG this year and welcome anybody who is interested in joining the group. Please visit our website www.ypgla.org and our Facebook page for more information and updated news.

*** Coming soon: our new and improved website www.ypgla.org!**



YPG Executive Committee



YPG activities with Angel Guardian Families.



From top left: LA County Fair, Pumpkin carving at GSC, Easter Party at GSC, & a musical at the Pantages Theater

Center Director

Sr. Anne Lanh Tran, LHC

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Susana M. Scroggins
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Diane Stewart
Pasquale A. Vericella

Ex-Officio

Rev. Msgr. Gregory A. Cox
Hector Manuel Briones
Christine Lotts
Tracy Hauser

Founding Director

Sr. Julia Mary Farley, CSJ

Hawkes Transitional Residence Make-Over

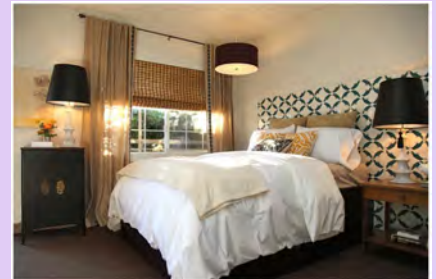
Interior designer Vanessa De Vargas and interior design writer and editor Vanessa Kogevinas came to us with the idea to have a select group of some of Los Angeles's top interior designers donate their time to fully redecorating a room each at Hawkes.

The designers as a group have offered to donate their time, materials, securing vendors to do the work and garnering donations for all the product necessary to redo a room; everything from beds to sheets to lighting to drapes to accessories. We are asking all who are able, to participate and give to the cause.

There is also a publicity initiative to have local and national media outlets cover the project.

Some of the 25 very talented designers joining Vanessa De Vargas include: Nadia Geller, Hillary Thomas, Michelle Workman, Marcia Priven, Sasha Emerson and Mary Mc Donald. For more information about this exciting project and the designers who are participating, and what is needed, go to www.gscharitydesignproject.blogspot.com.

This is a great opportunity for all to come together and share in the spirit of giving and community.



Two More Graduates at The Village Kitchen



Order your sandwich on a fresh baguette made daily by our trainees!

The Village Kitchen offers hands-on job training and work experience in the culinary arts for up to six women at a time, with three-month sessions during the year.

When Renee and Trina moved into Good Shepherd Center two months ago, they never dreamed that they would be working in The Village Kitchen. After not holding a job for several years, neither woman was confident that she could

ever find employment again. Trina and Renee have received

instruction in safe food handling and storing, customer service including managing the cash register and taking orders in the front and preparation of foods in the salad, sandwich, grilling and baking. Stations. In addition they have had classroom instruction on Saturday mornings. Both are enthusiastic about the new methods of cooking that they learn each week and trying new recipes and flavors.

Renee and Trina will graduate shortly from the Village Kitchen program and are excited about their future opportunities.



Delicious custard filled cupcakes becomes an art to our Good Shepherd Center Trainee

The Village Kitchen is open to the public. Located at 1667 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026, (between Belmont & Union). Parking is available behind our building. Look for designated spaces.

Hours of operation 7 am - 5 pm Monday thru Friday. Daily specials.

Place your order ahead of time by calling (213) 235-1487.

All proceeds from The Village Kitchen benefit Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women & Children.



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