



Mary's Shelter

Spring 2008

changing lives two at a time

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March 8, 2008

Annual Gala
Emerald Enchantment
Radisson Hotel
Newport Beach

September 17, 2008

Mary's Shelter Golf Tournament
Coyote Hills Golf Course
Fullerton

2007 Highlights

This newsletter contains our annual report – a summary of how nearly a thousand people made it possible for Mary's Shelter to change lives in 2007. Following are some highlights of our thirteenth year of supporting pregnant minors who are choosing life for their babies. The details are inside.

Mary's Shelter provided a safe home and loving care for a total of 45 teen mothers and 31 of their children in 2007. Not only did Mary's Shelter residents deliver healthy babies, but our girls matured into nurturing mothers and learned skills to help them live independent lives.

Our success is measured in terms of progress in each resident's life. Two examples will demonstrate the diversity of ways we cared for and enriched the lives of our teen mothers last year. One, Mary's Shelter girls and babies had the wonderful experience of going to summer camp in the mountains. Second, our staff was trained on the proper care of an insulin-dependent diabetic resident.

The audited financial report (summarized below) shows that for

the fourth year in a row Mary's Shelter met its operating expenses. Our balance sheet is healthy too, showing no long term debt. The many caring individuals and organizations that generously gave of their money, in-kind gifts, time and talents made this possible.

Through our dedicated professional staff, our residential care program maintained its wonderful reputation in the community and the confidence of regulatory and social service agencies. Our successful efforts to reduce employee turnover resulted in a more experienced work force that creates a stable living environment for our residents. Twelve of our employees have been recognized for giving five or more years of loving service at Mary's Shelter.

Our Board of Directors has grown in number and diversity and matured into an effective governing body. Their greatest challenge remains to increase private donations to move Mary's Shelter away from reliance on government funding, and to ensure that we can serve pregnant and parenting minors in need well into the future.

Board of Directors

On January 15th, President Joe Nedza thanked Jim Poth (left in photo) or his five years of service to Mary's Shelter as a member of the Board of Directors. At various times during his tenure, Jim served as Secretary, President and Chairman, lending his legal expertise and applying his passion for saving the lives of unplanned babies to assure that Mary's Shelter was fulfilling its mission. Jim will remain a supporter of Mary's Shelter, serving in an Advisory capacity.

At this Changeover Meeting of the Board, four new directors were welcomed to the board to provide leadership and governance for the next three years. Welcome to Vicki

Gardener, Peggy Holmes, Gus Ordonez and Richard Schweickert. This brings the number of directors to sixteen.

Thank you all for stepping forward to continue the tradition of helping Mary's Shelter change lives – two at a time!



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FINANCIAL REPORT*

For the 12 months ended September 30, 2007

*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	\$1,084,862	Resident Program	\$ 1,476,012	Assets	
Govt. – Other	\$ 25,049	Administration	\$ 83,984	Current Assets	\$ 630,883
Private Donations	\$ 269,237	Fund Development	\$ 113,899	Fixed Assets	\$ 754,245
Corp. & Fndn. Gifts	\$ 155,806	Total Expenses	\$1,673,895	Total Assets	\$1,385,128
Special Events	\$ 169,649	Net Operations	\$ 85,783	Liabilities	
Donated Services	\$ 4,064			Current Liab.	\$ 103,410
Investment Income	\$ 45,446			Long-term Liab.	\$ - 0 -
Other income	\$ 5,565			Total Liabilities	\$ 103,410
Total Revenues	\$ 1,759,678			Net Assets	\$ 1,281,718
				Total Liab. & Net Assets	\$1,385,128

Donors will appreciate that **88 cents** of every dollar is used directly for program expenses to care for teen mothers and their babies.

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Volunteer Tea



Volunteers at Tea

On February 9th, many Mary's Shelter volunteers attended a Valentine's Tea with our teen mothers as a gesture of appreciation for all that they do.

At the Tea, prayers, speeches and a skit performed by our residents brought laughter and heartfelt tears to our volunteers.

For the fourth year in a row, this lovely event was hosted by the members of the **Winifred Campbell Assistance League of Tustin**. We can't thank them enough for making this annual event possible! The beautiful table settings, finger sandwiches and petit fours were a treat both for our teens and the volunteers.



Assistance League Hosts

Over 45 volunteers serve our girls and babies directly by mentoring, tutoring or providing child care, for example. Another 35 volunteers serve indirectly such as on the board or a special event committee. We are blessed by these many volunteers who provide positive role models for our young mothers, showing them by example that giving back to the community enriches the world.

Wanted: Volunteers

Our wonderful volunteers make a difference in young lives, directly and indirectly, and save Mary's Shelter the cost of hiring more employees or contractors. We appreciate you!

Handyman – Come by at your convenience to pick up the weekly “honey-do list” to keep our two large homes safe and functioning. Or if you have a specialty – such as electrical, plumbing, locks, appliances, cabinetry, etc. – let us know if you would like to be on-call to donate your expertise when needed.

Shelter Shoppers – An ideal volunteer opportunity for two people who like to shop! Come on a regular day of your choice each week to pick up our shopping lists for groceries, baby supplies and cleaning supplies. Take our largest van to the three stores at which we have accounts. Our girls will unload and put away the groceries – and thank you for your help.

Receptionists – Take calls at the shelter reception desk, greet and sign-in visitors and do clerical tasks as needed to assist the staff.

Drivers – Drive our girls and their babies to their doctor and other appointments as your schedule permits. This is a great way to have one-on-one time with our teen moms.

Mentors – Matched to a particular girl, mentors maintain a relationship with the girl, serve as a friend and help her clarify and achieve her dreams.

Cuddlers – Watch our precious babies grow and help them flourish while teen mothers are in school or job training.

Gardener – Our long time garden volunteer has less time available and is ready to “pass the trowel” to someone else. If you would enjoy cultivating vegetables, fruits and flowers in our raised garden beds while showing our teen moms how to garden, please call to find out more.

Other – Share your special talents or interests for the benefit of our girls and babies. Examples are teaching our girls cooking, sewing or craft projects; serving on the Board; and helping with fundraising events such as our Gala and Golf Tournament.

To volunteer, call Amy at Mary's Shelter, (714) 730-0930, extension 17.

NOTE: *To work in direct contact with our minors, volunteers must be at least 21 years old, fingerprinted for a background check, be tested for TB and receive basic training in such areas as confidentiality. In some cases first aid and CPR training is also required.*

ANNUAL REPORT

Mary's Shelter in 2007 – *Changing Lives Two at a Time*

Mission and Philosophy *Mary's Shelter saves lives by equipping and empowering homeless and at-risk pregnant teens, and minors with 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, to intervene in the negative cycle of teen pregnancy.

Program Outcomes – In 2007, Mary's Shelter counseled 197 teens, their families or friends who called Mary's Shelter for guidance and referrals when they were faced with the pregnancy of a minor. We cared for a total of **45 girls and 31 of their children** in our homes. The length of stay varied from a few weeks to the entire year depending on their circumstances. During the year, 13 of our residents were reunited with a family member (always our goal) and seven young mothers were legally emancipated at age 18.

Seven healthy babies were born to residents while living at Mary's Shelter (and more babies were delivered to girls after they left.) All had healthy birth weights (6 lb. 7 oz. to 9 lb. 5 oz.) and only one baby was born premature, at 36 weeks (instead of 37 weeks) of gestation. These **very positive birth statistics** for teen mothers were the result of 90 pre-natal visits and sonograms, 24 hospital visits and 171 pediatric appointments during the year, plus 29 childbirth preparation classes and the day-to-day supervision of healthy prenatal behaviors by our attentive staff.

We also took our girls and babies to a total of 233 other medical appointments during the year for non-maternity purposes, such as physical exams, sick visits 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, 517 hours of individual therapy, 40 hours of family and couple counseling plus facilitated two weekly therapeutic groups all year. Additionally, we took residents to 178 appointments with Psychologists and Psychiatrists as needed.

To **promote spiritual formation**, we provided a weekly bible study and transportation to various church services to all interested residents. In addition, we gave them the opportunity to help feed the homeless several times during the year.

To break the cycle of child abuse and neglect, Mary's Shelter emphasizes **positive parenting skills**. In 2007, 21 pregnant girls participated in our Prenatal Parenting classes, 33 teens were in weekly Infant Parenting Classes and 17 teen mothers learned age-specific parenting techniques in weekly Toddler Parenting classes. We monitored the **development of infants and toddlers** and took 12 children to the Regional Center for developmental assessments. As a result of these assessments, four children were referred for hearing, one for speech and another for physical development and interventions resulted from two of these referrals. Thirteen toddlers (babies over one year old and walking) thrived in our weekday Toddler Program while their moms were in school.

To help prepare teen mothers for successful independent living, the first step is to **complete their education**. In 2007, 37 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. Eight others were enrolled in a public high school primarily to benefit from an ESL program. We arrange for tutoring as needed. One Mary's Shelter resident graduated from high school in 2007.

Mary's Shelter stresses **independent living skills** once a girl turns 16 years of age. In 2007 we sent five teen mothers for vocational testing, two girls completed job training classes while others attended on-site computer classes. Through Orangewood Children's Foundation, we sent 18 girls to Health and Nutrition classes, 10 to Personal Financial Management classes and 20 to an Orientation to Community Services. As residents approached emancipation, our Case Managers helped five girls get a job, six obtain child care and one secure transitional housing.

Our new **Aftercare** Coordinator initiated contact with 54 former residents during 2007 in order to provide guidance, make referrals to resources and provide encouragement to single moms as well as to begin measuring the long-term success of our program. After one more year, we will have sufficient data to begin reporting on the achievements of our program graduates in areas such as completing high school, attending college, employment status, maintaining housing (vs. homelessness), successful parenting (vs. losing custody), repeat teen pregnancy, marital status and family relationships.

Human Services The Mary's Shelter administrative staff includes an Executive Director, Development Assistant and Bookkeeper. The program staff includes a Program Director, Associate Program Director and five Coordinators that specialize in staffing, medical services, facilities, child care, parenting or after-care. Social services are provided by two Social Workers and two Case Managers. The continuous care and supervision of our residents is provided by 24 House Managers over half of whom have college degrees in human services fields. Plus more than 45 volunteers supplement our paid professional staff by providing services directly to our residents. *"It takes a village to raise a child."*

Financial Report The good news is that, thanks to our donors, Mary's Shelter was able to cover its expenses again in the 2007 fiscal year. Government funding was down \$60,000 (a result of fewer county dependents being placed at Mary's Shelter) and grants from foundations decreased by \$62,000 from the prior year. But donations from individuals and organizations increased by \$31,000 and net revenue from special events increased by \$61,000 in 2007. The challenge is that Mary's Shelter needs to receive an average of **\$60,000 per month** in private funding to provide these staff-intensive services for pregnant and parenting minors and their babies. But with many hands (donors) the work is light.

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Gala Underwriting Party

On Sunday, January 27th, nearly 60 friends of Mary's Shelter braved the winter weather to spend a "Night in Little Italy."

Adrienne and Richard Matros hosted the wonderful party in the Crystal Cove Community Center, reminiscent of a Tuscan Villa set atop the green hills of Newport Coast. Guests enjoyed four courses of scrumptious Italian food each with Italian wine pairings. Live Italian music in front of the cozy fireplace plus lots of fresh flowers completed the ambiance.

Many partygoers commented on how much they enjoyed meeting new people who shared their values and learning more about the life-changing work being done for teen mothers and their babies at Mary's Shelter. By the end of the party, these Mary's Shelter supporters made gifts totaling over \$23,000 to underwrite the costs of the Gala. We can't say thank you!



Hosts Richard and Adrienne Matros



Mary's Shelter Blessed by Major Gifts

Hundreds of individuals and organizations included Mary's Shelter in their Christmas and year-end gift giving. Here are some of the largest gifts received in the last two months.

GIFTS FROM INDIVIDUALS

\$ 5,000	Tracie and Tim Chaix
\$ 3,000	Shana and Mark Conzelman
\$ 3,500	Kathy and John Fritz
\$13,000	Jane and Dr. Nicholas Kleha
\$ 5,000	Paul Peek
\$30,000	Daina and Mark Shuster

CORPORATE GIFTS

\$ 1,900	Benecci Corporation
\$10,000	Troy Group, Inc.

FAMILY FOUNDATION GIFTS

\$10,000	Croul Family Foundation
\$ 3,000	Frome Family Foundation
\$15,000	Hurtt Family Foundation
\$10,000	Joerger Family Foundation

GIFTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS

\$ 7,000	Helping Hands Family
\$ 3,000	Knights of Columbus #7985
\$12,550	Diocese of Orange, Pennies from Heaven
\$ 1,675	Trinity United Presbyterian Church (Qtrly. gift)



Many Ways to Give

- **Regular Gifts** – of any size really add up over time. Use the pledge envelope in this newsletter to authorize a monthly or quarterly gift directly from your bank account or billed to your credit card.
- **United Way** – You can designate Mary's Shelter as the recipient for your charitable payroll deductions using our United Way number: MAR705.
- **Matching Gift** – leverage your gift by applying for a matching charitable gift from your employer.
- **Planned Gift** – Most of us can make a significant gift from our estate to continue support for our favorite charities. Please consider naming Mary's Shelter in your will, designating a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate to "Mary's Shelter, a nonprofit California Corporation."
- **Alternative Gift** – Having a special birthday or anniversary? You already have more "stuff" than you need so ask people to make a donation to Mary's Shelter in your name instead.
- **Recycle** – Donate your used car or boat by calling ABC Donate at (949) 429-2990 or visit www.abcdonate.com and request that the proceeds to be sent to Mary's Shelter.

Automatic Gifts

Our comprehensive services for teen mothers in need – housing, food, clothing, supervision, access to medical care, schooling, counseling, child care, social activities, job training, and more – require about \$60,000 per month in private donations! This includes gifts from individuals, churches, groups, businesses and foundations, and the people who support our Gala and Golf Tournament. With many, many caring people sharing what they can, this is possible!

You can truly help change these vulnerable young lives with your regular monthly or quarterly gifts, no matter what size. You will find a pledge envelope inside this newsletter. Please consider sending a gift now, or to make it easier request a monthly or quarterly automatic donation to Mary's Shelter from your bank account or credit card.

Please prayerfully consider how supporting this effective ministry for pregnant and parenting minors fits into your charitable giving plans for 2008.

Current Wish List

In addition to cash (which is always in short supply) the girls and babies of Mary's Shelter need:

- **Flat Screen Computer Monitors** – when you replace yours, please give us your old ones which will fit on our new workstations for teen mothers.
- **Disposable Cameras** – so residents can take pictures for their scrapbooks and baby books.
- **Household Supplies** – paper towels, tissue, toilet paper, D batteries, energy efficient light bulbs or Gift Cards for Albertson's, Smart and Final or Home Depot.
- **Baby Care Products** – Diapers, especially in sizes 3-5, baby wipes, formula and baby food.
- **Gift Cards** – for Target, Mervyn's or CVS which make great gifts for our girls' birthdays.
- **Locksmith** – to replace three file cabinet locks.
- **Car Detailing** – Wash, wax and detail our three shelter vans.

Many caring individuals, organizations, churches and companies brought smiles to the faces of our pregnant teens, 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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