



# Mary's

SHELTER

**Changing Lives Two at a Time**

**Winter 2016-2017**



Ellen Roy with Father Leo and Father Alphonsus

## WELCOME NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ELLEN ROY

Please join Mary's Shelter Board of Directors in welcoming Ellen Roy in her new role as Executive Director/CEO of Mary's Shelter. Ellen took on the role in July, after an extensive search in lieu of Barbara Nelson, Executive Director/CEO of thirteen years announcing her retirement. "We congratulate Barbara on her transition into retirement and we're very happy with her work in grooming Mary's Shelter to move forward with our new Executive Director. On behalf of the Board,

I'm delighted to welcome Ellen Roy as Barbara's successor. We are very excited about her ability to lead Mary's Shelter toward new beginnings. "Ellen brings years of experience in faith-based nonprofits and extensive executive experience in for-profit industrial companies," states Marc Williams, Board Chair. "She has an unwavering passion for Mary's Shelter's mission and values, and our board is confident she will lead Mary's Shelter into a bright future."

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COA  
ACCREDITATION



Mary's Shelter is proud to have achieved national accreditation through the New York-based Council on Accreditation (COA) for Residential Treatment Services. It took many months to prepare and achieve this honor. We pursued accreditation to demonstrate the implementation of best practice standards in the field of human services. An excerpt from our acceptance letter reads:

"Mary's Shelter provides a first rate service to pregnant and young mothers. The organization has fantastic leadership from the

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## TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

### 12 WAYS TO GIVE

*It is your last chance to make a tax deductible charitable donation for 2016. Here are some suggestions:*

1. Use the enclosed envelope
2. Make a secure donation at [www.teenshelter.org](http://www.teenshelter.org)
3. Call 714-730-0930, ext. 15
4. Become a monthly donor  
ON OUR SECURE WEBSITE
5. Increase your monthly donation by \$20 in 2017
6. Leave a legacy in your estate plan
7. Shop Smile.Amazon.com (a portion of your purchase will go to Mary's Shelter)
8. Send gift cards for birthdays or new baby layettes
9. Appreciated stock
10. Designate Mary's Shelter at United Way our UW Number is MAR705
11. Apply for a matching gift from your employer
12. Ask friends to make a donation in lieu of birthday, wedding or special event gift



## A COMMUNITY OF GIVING



More than a few times these past months girls at Mary's Shelter have participated in preparing food to feed the homeless. They enjoy the opportunity to serve and give back and it is a reminder for all of us, a community of giving is a strong community.

We are so grateful to corporate, regional and family foundations who support our mission and all the Secret Santas and Christmas Angels who have been knocking on our door to deliver Christmas trees, toys, handmade quilts, holiday food and gifts for our girls and their babies.

***Especially, we thank the following organizations for their recent support:***

BANC OF CALIFORNIA  
THE FIELDSTONE FOUNDATION  
INSURANCE INDUSTRY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION  
HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION FOR OC  
SRS. OF ST. JOSEPH HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
ST. JOSEPH HEALTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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According to Ellen Roy, "The composition of group homes has changed in the 23 years since Mary's Shelter was founded, and I am honored and excited to lead Mary's Shelter in responding to these challenges. For example, we see a large influx of girls from the foster care system who are victims of severe trauma. We have seen a rise in girls who are Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (C-SEC), and many girls have PTSD, a fact that is certainly understandable given their circumstances. We need to shift and enhance our program offerings to meet their special needs. By creating strategic partnerships, the odds of changing the trajectory of these girl's lives becomes more powerful and probable. I hope you join me in creating a new path our girls can believe in, that shines with hope for a bright future."

## IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Our girls and babies enjoying the photobooth at this year's holiday board party.



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executive staff ....right down to the Volunteer "Cuddlers". The program is very comprehensive with excellent procedures. The inclusion of a real sense of family is warming and the focus on the girls short and long-term goals will only help this agency receive excellent outcomes for its clients. This is an agency with a strong vision."

## FISCAL YEAR END UPDATE

We are grateful to report due to consistent, generous donations from hundreds of individual donors and organizations mentioned (on left), Mary's Shelter was able to barely cover our \$2,225,000 operating expense for the 2016 Fiscal Year.

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

*The New Year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the changes we want or need to make. Here is a list of the top New Year's resolutions made by some of our girls:*

"My resolution is to do better than what I've been doing and also stop with all the drama. I want to be an even better mom than I am now."

"I'm going to eat healthy! I want to become even better for myself and my kid."

"My resolution is to have more confidence in myself. To eat healthier so I have more energy to play with my baby. And graduate on time."

"I'm going to say, 'I LOVE myself.'"

"I will try to be on Level 4 for the year and graduate early from Mary's Academy."

"I'm hoping to go home by December 12, 2016, stay home for good, take care of my baby and stay out of the system."





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**SAVE THE DATES**

**SATURDAY**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2017**

Sunset Serenade

A clifftop social in Laguna Beach  
hosted by Robert Lopez to underwrite  
the cost of our spring Gala

**SATURDAY**

**APRIL 29, 2017**

Annual Gala at Radisson Newport Beach, 6 PM