



H.I.S. House News

January 2004

Together We Sing —

March 6 Choir Concert



Sing! Sing! Sing! The fourth annual benefit concert is again being hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Placentia on Saturday, March 6. The theme this year is "Together We Sing." The doors will open at 6:30 PM and the concert will start at 7:00 PM.

At press time, according to co-chair Hank Walling, five groups have already agreed to sing. The other co-chair, Lorayne Mitchell of the LDS Church, says a wide variety of Christian, contemporary and ancient music is expected to be presented.

Tickets will again be available from participating choir members. The price is still a bargain at \$10. If your choir is not singing, contact a

board member, (see adjacent article on the website for an easy way to do this) one of the committee co-chairs, or call the Shelter for tickets. This has been an outstanding community event for the past three years. It is a "must attend" evening.

The Placentia LDS Church is located at 210 Livingston Avenue. Livingston Avenue is the first west turn off Kraemer Boulevard north of Yorba Linda Boulevard.

See you at the Performance! ♦

Find HIS House On the Web

For the latest information about HIS House Log on to

www.hishouseplacentia.org

Our webmaster, Eric Schreiner, has created a user-friendly website for the Shelter. You can sign up to obtain future newsletters from the website and save HIS House the cost of postage. You can also contact any of the listed Board members through the hot links found there. Eric welcomes friendly suggestions for making the website "slicker" or more user-friendly. He also appreciates other ideas you may have for the content of the site. ♦

Introducing 2004 Board of Directors

The following Executive Board has been elected and committee chairs have been selected to serve HIS House for 2004. They can be contacted via our website. Please contact John Marshall if you can fill one of the vacant positions!!

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Chair — John Marshall
- Vice Chair — Betty Escobosa
- Recording Secretary — Ann Walling
- Corresponding Secretary — Barbara Goff
- Treasurer — Betty Orr
- Past Chair — Ken Kleckner
- Member-At-Large — Sue Hill
- Member-At-Large — Elaine Van Deventer

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Community Resources — Kathy Frazee
- Donations in Kind — Jane Seymour
- Facilities/Maintenance — Roy Buck
- Health and Safety — Marlene Stewart
- Newsletter/Publications — Bob Hutchinson
- Policies/Procedures — Dave Van Deventer
- Recruitment/Nominating — **(Vacant)**
- Support, Track And Review (STAR) — Deane Cassidy

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Publicity — **(Vacant)**
- Office Volunteers — Marlene Stewart
- Website — Eric Schriener
- Choir Concert — (Co-Chairs) Hank Walling, Lorayne Mitchell
- Grant Writer **(Vacant)**
- Legal — Monica Banas

Upcoming Events

Choir Concert	March 6
English Tea Party	May 22
Wine Tasting	Aug. 27
Auction	Nov. 6

New Faces on 2004 HIS House Board

Recording Secretary **Ann Walling** recently retired after 25 years as the Office Administrator for the Placentia Presbyterian Church. She has been involved with the HIS House staff from the beginning and is very familiar with the program. She is married to Hank and they have a son and a daughter plus five grandchildren. Ann's favorite pastime is keeping their family history in photographic form.

Barbara Goff is the new Corresponding Secretary. She retired from teaching English as a second language (ESL) after 16 years. She married Gary four years ago and they have a combined family of four children and three grandchildren. She has always been interested in homelessness, as her first husband, Fred (now deceased) provided outreach education to homeless teenagers.

Sue Hill, one of two members-at-large on the Executive Board, is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Brea. She has been a real estate broker in Brea for 28 years and is currently the secretary to the principal of Arovista School. She owned a wedding referral business in Brea for six years. Dixie Davies, previous recording secretary, recruited her. Sue's hobbies are photography and flower arranging.

Monica Banas is a lawyer and graduate of Hanover College in Indiana, where she majored in History. She completed her legal education at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and passed the California Bar in 2001. Her current legal specialty is estate planning. Monica is a California native and has been a member of the Placentia Presbyterian Church since 1990. She enjoys going to movies, reading, hiking, camping and traveling as well as studying European and Early American history. ♦

Tenet Healthcare Foundation Injects Funds to Aid HIS House



Michael Hunn of Placentia Linda Hospital hands \$5000 check to HIS House Director Teri Neibuhr

On December 8 Director Teri Neibuhr received a donation for the Shelter from Michael Hunn of the Placentia Linda Hospital. Michael presented the check in the amount of \$5,000 on behalf of the Tenet Healthcare Foundation. Placentia Linda Hospital is one of the 100 Tenet Healthcare Corporation acute care hospitals.

The Foundation was established in 1998 to make grants to worthy organizations for a variety of charitable purposes. The Foundation

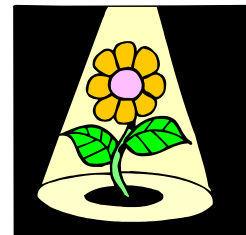
directs the majority of its funding toward unmet or underserved health care needs in the communities in which Tenet operates its hospitals and other facilities. Secondly, the Foundation makes grants in support of appropriate educational, human service, civic and humanities-supporting organizations.

We thank the Placentia Linda Hospital for this special donation and its continued support of the Shelter. ♦

Volunteer Spotlight

Eldon Riehm has been a tireless supporter of HIS House for the past eight years. After his retirement from Raytheon as a software engineer, he has given his time to collect food for our residents from the Second Harvest in Orange. According to Eldon, Second Harvest is a food bank that obtains food from grocery stores where the out-of-date labels are getting close; where eggs come from US Government surplus; and with the grocery strike, where meat that is almost out of date is available.

Eldon and his wife, Dix, have five children and eight and one-half grandchildren. They have been active members of Rose Drive Friends



Church for 25 years. Eldon brings the church's food and clothing donations to the Shelter and has been the Santa Claus on at least two occasions. He helped with early House construction and recruited several members of his church—some from a long distance away—to assist in the work. He has been a faithful annual solicitor for the auction. In addition Eldon loves whitewater rafting and has rafted every category 5 rapids in California.

Eldon has made a real difference and we appreciate his dedication and service to HIS House. ♦



At a Glance —

* At the November Board meeting, the Directors set a goal of \$40,000 to be raised through fundraising events. Please see the schedule on the front page and mark your calendars.

* Noise reduction and heat conservation were achieved with the installation of new vinyl, dual pane windows in the front section of the Shelter

* An assessment of the 913 second step program shows this extended housing, low-rent program is successful. Family groups graduate from this program to *really* being on their own.

* The eleventh annual auction and dinner held November 1, 2003 at the Placentia Presbyterian Church netted approximately \$20,000. Dinner was catered by the Portofino Restaurant in La Habra. Roni Pinault owner of Café Affaire provided gourmet coffees. Bob D'Amato guided the live auction. Honorary Chairs for the event were Mat Wise and Shawn Wooten of the Anaheim Angels and Mrs. Chick Hearn.

* For the second year in a row, Jean Turner organized an after Christmas walk-a-thon to raise funds for HIS House. According to Jean several out-of-town visitors participated and "helped us to widen our support base." She also said there were only two four-legged participants this year. At the event a reported 30 participants raised more than \$1,500.

Holiday Giving Overwhelmed HIS House

The community support for the residents this Christmas was once again overwhelming. Beginning on Dec. 6, Julie Skloti and a group of National Honor Society students from Esperanza High School gathered at the House to entertain the children and pass out gifts. The North Cities Quilt Guild donated 60 handmade Christmas stockings that were given to residents and five graduates. On December 19, the Anaheim Vietnamese Evangelical Church put on the musical play, "Joe and The Night Visitors" in Key Center of the Presbyterian Church for the residents and staff. Later they served dinner and gave gifts to the residents and to the staff as well. A Christmas party was held on December 20 with Santa, of course.

The following additional organizations, businesses and individuals are recognized and profusely thanked for their warm and loving



gifts to the residents this Christmas: Curves of Anaheim, Curves of Placentia, St. Mary Magdalen Anglican Church, Yorba Linda Indian Guides, the Delapena family, the Lam-ber-ton family, Yorba Linda

Boy Scout Troop 99, Costa Mesa Cub Scout Troop 39, The Anaheim Hills Wolves Soccer Team, the Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church Middle School Sunday School, Inez Vasquez, Mrs. Browning's class at Tynes Elementary School, Toys for Tots/Best Buy, LA Fire Department, Steinmart (gifts for every child), Yorba Linda YMCA (Christmas tree), the Corvette Supersports Club of La Habra, Mrs. Cathy German at Valencia High School (food drive), PYLSD Office (food and toys), Haddad's Fine Gifts, the USPS Anaheim Processing Distribution Facility (gifts, food and a financial donation), and the Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church. ♦

So Many Friends, So Little Space So Much THANKS!

Caring citizens of all ages in Placentia have helped HIS House. Here are just a few examples of the time they have shared.

The Eastside Christian Church painted the small bathroom and stenciled the laundry room.

Chuck Wakamoto purchased and installed new computers, a network and DSL internet access.

Shari Lenz gave free haircuts to the residents as her Christmas gift.

Lori Weinberg of Temple Beth Shalom brought food donated in October by the congregation as part of their Festival of Sukkoth. On January 11 a group from the congregation came to the Shelter to play games and bake cookies.

In November Eagle Scout Ryan

Godshalk of Boy Scout troop 241 in Orange provided a new sandbox. It was completed with the help of fellow scouts David Abe, Kent Sawyer, Scott Sawyer, Nat Thompson, Justin Art, Dinh Than, Hieu Than, Nathan Than, Don Quinlan and Scott Mercier.

Ryan requested donations from his church, Messiah Lutheran in Yorba Linda, and not only received sufficient funds for the project but also an additional \$800 which he donated to the Shelter.

In December Eagle Scout Jay Chang of Troop 786 built a large donation box for the front porch. He received funds from his LDS church and local businesses for the materials. Helpers were Shawn Madsen, Chris Harns, Bret Salinas, Danny Brag, Jake Brown, Aaron Griffin, Jeff Crane, Bryant Horne, Josh Burnham, Alex Fei and James Chen. ♦

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reaching down and
lifting people up

**Family-to-Family
Program**



Family-to-family is our community challenge gift-giving program where one family supports another. In its third year, this program is based on an annual contribution of at least \$50.00 per family. Participants last quarter include:

- Don and AnnaLee Bachtell
- Don McBride Co.
- Marilyn Crow

- Elizabeth Minter,
- Nelson and JoAnn Woodard R. and K. Godshalk
- Charles and Marlene Hosick
- John and Pat Hayes
- Karen Lee Thorp
- Dixie and George Davies
- Dean Riehm
- Izola Kerley

**Volunteer Recognition
Night Planned**

Last year, nearly 90 million volunteers stepped forward to make their communities a better place to live. Role models mentored at-risk children. Volunteers built new homes. At HIS House families were given a second chance. Neighborhoods found hope.

This year National Volunteer Week is April 18-24. It is a 31-year tradition and sets aside a special time to recognize and celebrate the tremendous efforts of volunteers. HIS House is planning a special event on April 17 to recognize the achievements and contributions of our own volunteers. Their generosity ensures the success and continuation of our programs. Watch our website for information on how we want you, our volunteers, to share with us in this event. ♦

Yes, we want to join the Family-to-Family Program. Our family promises to donate at least \$50 for the support of a H.I.S. House family this year and succeeding years so long as we have sufficient income. Our check is enclosed for 2004.

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Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____