



October 2004

# H.I.S. House News

## Is There an Opening Bid?



This year's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Auction on November 6 looks to be exciting and entertaining. The new format promises to change the way you experience this event. You don't want to miss it.

We have lots and lots of items for you to bid on in both the live and silent auctions. Many old favorites will be available again along with some exciting new items. **The Money Tree** will be there – BUT not just \$100 this year. Tickets are still \$1. There will be **Opportunity Drawings** with “an arm's length” of tickets for just \$5. Our pre-auction **“Log Cabin Angels”** quilt will be going to one lucky participant for just \$1.

Have a look at the following **Live Auction** items:

- ❖ Marshall's Lake Tahoe Cabin, one week, no winter months, sleeps 8-10
- ❖ 6 original Bradford Bros. orange crate labels from Rene Kamin
- ❖ Grand Hilton -- Two Bedroom Suites  
December 4, 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> or December 11, 12, and 13<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Golf for Two at Alta Vista Country Club -- weekdays
- ❖ Golf for Three at Hacienda Golf Club
- ❖ LA Kings tickets – (assuming season starts) – bonus: signed cap
- ❖ Tax Preparation
- ❖ 1929 Antique Deskset phone
- ❖ Jeweler's Touch -- \$200 Gift Certificate
- ❖ Newport Harbor Cruise with Lunch at Balboa Yacht Club for 6
- ❖ Tickets to South Coast Repertory “Christmas Carol” December 11<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Tickets to OC Performing Arts Center “Bolshoi Ballet” July 16, 2005
- ❖ Tickets to South Coast Repertory “A Clean House” February 12, 2005
- ❖ Original Watercolor Painting by Barbara Kimmel Palmer
- ❖ NEW! Signed Los Angeles Sparks Jersey – Lisa Leslie
- ❖ NEW! Teen Driving Academy Driver's Education and Training Package
- ❖ NEW! Sailboat -- Day's Sail with Lunch and Refreshments for 6
- ❖ NEW! Handcrafted Game Board with Hand carved Chess Pieces

See Page 2 for **Silent Auction** listing.

A new **corporate sponsor, AMICA**, is coming on board with the auction and is starting us out with a very generous \$1,000 donation. They will be sending several folks to work at the auction too. Welcome, AMICA.

Tickets are on sale NOW for \$25, which includes \$15 for dinner and a \$10 donation. They are available at HIS House, PPC office, from Pat Hayes of the Placentia Round Table, Marion Hetherington of Blessed Sacrament, or call 714/692-1599.

Check out your dates on those live auction items, plan your bidding strategy and come join us for the fun evening. **SUPPORT HIS HOUSE!!**



Honorary Chairperson, Ned Bergert, has just delivered the following items for our 2004 auction.

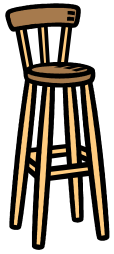
1. Signed Baseball-- Tory Hunter of the Minnesota Twins
  2. Signed Baseball-- Pedro Martinez of the Boston Red Sox
  3. Signed Baseball-- Tim Salmon of the Anaheim Angels
  4. Signed Baseball-- 2004 Anaheim Angels Team
  5. Bat signed by Garrett Anderson, Anaheim Angels 2003 MVP
  6. Bat signed by Vladimir Guerrero, Anaheim Angels superhero
- Make sure that you are THERE to bid on these extra special sports items.

You don't want to miss all the action and excitement!

## Involvement Opportunities:

1. Basketmaking on Wednesday mornings
2. Transportation of the items on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Enclosed vehicles going from east YL to PPC.
3. Help set up on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
4. Help the evening of the auction with registration and ticket sales.
5. Help during the Live Auction to close out the Silent Auction.
6. Cashiering.

Call Cathy Farris at 714/692-1599 if you can help.



## A VIEW FROM THE CORNER "CHAIR"

By John Marshall

At a recent meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee, one of the members mentioned that October 1 was the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of HIS House. It all started with a family of four who were camping at Featherly Park as they had nowhere else to live. A new baby was on the way and Placentia Presbyterian Church (PPC) had a recently acquired vacant house sitting on Bradford Avenue.

HIS House has come a long way since that day in October of 1989. We are now able to accommodate up to 46 people at a time with the two houses we oversee on Bradford Avenue. From an all-volunteer group in the beginning, we currently have two full-time staff people plus five part-time employees. This

professional help and other services to the residents have greatly changed the financial dynamics from our early days.

Our 12th Annual Auction to be held at PPC on November 6 is our largest fundraiser for the shelter. We hope to net at least 10% of our annual operating budget of \$225,000. There are many ways for you to participate in this enjoyable yet worthy cause. If you haven't yet donated an item or service or offered to help in some other manner, there is still time. Please contact one of the Co-Chairs, Cathy Farris (714/692-1599) or Shari Lenz (714/223-6941) ASAP.

Dinner tickets are available for \$25 at the Shelter (714/993-5774) or at PPC (714/528-1438).

Thank you for your continued support. ♦

## ★ WISH LIST ★

Our long-standing source for pillows is no longer available. It is the policy of the Shelter to give each entering resident a new pillow when they start the program (for health reasons). They take them with them when they graduate, so pillows will be a perennial item our supporters can donate.

Paper towels and toilet tissue are constantly needed. There are also several items in the kitchen that are always running out: aluminum foil, Baggies, both sandwich size and storage size, Gladware and coffee. We would really appreciate silverware and gift certificates to Target, Savon, or Walmart.

There is always a need for volunteers to participate as mentors (RSVP) or to follow-up on graduates (STAR). ♦

## Slate of Officers H.I.S. House Executive Board 2005

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Chair                   | John Marshall      |
| Vice Chair              | Jim Gaffney        |
| Past Chair              | Ken Kleckner       |
| Treasurer               | Ted Mar/Betty Orr* |
| Recording Secretary     | Jeannine Ford      |
| Corresponding Secretary | Barbara Goff       |
| Member-at-Large         | Monica Banas       |
| Member-at-Large         | Ann Walling        |

\*will stay through a transition period

### Nominating Committee

Barbara Goff, Ken Kleckner, Sue Hill,  
Jerry Hoggard, Jeannine Ford



## Silent Auction Offers New Bargains

### Gift Basket Combos:

Spidey  
Dig It – all about Dinosaurs  
Foot Fun  
Get Well Quik  
Tower of Beanies  
Got Games? From Got Kids?  
Tranquil Sunset  
Baby's Beginnings  
Choir's Choice CD's –  
5 Christian CD's from PPC  
Celebration Choir  
Plus many more.....

### Tools:

Drills bits/Vise Grip/  
33' tape/22 piece professional  
screwdriver set

"Bye Lo" look alike doll. This will have an opening bid of \$150.

### Dinner Certificates

**Nokia GSM Phone**  
with \$20 prepaid

### Jewelry

### Race Track tickets for 10

### Art Work

### Ski Lift Tickets to Mt. Baldy

Donations for the Silent Auction that arrive after October 24 may not be listed in the evening's program.

Guests will have the opportunity for leisurely bidding on Silent Auction items after the dinner has been served. Dinner tickets will be on sale until October 31.

## Director's Report —

### Community Supports Individual Growth among Staff and Residents

In August we said goodbye to longtime case manager Jeannine Walters. After five years working with many families, singles, and couples at H.I.S. House, Jeannine decided to make a change and accepted a position working at a shelter for abused women and their children. Jeannine's gentle spirit will be missed. Angel, our part-time case manager, accepted the position as full-time case manager.

This month HIS House said goodbye to our two single men, a single woman and a small family. All are considered graduates of our program because they secured permanent housing. A government grants enables us to help with housing deposits. However, these folks must save enough to qualify for these grants. Even though the cost of rental housing is soaring, our graduates saved enough money to qualify and move into their own digs. Each person left with a couple thousand dollars or more saved. We

wish them the best as they transition back into their respective communities. In addition to the children's welcome baskets by Nan Keating and handmade quilts by North Cities Quilt Guild, our children now receive a cuddly turtle

pillow. This month we have 14 children ranging in age ten months (10) to seventeen (17) years. The Placentia Women's Roundtable makes these adorable pillows that we send with the children when they leave our program. Turtle collectors must see these pillows. Thanks to all of you who give to our children.

Keep our August graduate, a single woman, in your prayers as she not only deals with terminal cancer but struggles to stay in her cozy apartment in Placentia. She was so proud to be working again and had made great strides in our program when she was diagnosed. She is in the process of getting some Social Security benefits, but as we all know that process takes time. When I last saw her on October 3, her blue eyes were bright but not as cheery as she has lost all of her hair and was rather nauseated. Thanks to all who have contributed to her well being with monetary donations, home visits, calls and prayers. ♣



### 913 North Bradford : The Second Step Program

With the support of the Placentia City Council, the lease on the property at 913 No Bradford Avenue was extended for an additional three years. This facility offers graduates of our program 6 months of low income housing while they continue on the road to independence.

We have given over 25 individuals an opportunity to participate in the program with great success. This has allowed families to continue in the local schools without mid-year interruption and permitted advancement in employment for those working nearby thus providing residents the confidence needed to improve themselves. ♣



### *"Wines Around the World"* *A Taste of Success*

By Ken Kleckner

The second annual Wine Tasting fundraiser to benefit H.I.S. House was held at the Richard M. Nixon Library and Birthplace on the evening of August 27th. Attendance this year topped 200 with guests from all over southern California. Over \$9000 was raised this year for the benefit of H.I.S. House. Those in attendance were treated to the "Wines of the World."

The evening brought together old friends and many new faces in support of this worthwhile charity. Once again we shared food from Dinner at Eight, music by a

trio of musicians from the University of Redlands and wine hosted by Dome Liquors of Fullerton. A committee made up of Carolyn Holmes, Ralph Frid, Marion Hetherington, Sharon Edlin and Ken Kleckner hosted the evening. A special thanks to Vicki Tran of Dome Liquors for arranging the wine tasting portion of the evening. We were treated to bold new varieties of wine many of us had not been exposed to in the past.

The library has become an integral part of this event with the help of John Taylor, director, and his staff. Guests were treated with tours of the new East Room addition to the library, which was officially opened the week before our event. This room brings to life many historical moments in history for those who have not had the opportunity to visit the White House in Washington DC. ♣

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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. This program is based on an annual contribution of at least \$50.00 per family. Participants this past quarter include:

- Frank and Jackie Campbell
- Carol Fizzard
- John and Sharon Raymond



Faye Christlieb  
Peggy and Brian Yamaguchi  
Charlie and Kathy Frazee

Thank you for your special gift  
and for being part of our family. ♦

**Find HIS House  
On the Web**

For the latest information on  
HIS House go to

[www.hishouseplacentia.org](http://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. Use the sign up page to register your email address. 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. Please visit our website today. ♦

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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