



October 2005

H.I.S. House News

Major Funding Raised at Nixon Library Gala

Over 257 guests attended this year's Wine Tasting Gala at the Richard Nixon Library. Everyone was given the opportunity to taste more than 57 different wines supplied by Vendome Liquor and sample an elegant buffet provided once again by Dinner at Eight. Music at the August event was provided by the Luis Garzon Trio. They entertained guests with selections that included jazz, classical guitar, and some old favorites.

The gala coincided with the Library's "White House in Miniature" exhibition, and all of our guests that toured the exhibit were truly impressed by the craftsmanship and the meticulous attention paid to each and every detail that went into portraying the White House and its landscape.

This year not only did we have a silent auction of over 45 themed baskets full of wonderful wines, theatre and sport event tickets, and several magnums of wine and port, but we also had a live auction that was ably handled by Mr. Robert Bell. Income from both the silent and the live auction helped to make this year's gala our most successful endeavor so far.



Event chairperson Carolyn Holmes



Chairman John Marshall and wife Cynthia, who heads up the Thrift store committee, enjoying the evening.

After all tallies were made, the records showed that nearly \$25,000 was raised in support of the Shelter. Chairperson Carolyn Holmes and committee members Marion Hetherington, Ken Kleckner, Marlene Stewart, and Sharon Edlin as well as special helpers Ann Walling, Pat Hayes, and Charlie and Kathy Frazee all agreed the evening was a success. Special merit goes to the two students who earned community service hours helping with set up and clean up.

Carolyn and the committee would like to thank all of those that bought tickets and/or attended this event, for without your support we would be unable to raise the funds needed for H.I.S. House. The generosity of our sponsors and the people that donated items for the auctions helped to make this year's fundraiser a HUGH success. Thank you all very much. ☺

Meet Hall-of-Famer Christy Mathewson

A special cast performance of "Matty: an Evening with Christy Mathewson" starring Eddie Frierson will be held to benefit H.I.S. House on the first Saturday in November.

Christy Mathewson was a college man, with a range of interests, who mowed down opposing hitters in his spare time. While at Bucknell University, Mathewson sang in the glee club, belonged to a literary society, and played football. On top of these achievements, Mathewson also wrote a series of children's books.

In a time when baseball was known for hard-living, hard-drinking players, there was Christy Mathewson to prove that there was another way for athletes to live. He was a role model after whom every parent wanted his or her children to shape their lives.



In 1936, he joined Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Ty Cobb and Walter Johnson as the first class of baseball Hall of Famers.

An auction of Angels' memorabilia donated by Ned Bergert will follow the

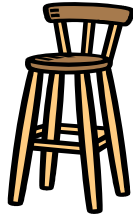
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Upcoming Events

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| Evening with Christy Mathewson | Nov. 5 |
| Join Family-to-Family Program | ASAP |
| New Board elections | Dec. 5 |

A VIEW FROM THE CORNER "CHAIR"

By John Marshall



While financial contributions are critical to support a staff of seven people, provide child care, and assure regular maintenance of the shelter, we couldn't do much of what we do without our volunteers. This is where we could use your help. We have over fifteen committees serving our various shelter needs. Some of these committees may be a person or one and others have as many as fifteen members. We are always looking for new people and ideas. I've listed some of our major committee needs below:

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS – We do not have a full-time secretary on staff. These people are largely responsible for answering phones and helping with filing and other administrative duties. Can you help 2-4 hours one day per week?

COMMUNITY RESOURCE COMMITTEE- This is our largest committee and meets regularly on the third Monday of the month. This group is charged with planning and organizing our various fund raisers and distributing publicity about the shelter.

THRIFT STORE- This is our newest planned venture, and we hope to have the store operational by early 2006. We will need many volunteers to help with the donating, sorting and selling. (See article on this subject on pg. 3)

HOUSE/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEES- These two committees work on repairing and building aspects of the shelter. With twenty-five to forty people in the shelter at any one time, we are constantly fixing a sink, a toilet, or a light switch. This requires almost daily check in. We would like to spread the current workload out

amongst more than a couple of people. Retired carpenters, electricians, and handymen and women would be most welcome.

STAR/RSVP- This committee is designed to track former residents and mentor current residents. The committee meets roughly once per quarter. The mentoring is anywhere from one-half to two hours per week with a resident.

If you have an interest in any one of these areas, contact our director, Teri Niebuhr, at the Shelter at 714-993-5774 or sign up on our website at www.hishouseplacentia.org. Look under the link for volunteers.

As I complete my second year as chair of the H.I.S. House Board, I want to thank all those who have volunteered their time and talents to make this program a success and a blessing to many in our community who are less fortunate. ☺

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performance. The event begins at 6:45 p.m. on November 5 at the Valencia High School auditorium on Bradford Avenue. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids and will be sold at the door.

On the mound, Mathewson was a fierce competitor who became arguably the most dominating pitcher of all time. During his illustrious 17-year career, he led the league in wins four times, won five strikeout titles, won 30 or more games four times, pitched four shutouts and ten complete games in World Series competition, and won 373 games in his career.

For more information call (714) 996-7418 or (714) 993-5774. ☺

Stay in Touch

The Executive Board can be contacted via our website:

www.hishouseplacentia.org

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Resources–
 Carolyn Holmes
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 Donations in Kind– Jane Seymour
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 Health & Safety– Marlene Stewart
 Newsletter– Kathy Frazee
 Policies/Procedures– Monica Banas
 Support, Track And Review (STAR) –
 Dean Cassidy
 Thrift Store– Cynthia Marshall

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Publicity– Betty Escobosa
 Office Volunteers – Marlene Stewart
 Website – Eric Schreiner
 Legal – Monica Banas



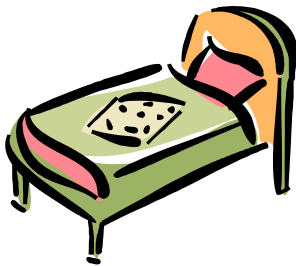
Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it.

Theodore Roosevelt.

My mother drew a distinction between achievement and success. She said that 'achievement is the knowledge that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others, and that's nice, too, but not as important or satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success.'

Helen Hayes

What Can I Do to Help?



A recent conversation at the Shelter revealed that the same items that have always been used are still needed. When new residents come, everyone receives a new, unused pillow. All the clients are provided with his or her own bed, so there are only single beds in the house. Therefore, when you think of helping HIS House, please think of the individuals we serve.

Pillows, twin mattress pads, twin sheet sets, and twin blankets are needed and welcome as are ziplock bags, gasoline gift cards, Tupperware, bathroom rugs, Reynolds wrap, and diapers.

Do not leave items unattended on the porch. Before bringing large items or packages to the Shelter, please call to make sure the items can be used at the House. Gently used items can be recycled but volunteers devote much time to sorting and discarding worn out items. Your thoughtful consideration would be much appreciated. ♻️

Progress Report on the Thrift Store

Dear Friends of HIS House,

Thank you for supporting the idea of a thrift shop to benefit the shelter. We hope you still are willing to consider spending some of your time in this effort.

Since you expressed your interest last spring, the HIS House Board has enthusiastically put the plan into action. Committee members, Barbara Goff, Cynthia Marshall, Jane Seymour, and Winnie Westberg, have been hard at work acquiring, sorting, and storing donations. The committee has been visiting other non-profit thrift shops since January collecting information on how their operations function, staffing plans, and operating costs. From our copious notes we have been pulling the ideas that may work for us from each of these places and formulating our own approach. Throughout all of this, we have first and foremost been seeking available real estate and this has turned out to be our greatest challenge.

As soon as we have a location we will be in need of your help. At the moment we are looking for 5 or 6 people who would be willing to commit one day every two weeks to be in the shop once the shop is up and running. If you are interested, please let us know. Many of us travel so there is a need for a core group to allow for our "lives" to continue.

We are moving forward and will keep you updated on how we are coming in this worthwhile and much needed ministry.

Sincerely,

The Thrift Shop Committee



Entertainment 2006 Books on Sale



The 2006 Entertainment books are now on sale. They are still the same great price of \$35 for the Orange County edition. Full of good bargains for restaurants, motels and travel. Remember that 20% of the purchase goes to H.I.S. House.

Books for all other areas of the U.S. can be ordered. Call Jane Seymour at 524-5114 for more information.

Entertainment books provide two-for-one restaurant meals and a host of discounts for food items hotels, car rentals, sporting events and local attractions. Some restaurants let you use your card over and over. You can recoup the price of the book if you eat out just three times.

Remember they make great Christmas gifts. ♻️



A Penny Saved

Here's a simple thing you can do to help the H.I.S. House Board make the best use of available funds. Sign up to receive the newsletter via email. Just register your e-mail address at:

newsletter@hishouseplacentia.org

An additional bonus: You'll get to enjoy color graphics besides having access to the newsletter even before it is printed or mailed! ♻️

Director's Note

A House of Opportunity

Director Teri Neibuhr reports that on Saturday, September 17, teenagers from Orangewood painted the fences at the Shelter and at the Second Step house. These youngsters are themselves in difficult situations but found the energy to help.

Eagle Scouts have once again adopted the Shelter as the focus for their activities. As I understand the project, the scouts design the project and have it formally approved by their leaders. They solicit funds and in-kind donations to complete the project,



Blake Anderson and the new grill at H.I.S. House

but they contribute many hours of labor to it as well. A new barbeque grill was installed under the direction of Blake Anderson and Scott Bergert completed improvements on the south walkway.

Teri has participated in lengthy planning along with three other local institutions to prepare a legacy brochure that invites people to remember one or more of the organizations in their final estate planning. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Placentia-Yorba Linda, Placentia Founders Society, Placentia Library Foundation, and H.I.S. House presented their brochure at a special media event in September. Estate planning is one way to assure that future needs of facilities that you care about can be met.

The Library Literacy Program introduced in September provides laptop computers for students living at the House and district textbooks to use while working with homework helpers three afternoons a week. Funded by a grant won by Placentia Library, the study help is available for children living at the Shelter as well as their parents.

Marlene Stewart headed up the effort to install fire extinguishers and alarms at the house. After the damaging but not deadly fire in the Shelter's library, the upgrade was deemed necessary. Special fire drill procedures will be given to every new resident upon admission and regular fire drills will be initiated as a precaution.

Volunteers under direction of Jim

Gaffney have added and updated storage capacity at the House. This much needed construction work was completed with help from Frank Campbell, "Hutch" Hutchinson, and Roy Buck on one of the hottest days of the year.

Plumbing issues and other maintenance problems arise that require skills of a handyman. Anyone willing to help is welcome. ♻️



Scott Bergert and the new side walkway

Family-to-Family Program



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

Participants last quarter include only:

- Dan and Colleen Krueger
- Karen and Bill Mangold
- John and Jan Steinleitner
- Lola Check

Monies donated this quarter will be used for clothing and emergency car repairs.

New "Family" supporters would be greatly appreciated.

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 2005.

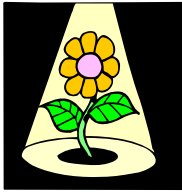
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Volunteer Spotlight



The Community Resource Committee will have a H.I.S. House volunteer recognition event on Saturday October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in order to thank all the generous volunteers who give so much time and energy to the Shelter. Marion Hetherington and Teri Neibuhr agreed to head this up. They have arranged to use the Key Center at the Placentia Presbyterian Church for the event. 🌻

H.I.S. House History

Third in a series by Ann Walling

Staff Solutions

It was time to risk – our H.I.S. House committee really felt the need to hire at least a part-time employee but were very unsure how this person would be paid and if anyone would want to take this part-time job that wasn't very secure. Right before Christmas a vote was taken to hire a part time case manager/resident manager with the knowledge that there was only enough money to pay this employee for two months. There was a very earnest prayer that this was the right decision, for prayer was certainly what was allowing this shelter to continue to help the homeless.

Our first paid "staff" was a part-time case manager/resident manager - a PPC member who lived in the neighborhood near the shelter. She did not have professional training in this area but had a real heart for the homeless and was willing to give this tenuous position a try. (This was

Second Step Program

Bright sunshine, clear skies, and fresh breezes bore witness to the new start that a resident of the Second Step Program was able to make one weekend in October.

A mother and her young daughter were able to move out of the Shelter's protection and into their own apartment in Anaheim. They left with some of the donated furniture given by H.I.S. House neighbors, and assisted by the director and other volunteers they moved their personal belongings and began their new life.

As graduates of the H.I.S. House program, these folks will still have access to support via a regular contact made by volunteers. By



Jeannette Tolbert, now deceased)

As time went by we were able to hire people with more education and experience in social services. These were people who had worked in other shelters and brought their knowledge and experience to help us grow. Our volunteers and board grew too with the experience of hiring and supervising the shelter staff.

Teri Neibuhr who has been our Shelter Director since January 2001 is the third full-time person to be our shelter's director. In addition to the director we began to add case managers and live-in resident managers. Angel Monastery was our first full time case manager and we have had several part time case managers – many doing internships in the Human Services Dept. at CSUF. A few years ago we were also able to hire a night manager (Bonnie) who has been a real blessing to the work of the shelter.

The prayer was obviously answered! 🌻

keeping in touch with graduates, the Shelter can better gauge the effectiveness of programs offered there.

A small family of mother and two children is still living in the Second Step house. With the newly vacated space, however, others who are in the Shelter may now have a chance to make the transition into the more independent phase of the program.

Individuals who would like to assist in this tracking effort or who would like to act as mentors to current residents are welcome and needed. It is a rewarding task to know that you're providing assurance of continued concern for the well-being of those who have made this difficult effort to start their lives over. 🌻



Recycling Profits

There is much truth to the old saying, "One man's trash is another man's treasure," especially when the other man can recycle and get cash for the item.

H.I.S. House recycles old cell phones and inkjet cartridges from home computer printers and brings in a bit of additional income to support the residents.

Empty cartridges may be dropped off at H.I.S. House during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. Small printer cartridges brought from the workplace are also useful and can be recycled for cash.

Please be aware this recycle program not only benefits the Shelter but helps the environment at the same time. So everyman's treasure of clean air and water can be another man's treasure, too. 🌻

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