



February 2006

H.I.S. House News

The Thrift Store is Coming!



Charity's Closet: before renovations at 134 N. Bradford Avenue. It is located in the old Cyberzone space, the third shop from the north end of the strip.

Charity's Closet, the new Thrift Shop that will support H.I.S. House, is soon to become a reality. After much prayerful thought, research, and diligent efforts to find the best possible location, the lease has been signed. Interior modifications are in progress and opening is planned for early March.

The shop will be located at 134 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia, CA in the

Bradford Shopping Center. It will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4p.m. Mondays will be closed for sorting and pricing.

The merchandise will include women's, men's, and children's clothing; household linens, house wares, china, glassware; accessories; books, videos, CDs, seasonal items, and some furniture. We will *not* accept computers, mattresses, large appliances, or large furniture pieces.

Charity's Closet will be managed and run only with volunteers. This will be a tremendous effort requiring a large number of people. At this time volunteers are being

sought for many different positions; there is something for everyone! Sort, tag, or straighten, whatever is your forte.

Schedules can be arranged to accommodate almost anyone's availability. We need people to work in the store for a half day or whole day once a week, twice a month, or once a month. Groups and businesses could adopt one day each week or month to regularly supply one or more volunteers to help.

There will be jobs that require no standing, or no sitting, or some lifting or no operation of a cash register. This is a serious effort to insure that H.I.S. House will have adequate funds to keep its program running. We hope you will consider giving even a small amount of your time to work together helping others.

If you have any interest or queries please contact Cynthia (993-2407) or email to cynthierM@aol.com or call Barbara (528-3561) or email to bgoff@inreach.com.

New Board Takes Office

With the new year, new members join the Executive Board and assume important roles in keeping the vital projects at H.I.S. House alive and useful. Welcome and thanks to:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair– Jeannine Ford
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 RSVP (Resident Support Volunteer Program) - Teri Neibuhr
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The Executive Board can be contacted via our website:

www.hishouseplacentia.org

Upcoming Events

Charity's Closet Opens	March
*Annual Tea *	April 30
Black Tie Auction	Fall
Election of new officers	Dec. 5

With Appreciation from the Director



Thanks to Sheena Das from Brea Junior High and Sayak Mukherjee from Troy High School for gathering family and friends and hosting a dinner of lasagna for our residents in November.



Thanks also, to the Greiner family and friends for landscaping in between the houses in the rear of the shelter. Mr. & Mrs. Don Greiner and Shawn, Mr. Ben Knight and Taylor, Mr. Vince DiMillo and Pat, Robbie Muirhead, Travis Rose, Brandon Masone, Shawn Butler, and Kevin Rice.



Thanks to Rose Drive Friends Youth and Intern Youth Leader Mandy for painting and sprucing up our shelter on Saturday, November 19.



Sara Hall a sixth grader at Fairmont Private School wanted to do a service project so she collected books – a lot of them -probably 600! These are all for our newly remodeled library. Thanks to Sara and all of her classmates!

Annette, a Fed Ex driver, just heard about H.I.S. House through Curves Anaheim. Annette was motivated to help H.I.S. House, so she talked to her neighbors and folks on her route and started collecting recyclable cans, etc. Annette then redeemed them for cash. Thank you, Annette, for tH.I.S. ingenious idea and thanks also to your donors.



Pastor Bogardus and Mary Andrews of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Fullerton, delivered gifts for all of the adults and teens as well as linens for the shelter.

Guided Good Intentions

Donations are really appreciated, and the shelter residents rely on them heavily. However, if the donations cannot be used immediately, they create a storage problem for the staff and residents alike. Please keep in mind the items that are regularly used and needed.

When residents first arrive, 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. Pillows, twin mattress pads, twin sheet sets, and twin blankets are needed 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 things. Your thoughtful consideration would be much appreciated. ♻️



VIEW FROM THE CORNER CHAIR

By Jeannine Ford

Beginnings.

This is a new beginning for me as the new chairperson of

H.I.S. House for 2006. I sometimes look at beginnings with apprehension because I want to do my best when I begin something. I want to do the best that I can for H.I.S. House.

But do you know what? I've found that everyone who is part of the H.I.S. House organization wants to do their best, too. All of the volunteers, the staff, the committee and board members, the numerous community groups and individuals who donate their time, monies, physical donations and various talents, they want to do their best. We all want to do our best to help the residents in the Shelter so they won't be so scared at their new beginning. We work together, all of us, to provide the residents with a safe environment and a way to rebuild their lives. And when they graduate from the program, it's not an ending but a whole new beginning for them...a new beginning filled with possibilities, hope

and new skills to cope with the world around them.

Given this, I'm looking forward to working with all of the wonderful, passionate, caring people and community groups who give of themselves to help the Shelter's residents. I just want to thank all of you for the wonderful work you've done so far and I wish to encourage you to continue to give your donations; attend the exciting upcoming H.I.S. House events slated for 2006; come to the grand opening of "Charity's Closet" (H.I.S. House's thrift store); attend and/or volunteer your time and yourself by joining one of our committees; volunteer some of your time at the Shelter (answering a phone or repairing a broken cabinet or painting a wall... just to name a few areas where help is always needed). And please let your friends and neighbors know about us and encourage them to volunteer their time to H.I.S. House, too! It will be much appreciated.

Now that's a beginning! ☺

New Board Members, "Welcome Aboard!"

Replacing Jeannine Ford as recording secretary is Mary Beth Grigg. Mary Beth is retired from Ameron where she devoted over fifty years supporting company executives and her fellow employees.

She is a longtime resident of Brea and a member of PPC where she enjoys being a choir member and is an active participant in Aviators and Bible Studies. Mary Beth has been married fifty-two years to Edwin Grigg, and together they actively support both H.I.S. House and the El Sazual Orphanage.

Their have two children, a son

Jeffrey, and a daughter, Valerie. Mary Beth is a quilter and member of the North Cities Quilt Guild. She has participated in many shows including one at the Brea Gallery.

Gae Wood has joined the Board of Directors for H.I.S. House as the Corresponding Secretary for 2006. She, along with her husband, Hugh, has lived in Placentia for twenty-five years where they raised their children, Heather and Ian. Retired from sales and marketing, and currently serving on the Board as a Trustee for the Placentia Library District, she looks forward to the opportunity to work with H.I.S. House during a most challenging period of time, namely the opening of "Charity's Closet." ☺

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! ☺

Entertainment 2006 Book Sale Was A Profitable Effort



The 2006 Entertainment books, full of good bargains for restaurants, motels and travel, sold at a good clip and netted the Shelter over \$1,200. Thanks to everyone who purchased a book and went to dinner for us.

Chairperson Jane Seymour sends a special "thank you" to all the kind people who took books on consignment and spent their own valuable time selling them. It made an incredible difference. (You all know who you are!) ☺

*Please,
Save the Date —*

April 30th

H.I.S. House Tea

Family-to-Family Program



Many thanks to all those that contributed to our *Family-to-Family* program this past Christmas season. We had 53 donors who contributed a total of \$5,181. Your contribution will help offset the shortfall in revenues that we anticipate in 2006 due primarily to the loss of two federal grants totaling about \$50,000. The HUD program is now concentrating their financial support on hardcore homeless programs.

People often want to donate to a specific need, and we do have these from time to time. However, our greatest challenge is to find funding to operate our facility and pay the professional staff to run the shelter on a day-to-day basis. As noted above, our funding constantly changes, so we are always looking for funding sources that will improve as well as sustain our mission to help the homeless.

The *Family-to-Family* program seeks help on a year round basis from our support community. We ask that our donors contribute at least once per year, but we encourage you to help as often as possible. In each newsletter there is a coupon for you to fill out and make a contribution, and we hope you will become a regular contributor to the cause of helping the homeless.

Participants last quarter include:

John and Cynthia Marshall
 Stephanie George
 Travel Placement Service Inc.
 Steve Ross and Susan Wan Ross
 Lena Rodriguez
 Ned and Sandra Bergert
 Anna C. Irot
 Santiago Roofing
 Dan and Colleen Krueger
 M.S. Lacko
 A.C. Miller, L.A. Miller, S.M. Miller
 Dean Riehm
 Bill and Rebecca Weeks
 Burnett and Joan Cohen
 Craig and Lynnette Olsen
 James and Ruth Cusick
 C.J. and Faye Christlieb
 Jim and Connie Haddad
 James and Beth Quigley
 David and Rebecca Kilpatrick
 Jeffrey and Juliana Suchard
 T.J. and K. H. Richards

Blessed Sacrament Church Outreach
 Nelson and Jo Ann Woodard
 Dixie Shaw
 Frank and Jackie Campbell
 Karen Lee-Thorpe
 Gary and Barbara Goff
 Rene Kamin
 Hank and Ann Walling
 Lee Burchfield
 Roy Buck
 Rex and Kay Hovey
 Eldon and Margaret Riehm
 Leland and Marlita Bellot
 Laurence and Carol Doeling
 Annette Medlin
 George and Helen Wan
 Stephen and Donna O'Donnell
 Marilyn Skinner
 Estes Lerma
 David and Lynda Baker
 Hugh and Gaye Wood
 William Schluter DDS
 Marilyn Crow

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Sustaining Donors Support Shelter with Regular Contributions

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A steady and reliable source of income is the goal of the Family-to-Family program, but another special group of unsung heroes have on their own chosen to make regular monthly contributions to support programs at H.I.S. House. Their combined contributions total nearly \$200 each month, and this goes a long way toward the phone bill, the water bill, or the heating bill.

At this time the Director would like to recognize these special folks for their steadfast support throughout the year. Heartfelt thanks to:

- Elizabeth and Fred Minter
- Ronald Pritchard
- Charles and C. Hosick
- Don McBride Co.
- Industrial Commercial Brokers

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 2006.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____



Director's Report—

**Angels tread
behind the scenes**

Did you know that every adult that enters our program receives a welcome basket filled with toiletries and basic hygiene necessities? These baskets are assembled by a Placentia Roundtable Volunteer named Karen Mangold.

Did you know that every child under 12 receives a welcome basket filled with goodies such as a stuffed animal, age appropriate toys, cookies, or other treats? These baskets are assembled by Nan Keating.

Did you know that every child that enters the H.I.S. House program receives a handmade quilt? If you come into the shelter office, you will see a quilt displayed on the north wall. When Delores Gilbert, the North Cities Quilt Guild representative, drops by with quilts, business stops and we ooh and ahh over the beautiful hand work by these quilters. We also take the opportunity to brighten our environment by switching our office quilt with a new one.

Did you know that when a family graduates from our program, the family gets a laundry basket full of goodies to help set up their new home, and each child receives a turtle pillow handmade by the Placentia Roundtable Women?

Did you know that we have volunteers that save grocery store coupons so that our residents can make the most use of their grocery money? Thank you Dixie Shaw and Linda Scott.

Did you know that on the second Friday of each month a representative from the Placentia Roundtable Women's Club brings us a sheet cake and ice cream so that we can celebrate all of the birthdays in the house that month?

Did you know that not only do we celebrate monthly birthdays, but Fran from Grubb Ellis in Anaheim brings

**Holidays at H.I.S. House are Memorable
Thanks to the Community**



In October Elaina Mills purchased pillow cases and art supplies so that all of the kids could decorate and individualize their Trick-o-Treat Bags.

Thanks to all who donated turkeys and food for Thanksgiving including St. Joseph's Catholic School Leadership Class.

Thanks to all of you who made Christmas a special day for 21 children and 15 adults, especially these businesses: Thrivent Financial, Corvette Supersports, Curves Anaheim, Curves Placentia, McLean & Schultz Architects/engineers/planners, Tenet Hospital Foundation and the Doctors of Placentia-Linda Hospital.

Groups and organizations who visited at Christmas include Boy Scout Troop 99, The Orange County Woodworkers, North Cities Quilt Guild, The Dream Catchers Placentia/Yorba Linda, The Interact Club from Esperanza High School, Troop 64. One Mom's Club adopted our family in the second step program and

another Mom's Club brought brand new books for all of our children.

Churches and other public institutions that donated were St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, Blessed Sacrament Episcopal Church, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Fullerton, Yorba Linda Presbyterian



Dr. Snow (l) and Keny Clayton, CEO of Placentia Linda Hospital, are welcomed by Director Teri Niebuhr



The Manning children

Church, The Literacy Program from Placentia Library, and Kraemer Middle School Pal Class.

Many individual families shared the joy of Christmas giving, like the Plett and Frommelt families, the De La Pena and Seymour families, Annette Medlin and family, the Manning family, and Sari Knorr.

If we missed you, please let us know! Everyone who is part of H.I.S. broad-based support is special to the staff and volunteers at H.I.S. House. Without your support the program could not continue to offer the extra treats that mean so much in the lives of the troubled clients who seek help from the shelter. To paraphrase a famous line from Dickens—

God bless you, everyone!



each child a cake and gift on their actual birthday?

Aren't our volunteers fabulous? Next newsletter we will introduce some of our other amazing volunteers.



H.I.S. House H.I.S.tory

Fourth in a series by Ann Walling



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Thanks for Using the
Internet edition.



Grants and Expansion

In 1991 when the indebtedness was large and the income was small the Presbyterian Church that owned the property where H.I.S. House stands decided to list the property for sale. Being a rather “unique” property it didn’t sell quickly. During this time the H.I.S. House committee prepared a grant application for funding to the California Emergency Shelter Program. TH.I.S. grant was awarded and helped pay off the indebtedness.

There was also recognition at this time that renovation and remodeling were imperative if our homeless shelter was to continue. **Home Aid**, a group formed from building contractors and suppliers, donated their services to assist selected non-profit agencies with just such a project as ours.

In early 1992 **Home Aid** and community volunteers installed a new plumbing system, remodeled kitchens, added a laundry, painted inside and out, and even added a new roof. **Home Aid** donated approximately

\$240,000 in labor and materials. That, plus the hours of labor donated by friends of the shelter made th.I.S. old farmhouse with it’s sunken but unusable Jacuzzi tub, a real “home” with more bedrooms and two large baths. A room was provided for a resident manager and most important the house could now help twenty-nine persons instead of just twelve or the original family of three.

In 1994 and ’95 there was still much anxiety over finances, primarily because of the bankruptcy of Orange County. Grant funds, although previously allocated, were held up and we initiated a community-wide letter writing campaign to local representatives in the government. It worked and our checks began to come. During one period when we found ourselves with no paid staff (a period of about 4 months) the volunteer committee took over running the shelter. Many remember the nightly trips at 10 p.m. for curfew and bed checks.

Next time – More on finances and expansion ♻️

Only 51 folks among the hundreds of H.I.S. House supporters currently receive the newsletter via email. Please encourage your friends to accept this method of delivery. They will be able to print their own copy to hold and keep forever, of course.

Have them go to the web site and follow the clicks to newsletter. In fact, all issues have been archived there and any past information can be easily located—another bonus!

Thanks to all who participate in the electronic delivery.
—Ed.

Another way to Help: 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. Why not establish a spot at work where all your co-workers can deposit empty cartridges? You can bring them to the shelter once a month—or more often.

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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