



### Mystery Quilt Class Raises \$2040 for H.I.S. House

Saturday, February 24 Cathy and Steve Farris hosted the Mystery Quilt Class in Key Center. Cathy, quilter extraordinaire and instructor for the day, revealed the long anticipated pattern the ladies would be sewing for the next 12 hours.

The quilters not only hauled their sewing notions, machines and fabrics to Key Center they also paid \$60 to participate. At the end of the day they take home a quilt, hopefully completed, will have enjoyed two delicious meals (prepared by Steve and Chuck Wheeler) and fellowshiped with new and old friends. "This is a wonderful event!" Verna Wheeler, one of the quilters, stated with a smile. "Where else can you spend an entire day doing exactly what you love to do (quilting) with other friends who also love to quilt. We can talk and sew without worrying about any interruptions, kids, cooking or cleaning up dishes". A quilt sample will be raffled at the upcoming Tea!

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go out to Cathy and Steve Farris as well as Chuck Wheeler for donating their time and talents to H.I.S. House and the 35 participants!❖



### H.I.S. House Sweet Charity Tea and Fashion Show

The H.I.S. House "Sweet Charity Too", 11th Annual Tea and Fashion Show will take place on Saturday May 19, 2007 beginning at 1:30 PM in Key Center at Placentia Presbyterian Church, 849 N. Bradford Avenue. The tickets are \$15.00 each and all proceeds from the event benefit the residents and programs at H.I.S. House.

Each table hostess will set a unique table with her very own china and her guests will dine on specially brewed tea, scones, tea sandwiches and des-

Charity's closet will provide the models and fashions. Local vendors will accessories such as purses, and jewelry.

Ladies, you are encouraged to wear a hat, be it funny, beautiful or even outrageous. A prize for the "best" in each category will be awarded.

If you are interested in hosting a table or wish to purchase a ticket, please contact either Mari Ather-ton at (714) 577-0970 or Jeannine Ford at (714) 533-4850.❖

planting flowers. All the while snacking on "goodies". This act of kindness is only one of many. These gals are responsible for many of the "extras" our residents receive! On a monthly basis these ladies provide welcome baskets for adults and children, turtle pillows ( which all of the kids look forward to receiving) as well as cake and ice cream the second Friday each month. Ladies, we are blessed to have your continued support.❖

#### Special points of interest:

- TEA & FASHION SHOW
- NOTES FROM A CASE MGR.
- BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS
- SHARING VALENTINE'S DAY WITH OUR KIDS.
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### Sharing their hearts, time and talents with our kids on Valentine's Day!

How do you all spend your Valentine's Day? Maybe a romantic dinner, a walk on the beach, exchanging cards with your sweetheart. For these ladies of the Placentia Roundtable, it meant spending time with the children from H.I.S. House. Helping them make necklaces, decorate a clay pot and then



Valentine's Day-Ladies of the Roundtable



Eastside Christian Church Life Group One in Christ ABF.



Victoria Bremer (second from right) passes out stuffed animals to the children of HIS House.



Mark & Julie from Western State College of Law Christian Legal Society

*He who plants a tree plants hope.*

*-Lucy Larcom*



Kevin Bennett, Eagle Scout Candidate



Lauren Gamache Girl Scout - Silver Award Candidate and Skylar



EV Free Volunteers



Pursuit Bible Study Volunteers faux paint a bathroom!

## H.I.S. HOUSE NEWS

### Easter Baskets, Bunnies, & More

Saturday morning April 7 was a busy morning at H.I.S. House.

**The Life Group, One in Christ ABF, from Eastside Christian Church** brought each child an Easter Basket filled with goodies. Ever so thoughtful the group gave older boys sports bags filled with Easter Goodies. Thank you!

**Victoria Bremer**, a sixth grader at Mariposa

Elementary, was given an assignment to "Make A Difference". Victoria wanted to give "kids" that are less fortunate "a toy". She chose the H.I.S. House kids. Her CCD class from St. Julianna's Catholic church donated a few toys, but her Grandmother Delores Gilbert and mom Leanna assisted her in collecting 25 stuffed animals. Victoria enjoyed setting the animals

on our toy chest for the kids to "choose the one they loved" Thanks, Victoria.

**Mark and Julie** representing the Western State College of Law Christian Legal Society brought enough baskets filled to the brim with age specific goodies. This group has adopted the H.I.S House kids during Easter for the past four years Thank you for your continued support. ❖

### Eagle and Girl (Scouts) descend on H.I.S. House

I am sure many of you reading this newsletter were or know a Eagle or Girl Scout. If you do, you know that they are kind, thoughtful, respectful and have a heart for helping others. That is just what these two people decided to do when they chose H.I.S. House for their respective projects.

**Kevin Bennett** wanted to make sure his project would "really" help the safety of the kids who live in H.I.S. House. So, he decided to build a fence around our front planter. This fence has a gate, so that if a young

child exits the front door of the shelter he/she will not be able to run directly into the parking lot. Kevin also wished to beautify the front planter. Kevin along with members of troop 1740, parents and grandparents installed sprinklers and a standard size **Orange** tree. His project will be complete in a couple of weeks when the sod is planted. Thanks, Kevin!

**Lauren Gamache**, a Girl Scout earning her Silver Award came up with a creative and what serves as a decoration and a memento to the children who

stay in H.I.S. House. A "hand print" border surrounding the entire living room. Lauren's Dad cut beautiful pieces of moulding which borders the hand prints. Saturday, April 21 Lauren and her Mom and Dad arrived with pastel colored wall paint and paper plates. Each child chose a color and dipped one hand in the paint and probably for the first time in their lives they were encouraged to put their hand print on the wall. Come by and see our colorful wall! Thanks Lauren & Mr. & Mrs. G. ❖

### Local church members give of their time & talents

When church groups call and ask, "do you have any projects our church group can do for you" the shelter director immediately says " yes, can you paint? That's exactly what **Danny White the new Pastor** from Yorba Linda Presbyterian and his group did on St. Patrick's Day. They came in and painted the living room a lovely shade of what I call

buttercream! It looks fabulous and boy did it need it! Thank you!

We were blessed again on March 31 by a group from **EV Free Church in Fullerton** lead by **Curtis Goodman**. They brought their paint brushes and painted all of the interior doors and trim in the living room. Thus ending the need for

fresh paint, for now!

Lastly, Linda Grimm and the EV Free Ladies from the Pursuit Bible Study Group faux painted our downstairs bath in the main house, planted flowers, hung wallpaper and installed some new drawer pulls on our linen cabinet upstairs! You should see the faux paint! It looks fantastic! Thanks ladies!❖

**View from the Corner Chair** By Jeannine Ford

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

In December 2006, H.I.S. House sent a letter out to the attention of our supporters asking to make a tax deductible donation to our "Family to Family" program before the end of the year.

Our "Family to Family" program helps provide funding for the general operation of the shelter. This program was created in 2002 by families who wish to support the families living in H.I.S. House. In 2006 we assisted 32 families nine singles and one couple toward self-sufficiency. Three of the major and largest budget items are our professional staffing; childcare expenses, that will allow the parents to work and save money for permanent housing without paying for day care expenses; and shelter utilities, gas, water and electric.

Your response to the "Family to Family" letter was very generous indeed! As of

January, 2007, a total of \$8,942 in tax deductible donations has been received from all of our loyal supporters.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Director of H.I.S. House and staff and especially the residents of the Shelter, thank you so very much for your continued support of this program and the shelter.❖



*Brittany, Tyler & Sam celebrate Tyler's 3rd Birthday! They graduated and moved into their own apartment on April 1.*

*Congratulations!*

**FAMILY 1 Credit Union Friends and Fun "Week of Celebration"**

A Big thank you to Patricia White and her staff for inviting H.I.S. House and Charity's Closet to set up displays in the Credit Union on March 29. All of the employees wore fashions purchased or loaned from Charity's Closet. The gals and Geoff chose attractive outfits and Michelle made name tags explaining just where their outfits were purchased or "loaned".

Thanks again, Patricia!



Family 1 Employees all dressed up. Look at those hats!

H.I.S. House is in need of household appliances, dishes twin sheets, blankets and gently used towels!

**Charity's Closet celebrates its volunteers and one year in business.**

Monday, March 5 Charity's Closet Volunteers were recognized at a luncheon held at the Los Coyotes Golf Club. Cynthia Marshall and Barbara Goff honored each volunteer and bestowed the honor of outstanding volunteer to **Jane Seymour** for her energy and tireless efforts on behalf of Charity's Closet.

**Teri Niebuhr, H.I.S. House Director and Jeannine Ford, Board Chair** presented Managers, **Barbara Goff** and **Cynthia Marshall** with well deserved gift certificates to the Summit House Restaurant.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and Residents of H.I.S. House thank you to all of our Charity's Closet volunteers.



Barbara Goff & Cynthia Marshall

**Happy Anniversary!**



Deanne Shimizu, Jackie Shumway, Mary Beth Griggs & Marlene Stewart

*Volunteers are the Earth's Angels*

**DID YOU KNOW...**

that Marilyn Colonnier is not only the Office Manager and Bookkeeper at Placentia Presbyterian, she is also the H.I.S. House Payroll and Human Resource Department. Marilyn has been the "head" of these departments for eight years.

Marilyn joined PPC in 1971, and is the mother of two grown active parishioners of PPC. She is also the proud grandmother of 9 month old NOAH. As you can see, Marilyn wears many hats at PPC and H.I.S. House. We wish to take this opportunity

to officially THANK HER for all of the time she spends taking care of our payroll and human resource needs. We appreciate you, Marilyn!❖



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### Case Note

**By Angel Monestere, Case Manager**

Being an employee of H.I.S. House is awe-inspiring and personally challenging as well a "continuing education" experience. On a daily basis I may interact with Orange County Social Services, various legal agencies, the O.C. housing authority, childcare providers other shelter administrators and the homeless population seeking shelter. I also become an explorer of resources, a detective, when checking client references, and a big brother/counselor when conducting case management meetings with residents. Truly, there is never a boring moment. Maybe if all of the residents were away from the shelter for the day, and I caught up with all of my work and the phones were out of order, then I might experience boredom. The chance of that ever happening is unlikely. Never the less, there is never a lack of duties and activities in and around H.I.S. House.

There is one thing that does *not* cease to amaze me and that is all of the community support we receive. The donations range from monetary to handmade items to volunteers spending two to five hours per day wherever needed. For instance, we receive monetary donations that come from many different sectors of our community, hospitals, the law enforcement agency, financial institutions, department stores, churches and families. There are groups who sew quilts and turtle pillows for our children. There are families that supply us with pillows; hospitality baskets for the adults and children. One of the ladies even sews a pillow case for each pillow she donates. We have several individuals who are creative shoppers purchasing food and household items that have been marked down or using coupons and getting two for the price of one from local department and grocery stores. We have several local high schools that host parties for the children and conduct canned food drives. The many religious organizations throughout O.C. that volunteer and perform a variety of service projects, such as house repairs and minor renovations, hosting craft activities for the children, serving meals, and even bringing in live entertainment, especially around the holidays. There are a couple of programs like the S.T.A.R. committee, which monitors our graduates and the R.S.V.P.'s who mentor our adult residents, each are exclusively comprised of volunteers. The many families who donate furniture, beds, linens, hygiene products, clothes, toys and the list just keeps growing. There are the local girl scouts and boy scouts too!

There are people whom I call the "secret donors," only because they just drop stuff off and leave without saying anything. The other day I was on the phone when a lady drove up to the house and unloaded a plastic tub of clothing, most of the items still had the sales tags on them, and before I could get up to help, she had driven away. These donors are like angels in disguise!

Note: There are individuals that volunteer their time to help us out in the office doing a number of assorted projects as well as day-to-day duties. The CSUF interns spend 120 hours per semester learning about the homeless population while spending time in the office or assisting children with their studies during "Homework Club" sponsored by the Placentia Library. With all of the support we receive it makes our jobs a lot easier. I consider all of you to be angels, those who manifest goodness, purity, and selflessness to help others.

*All of you are appreciated and respected. I would like to say "thank you" to all of you who go out of your way to help us help others.*