



# Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home

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Dinner; September 11,  
'16 at Dante Club

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### PUT YOUR GIFT TO WORK IN VARIOUS WAYS

#### **[CASH OR CREDIT CARD]**

**[MATCHING GIFTS]** IF YOUR EMPLOYER MATCHES GIFTS, ENCLOSE A "MATCHING GIFT FORM" WITH YOUR DONATION.

**[UNITED WAY DONATIONS]** EARMARK YOUR DONATION FOR BGMH BY CALLING "UNITED WAY" AT 916-368-3000, OUR CODE NUMBER IS 29694. YOU CAN DO THIS AT ANY TIME.

**[NAME YOUR DAY]** IT COSTS \$ 573.00 TO OPERATE BGMH EACH DAY. DONATE \$ 573.00 {or \$48/monthly} AND WE WILL NAME A DAY (*YOUR CHOICE OF DAY*) FOR YOU OR FOR ANY (*ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY, MEMORIAL OR OTHER SPECIAL DATE YOU CHOOSE*). WE ALSO OFFER PRAYERS FOR HALF-A-DAY FOR \$ 286.50 {or \$24/monthly}.

**[ESTATE PLANNING]** FOR GIFTS OF SECURITIES, STOCKS, BONDS, OR REAL ESTATE PHONE 916-665-1100 OR 916-832-4198.

**[BECOME A PLEDGER]** FOR BGMH -TO BECOME A MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY PLEDGER, SIMPLY COMPLETE THE ATTACHED COUPON.

**[BE A VOLUNTEER]** WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR MENTORING, TRANSPORTATION TO & FROM MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS & HELP AROUND THE HOME, OFFICE OR YARD.

#### Become a Pledger for

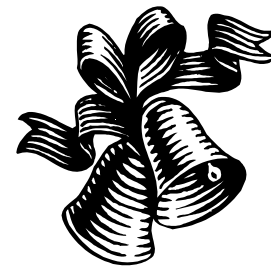
#### *Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home*

If you want to become a monthly or quarterly Donor, fill this coupon out and return it in the attached envelope with your first pledge check.

I/We pledge: \_\_\_\_\_ monthly.

I/We pledge: \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly.

Those who pledge, will be sent a supply of envelopes. Thanks.



## Crystal's Story ...

Hello, my name is Crystal Lena Stinson and I am 33 years old and I'm going to tell you about my journey to Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. A journey that will forever be in my mind and heart and that I can't wait to tell my little Anna Marie about. Right before coming to BGMH I was in a four month Residential treatment program which marked the start of the beginning of my new life; my clean and sober life. After finishing the program, I had planned, like all the other girls who had finished the program successfully, would continue to Mather transitional living program. Two days before leaving the program I was told I was going to BGMH, a place I had already put out of my mind because I had been on the list since I started the program, but every time I ask about it they say it is still full. Now that I finished the program I looked forward to going with the close friends I had made to Mather: So when they told me I was going to BGMH because of my high risk pregnancy I was really hurt and upset.

When they dropped me off I had made up my mind I wasn't going to like it instead of realizing it was God's plan for me. Grandma Lenore was the first person I met who kindly showed me to my room where all I did was cry. Then I met Miss Anita, she asked me to hop in the van with her and go for a ride. She said any time you're sad just hop in the van with me. I couldn't help but smile at that kind woman.

A few days later I was at an event downtown called Recovery Happens; I found myself walking through Cathedral Square when I looked up and all around me were these

posts with signs on them that said Bishop Gallegos. I instantly got chills; I did not know that he had his own little square and surely not a coincidence that I found myself on it. I knew right then I was where I was supposed to be, right where God wanted me to be at BGMH. Three days later, September 5, 2015, I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl who I named Anna Marie, a name that just came to me after I saw her. The name I planned all along was Lillianna, but when I saw her, she was Anna Marie. She stayed in the NICU for 3 weeks for monitoring because of medication I had to take while pregnant. After three weeks



they said she was doing well and was ready to go home. Less than a week later I noticed something seemed like she wasn't well, she was hardly eating anything & looked pale & grey. I called her doctor on Sunday; she said she couldn't possibly be grey and that NICU would have caught it if anything was seriously wrong. She said if I was still worried to come in on Monday. I hung up and called my friend to come right over, I was taking her to the hospital. I didn't care what the doctor said.

I knew something was wrong within minutes of them assessing her. More doctors starting coming in, all of a sudden it was a full room of doctors, nurses and two Cardiologists doing an ultrasound of her heart. I couldn't understand all of their medical terminology but I did catch it was congestive heart failure. I started freaking out; I had this horrible knot in my stomach. It seemed like forever before they explained to me that she had a rare heart defect called

"total anomalous pulmonary venous return". The doctor said if she didn't have surgery the next day she would die. Bringing her to the hospital saved her life. I knew I needed to be stronger than ever. When I had time to leave the hospital for a few minutes; I rushed home to BGMH. As soon as I walked in the door Sylvia was right there and right way, knew something was wrong. She hugged me and asked what was wrong; I could hardly speak from crying. I finally was able to say Anna was going to have open heart surgery and without it she would not survive, and even *with* surgery she might not make it. Sylvia ran and got Grandma Lenore. As I told her what was happening she too hugged me and told me she was going to make some phone calls for prayer. By evening there was an entire army of people praying for Anna Marie. Grandma Lenore also said I should have her baptized before surgery. Two hours before surgery Ann Marie had a full baptism. The five hours she was in surgery were the longest hours of my life, but somehow I knew she was going to be alright and when the doctor came out he let me know how much of a miracle she truly is. The surgery went better than expected because he explained that when a baby with her condition has waited this long to have the surgery that they would expect her to have some obstructions to her heart, but she didn't have any. She was in the hospital only a week and a half where she made a full recovery. I've had so much support from everyone at BGMH, support and love and now I truly know why God wanted me to be here at BGMH was to save Anna's life. This has been a journey that will forever remain in my heart and mind!

Sincerely with love,

Crystal Lena & Anna Marie Stinson

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, NOVEMBER 2015**

As we look forward to the upcoming holidays of Christmas & New Years it's time to reflect on all the blessings we have received in 2015. Again I'm sure many of these have come to you by way of family and friends. Hopefully our religious beliefs have cemented our good times this past year.

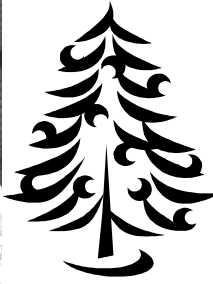
When I reflect on the birth of Christ, I can see a great similarity to our Ladies at BGMH who were able to avail themselves of the services we offers. As Mary & Joseph found "no room at the inn", our Ladies were in the same predicament. They were grateful to find such a welcoming place with us. Homeless, hungry, afraid & pregnant, they were able to come into our care. Our Director, Lenore Mullarkey and her staff stepped up and made them feel welcome. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the generosity of those, who like yourselves, supplied the prayerful support and finances necessary for us to continue our Mission. As you review this Newsletter, you will see what some of the results of our help to our Ladies consists of. With the photos of their/our babies, I'm sure you will have a warm spot in your heart and want to help them all the more.

With the past month's news of the sinister activities of Planned Parenthood, BGMH is a testimony to the lack of Abortions in our Ladies' lives. Just remember that with each of our baby's births, as with any woman who decides to have their baby, that's one Abortion that never materialize, God Bless their decision!!

I am aware that many of you review your financial situation around this time of the year and consider how you can participate in charitable giving. We are again asking that you open your hearts & pocketbooks and consider our needs. If you have any questions in this regard, please don't hesitate to call me at 916-665-1100.

Wishing you the best in 2016 and thanking you for your friendship, I remain,

Mark Splinter, President



**IN MEMORY OF**

- Henry Richter ..... by Amy Richter
- Bernadette Louise Muller McCord ..... by Margie Reilly
- Geraldine Patricia Duszynski ..... by Margie Reilly
- My Son "Mike" ..... by Jackie Huesing
- Richard White ..... by Eleanor Fenton
- Richard White ..... by Jane Erdman
- Richard White ..... by Michael & Mary McHale
- Richard White ..... by James & Cynthia Tickler
- Kubi Kubaszeuski .... by Lane Mayberry
- Kubi Kubaszeuski .... by Mark Splinter
- Tom Cheevers ..... by Mark
- Jesse James Alvarez . by Mark
- Vic Tolani ..... by Mark
- Lynn Hatch ..... by Mark
- Dick & Lynn Gury .... by Mark
- Alton Stewart ..... by Mark
- Ben DiMonti ..... by Michael & Mary McHale

**GET WELL**

- Joan Davis ..... by Mark Splinter
- Maureen Stakich .... by Mark
- Ed Lambert ..... by Mark
- Joan Healy ..... by Mark
- Judy Frey ..... by Mark

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
Matt & Dawn Splinter . from Dad

**HAPPY RETIREMENT**  
Fr. Dan Looney ..... by Mark Splinter



We are very appreciative of those who have made donations to BGMH in the memory of, or in honor of a loved one. This is a special way of remembering someone significant to you, while helping young mothers to choose life for their babies.

Dear Friends of BGMH,

This is my very favorite time of the year! It seems like everyone is happy and joyful. I love placing the Advent wreath on the table and the manger in the living room. I especially enjoy visits from the past residents and old friends.

We currently have a full house and a waiting list. We have seven babies, five boys and two girls. Anna Marie is recovering from her open heart surgery. She is another BGMH miracle. I feel as though every baby born at our home is a miracle!

We have had our first cooking class. We look forward to many more. The Knights of Malta have been very faithful in trying to improve the lives of our residents.

One of our past babies born at the home is now a teenager. I was able to meet him for the first time in 17 years a couple of weeks ago. His name is John. He is a tall, handsome young man and is quite the gentleman. His mother, Dana, said that he is going to World Youth Day with the Presentation Youth Group. Meeting former babies of BGMH when they become teenagers is one of the high points of my vocation. It doesn't get any better than that!!

I wish that each of you could experience a little bit of the joy that we receive every day at the home. That is my prayer for you. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holy New Year. In His Service, Lenore Mullarkey



*Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home* We received a Large Donation of Lighted Porcelain Christmas Buildings and Accessories:

- Dept. 56 Heritage Village Collection
- North Pole Village, Dickens' Village, a Christmas Carol Village
- The Twelve Days of Christmas Figurines and much more

INTERESTED TO BUY ALL OR PART PLEASE CONTACT MARY SCHAEFER (916) 988-3171



**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2015 ANNUAL DINNER**

The entire BGMH fundraiser dinner team would like to express our sincere gratitude for your support of the 2015 dinner. Many of you came to support the work of BGMH and pay tribute to the remarkable Richard White and his extensive and loving care of BGMH—many, many thanks!! With heartfelt gratefulness to every donor to the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home we would appreciate any feedback that would assist the team in planning for the Sept. 2016 dinner. We are also extending an invitation to you, as a supporter of BGMH, to join the 2016 BGMH Dinner planning team.

**2016 Dinner Wish List:**

- Donations to the Silent Auction such as: vacations homes, gourmet dinners, jewelry, etc.
- Volunteers to assist with acquiring silent auction items that will recoup plentiful contributions
- Volunteers to join the raffle/silent auction team to help with check-out at our dinner
- Co-dinner chair
- Co-decorations volunteers
- Set-up and tear-down volunteers
- Grand Raffle donation (minimum value \$300.)
- Creative ideas that improve the fundraising value of the dinner

Contact: Silent Auction Chair at: mschaefer\_1964@yahoo.com or Dinner Chair baxterkathy@hotmail.com (Kathy Baxter: 916-337-6824)



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