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PRESIDENT'S LETTER - SUMMER 2019

Good News! - BGMH ACQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL HOME

With much gratitude and joy, we are pleased to announce that BGMH recently acquired a third site from the Sacramento Diocese. The new site is a former convent on St. Anne's Catholic Church property, in South Sacramento, just 4 miles from our current home. The convent consists of 11 bedrooms in a 4700 sq. ft. home. This enables BGMH to increase its previous capacity for our homeless, pregnant women, from 15 to 26. It also allows us to better meet our mission of providing a safe environment to these women and their babies, prior to birth, and for three months after delivery. Their health and safety are always our primary concern. With this new home we're able to assist more young women who find themselves living in undesirable and unsafe places, such as under bridges and overpasses, vehicles, and on the streets. It has been our desire for some time, to expand, and through the generosity of Bishop Jaime Soto and the Catholic Diocese, we see our plans coming closer to fulfillment.

AN ORIGINAL BOARD MEMBER PASSES AWAY...

June Ruth Schott, sister of our previous Executive Director, Lenore Mullarkey, passed away peacefully in this month of June, at age 88. June was very instrumental in founding BGMH. She served in many BGMH Board Offices and was active until her passing. June was an active parishioner of St. Mel's Parish in Fair Oaks, served on the Board of the Legion of Mary, and was extremely devoted to the pro-life movement. For many years, the BGMH Board meetings were held in her home. Our extensive mailing list and bulletins were also her handiwork. May she rest in the love and peace of Our Lord. We are so grateful for all she did to help make the Home what it is today! (learn more inside)

ANNUAL FUND-RAISING DINNER: SEPTEMBER 8th at 6:00pm at McCLELLAN CENTER

This year our fundraising dinner will be at the McClellan Event Center! It's our Main Fundraiser for the home. As you can see from the enclosed flyer, we will be honoring the late, Bishop Francis Quinn, and the late, June Schott. Our keynote speaker is Kelly Brothers, whom I'm sure many of you are familiar with. The McClellan Center has ample parking and plenty of room for tables of 10. So, get your group together and join us for a great evening! We greatly appreciate your continued support! May God bless you!

Mark J Splinter, President

*Bishop Gallegos Annual
Fundraiser Dinner;
September 8, 2019
at the McClellan
Conference Center*

HOW YOU CAN HELP... PUT YOUR GIFT TO WORK IN VARIOUS WAYS!

CASH OR CREDIT CARD welcomed



MATCHING GIFTS: If your employer matches gifts, please enclose a "Matching Gift Form" with your donation.

UNITED WAY DONATIONS: Earmark your donation for BGMH by calling "United Way": 916-368-3000. Our Code # is 29694. You can do this at any time.

NAME YOUR DAY: It costs \$900.00 per day to operate BGMH. By donating \$900.00 yearly or \$75 monthly, we will name a day of your choice, for you or anyone, honoring an anniversary, birthday, memorial or other special occasion.

ESTATE PLANNING: For gifts of securities, stocks, bonds or real estate, please call: 916-665-1100 or 916-832-4198.

BECOME A PLEDGER: To become a monthly or quarterly pledger, please complete the coupon to the right.

BE A VOLUNTEER: We always need volunteers for mentoring, transportation to and from medical appointments, and help around the home, office or yard.

Your donation is tax-deductable. Our Tax ID is 68-0315971.

**Become a Pledger for
Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home**
If you want to become a monthly or quarterly Donor, please fill out this coupon & 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. Thank you.



Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home's

2019 Angel's Scoreboard

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Boys	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Girls	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Girls 5 Boys 7

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Board of Directors

President	Mark Splinter
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Goodbye, Dear Friend!

We are sad to report that on June 7, 2019, June Schott, Lenore Mullarkey's sister, passed away. She was one of the founding members of BGMH and served on the Board of Directors its entire existence, until shortly before her death. ♦ When Bishop Quinn approached *Catholics for Life* about starting a home for unwed mothers, June and her fellow pro-lifers ran with it. It was June who asked her sister, Lenore, to relocate from Massachusetts and become the live-in director of the Home. Lenore said that without June's encouragement and support, her years there would never have happened.

June was the backbone of a very large family and her home was headquarters for most family events. It was she that everyone checked in with, to find out the family news and events. So, beautifully, she was surrounded by loving family at her death.

For many years she worked as a Fingerprint Specialist at the State of California Department of Justice in Sacramento. She was also a volunteer Deputy for the Sheriff's Department and known to be skilled with her firearm!

She was an active member of St Mel's Catholic Church in Fair Oaks, the Legion of Mary, and of course, the Pro-Life Movement. June spent many hours and days praying outside abortion clinics in Sacramento. She was not deterred by the anger or obscenities directed at those who were there to pray. One morning a car pulled up and a young woman said, "I want you to know that I came here last year for an abortion, but because you were here praying, I could not go through with it. Today I have a darling little girl. I am so thankful for those of you that come out to pray."

June's passions were her Catholic Faith, her family and Pro-Life. She was a prayer warrior and was the first person many people would call if they needed prayers. She made pilgrimages to all the major shrines in Europe and the United States. May she now rest in peace with Our Lord, whom she loved so much. June, you will live forever in our hearts and in the heart of the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home.



Dear Friends of BGMH,

Life moves pretty fast at BGMH...in the blink of an eye, it seems we are over halfway through the year, and I am quickly approaching my first anniversary! As I mentioned previously, there is non-stop activity at the home. Not only do we have our regular day to day classes, appointments, and meetings with our residents, but we also have numerous other events and volunteer projects that help make BGMH feel like home and keep it looking beautiful.

Spring was a buzz with such activity. First, we had a talented group from Christian Brothers High School come share their gifts by painting two murals in our resident bedrooms. It was a privilege to see the talents Our Lord has blessed these young women and men with, and we are so thankful to them for sharing their artful vision with us. Next, we had a wonderful improvement project organized by our superman, Coach J Posas. Coach J came to us at the end of last year to volunteer his time for BGMH; and he is truly a treasure! Coach J, along with his friends, organized our Christmas Santa visit and gift distribution. He and his faithful friend Fernando, come and tend our yards weekly, and the day before Easter, Coach J did it again, he wrangled District Council 16 – International Union of Painters and Allied Trades people, to come spruce up the place with paint projects. He also enlisted help from his friend, Jonnett Nasca, her brother Frank Nasca, and niece Syrina, to concrete our new walkway to our office door. Not only did Coach J find all this help, but he also managed to get all the supplies for these projects DONATED! We could never thank Coach J enough; he is such a blessing!

I also got to celebrate some more firsts at BGMH. Easter was a fantastic team effort: my children filled Easter eggs and distributed them in the yard for our "hunt", our residents made side dishes, our staff (and my mom) made our entrees, and the Easter Bunny even left some stuffed bunnies for our residents! It was a beautiful Spring day to share with our residents, my family, and friends of BGMH! We also celebrated Mother's Day with a wonderful Mass and brunch with our friends from the Knights of Malta. Finally, The Commons in Elk Grove, hosted an awesome baby shower for our residents! Every detail of the shower was executed to perfection; from the table displays, the games, the food, and the cute and delicious cake. The effort, thought, and love they put into our party was evident everywhere we turned, not a single detail was overlooked.

We at BGMH are so tremendously blessed by all the support we've received from merchants, other community groups, our volunteers, and our benefactors; we certainly couldn't provide this tremendous home and services without you.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you! May He let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! May the Lord look kindly upon you and give you His peace!" Numbers 6:24-26

Peace and love be with you,

Paulette Wyllie



Emily's Story

At the end of 2016, during a debilitating financial crisis, I lost my home that I had for almost 8 years (by eviction), my car repossessed, even my U-Haul was stolen from the parking lot on the last night that I had to move everything out. Most of all, all that I had worked so hard to possess over the years, was suddenly gone. I thought that things could only get better, as for me, that was hitting rock bottom. I ushered in 2017 with the sadness of much lost, but with hope of rebuilding an even better future.

With the onset of 2017, the love of my life returned with the promise of a wonderful future. However, instead of regaining any of that which I had lost, I continued to lose and found myself entangled in an abusive relationship that would ultimately leave me pregnant and out on the street. In 2018, I conceived a miracle, but endured 10.5 months of the most painful, constantly sick and highly stressful pregnancy that one could think of. Going on 9 months pregnant, I was suddenly left out in the rain with nothing but what clothes I had on for a little over a week. I was freezing, alone, and getting weaker with each passing day. After spending a couple nights in a cardboard box, barely able to move, the realization hit that the man I loved dearly and whose unborn child I carried, was not returning to get me. I finally called 9-1-1.

March 2019, I was admitted to the hospital for several days. I left Sutter General and came to where it is that I am still today, Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. On May 4th, 2019, I gave birth to my precious son. Given the opportunity at a new beginning through the Housing Support Program, I am now in search of a 2-bedroom home located in Sacramento. Guaranteed 1 year of rental payment assistance and the money required to move in covered, is just what I needed to regain my footing in rebuilding a solid foundation of success for both my son and me. Bishop Gallegos not only gave me a safe haven throughout my stay, it has also provided me with the support and resources needed to once again have a home of my own. Bishop Gallegos has become the light in the dark, restoring the hope that my once dreamed future can still come true.



IN MEMORY OF:

Leona Riddle, mother of Board Member, Kathy Baxter, **Andrew Scot Doughty, & Bill MacLaughlin** by Mark Splinter



David Leatherby, Sr. by Margaret Reilly

William H. MacLaughlin by Mark Splinter and Maggie White

All Babies Never Given a Chance for Life by Marjorie and Mark Whyte

Bishop Francis Quinn by Margaret Reilly

Robert and Virginia Vopacke by Margaret Reilly

June Schott by Helen Boyd, Linda and Richard Foster, Doris Giorgi, Gail Johnson, Janet McCoy, Carol and Robert Schoner, Mark Splinter, Diana Vriend, Renee & Terry Bowles

Virginia and Gerald Finke by Anita Pennington

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 choose life for their babies.

In Honor Of:

John C. Ledna, and Wynette and Ed Sills by Margaret Reilly

The birth of our first granddaughter Carolina Grace Whyte by Marjorie and Mark Whyte

Reba Maestas by Yolanda Maestas

Happy Birthday:

Father Dan Madigan (?) by Mark Splinter • **Gail Johnson (July 14)** by Jeannette Imbsen