

# Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Summer 2023 Newsletter

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**Summer 2023**

Dear Friends of Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home,

We are but two months away, from having our Annual Formal Dinner fundraiser. The date is set, the caterer is booked, and now all we need is for all of you to buy your tickets (coming soon) and attend. Last year's Dinner was a fabulous success as we raised \$22,334.09 for our ministry of helping mothers in need and their infants. I know in my heart that this year's event will be just as great.

In the meantime, your board members and staff continue to offer a home of peace, support and direction for our residents and their families. We are currently in the process of acquiring additional volunteer counselors in areas of substance abuse, trauma, and emotional support through community partnerships with other organizations and social services. We are also working on repairing the fence to one of our homes, getting ramps installed for easier access, and I am happy to report that the beautiful mosaic of Bishop Gallegos, donated by our late board president Mark Splinter, is now hanging at one of our homes for all to enjoy.



This coming year will bring about a few changes. Although we acquired some new donors, inflation is raising our costs. To be more fiscal with the limited funds that we have, we are implementing a new digital format in terms of communicating our cause. Simply put, we need to reach more donors to champion our cause to be able to continue to provide our services for expectant mothers in need. A twice a year newsletter is insufficient. However, a more frequent newsletter sent via email is much more cost effective. Once we get our digital newsletter up and running, I simply request that you share our newsletter with your email contacts to spread the word of Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. We need to broaden our scope so that our resident numbers and our contribution base, both increase. I invite you all to visit the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home website at [BGMHSacramento.org](http://BGMHSacramento.org) for more information and to provide your email address. Once our digital newsletter is up and running, you will receive more frequent updates as to the happenings at our homes, and we will be able to share photos, and information about upcoming events to our contributors and friends.

That is all for now. I hope to see all of you at our dinner on September 10, 2023.

God Bless,

Monica Brushia, President.



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### Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home's

#### \*\* 2023\*\* Angel's Scoreboard

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Boys</b>	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Girls</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Girls 1 Boys 4**

Dear Friends of BGMH,

I hope you are all well and were able to enjoy our prolonged Spring weather! I know we have had a wonderful time establishing our annual garden with the help and support from the “Given To Us” ministry of Holy Spirit Church, Sacramento. The garden is a peaceful respite from some of our resident’s daily life challenges and concerns. I’m sure some of you share that experience in your own gardens as well.

We had some little volunteers from St. Patrick’s school come and help us around the house this spring sorting canned food donations and doing some work in the garden. It is so wonderful for students to get to know about our ministry and see that our home and our residents are very similar to their own home and family.

I am thrilled to announce our former resident and Transitional Home Manager, Caitlin received her high school diploma! Caitlin started this education program just like some of our residents, and even through her pregnancy, continued to work on her classes. Her dedication to her studies was commendable and I am happy to say she is now ready to continue this path and is now pursuing higher education. Congratulations, Caitlin, we are so happy for all your accomplishments, and pray for your future success!

I recently came across a quote that reminded me of BGMH, “The sense of family comes from the commitment we make to each other to work through the hard times, so we can enjoy the good ones. It comes from the love that binds us; that’s what makes a family.” And speaking of family, we got the privilege to host our BGMH baby Brandon’s 4th birthday along with his mom, Emily. It was great to see him and our other former resident Trish and her son Nathan! It is so heartwarming to witness the beginnings of what could be lifelong friendships. We also got to celebrate my five-year anniversary at BGMH. It is always fun to reminisce about my early days at BGMH, the challenges and the funny times we have shared. I am honored to work alongside my staff and our residents through our hard times, and celebrate the good times.

It is because of your prayers and contributions, we at Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home can provide a home where expectant mothers feel the love and acceptance of a caring family to help them through some very hard times and celebrate their successes and the lives they bring into this world.

Thank you so much for your support and love; after all we are brothers and sisters in Christ, and as family we spread God’s transformative love to others. I pray the Lord bless each of you and your loved ones!

Light, love, and blessings,  
Paulette Wyllie



Current Resident: Tracy

“A Slice of Heaven on Earth”

I was forced to leave my place of residence because I had faced a series of attacks for praying, preaching and simply reading my Bible. I was not sure where I was going to go or do when I left. I ended up getting into a shelter for women for a couple of weeks. I was informed by 211 and DCR (Department of Community Response) about Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. I reached out to the program and I am very happy I did! I moved to BGMH in May 2023 at 17 weeks pregnant. Since I have been in BGMH program I have had a chance to reconnect with nature through working in the beautiful garden; helping me grow spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically! I absolutely love it her. I feel safe and am able to build more confidence in becoming a first-time mom, due to the wonderful and helpful parenting/child development class and staff. I appreciate the safe-haven BGMH has created. Thank you all for your help and support!





**Former Resident Update: Lalani & Kalani**

Our former resident, Jessie, came to us at the start of the pandemic in 2020 expecting twin girls. She welcomed the girls just a month after her arrival at BGMH. She then was accepted into the BGMH Transitional Living program a few months later. Jessie was in the transitional program briefly when she was able to secure housing, and left in the fall. Unfortunately, the following spring Jessie was killed in a motor vehicle accident, but her twin girls, who were also in the car, survived.

The girls are now living with their father, Jeff, and are doing wonderfully. Jeff checks in with us every so often to update us on the girls, and just like our former residents, he knows where to go when he needs gently used baby items for the girls. He also keeps the memory of their mother, Jessie, alive for them. The girls just turned three this spring and have been working on potty training. They are almost there! Lalani & Kalani enjoy their daycare/ preschool program and love going to the park to play. Please keep the girls, their family, and Jessie in your prayers.



Jessie & Her Twins:  
Lalani & Kalani

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**February - June 2023:**

**In Memory of:**

- Richard Lucich by James Sequeira • Regina Ann Ruport by John Ruport
- Perfecto Miranda by Lane Mayberry • Floyd Davis by Maria Davis
- Deacon Gil Parra by Helen Parra • Mom in Heaven by Raymond Fischbach
- Billy Lyons by Philomena Sobierajski • May and Nate Bollong by Clifton Bollong
- Richard "Buck" Bowers by Terry and Eileen Sutfins • Father Patrick Lee by Kimberly Byram
- Soledad Voss by Jay and Maria Cospers • Chester Kubaszewski by Arlene Kubaszewski
- Peter Collier by Mary G. Collier • Betty Ann Lambert by Leon Lambert
- Louise Melton by Gail Johnson • Mary Mandara by Margie Reilly
- J. Frans and Marie Veling by Thomas and Suzanne Barrett • Mom by Marjorie Whyte
- Spears-Neely-Smith by Kathleen Leites
- Jeannette Sleight 49th Anniversary of Death April 20, 1974 by Donna Hopkins

**In Honor Of:**

- Nellie Sayles McCall and Katherine Edic by William McCall
- Bea and Jack Withrow by Wayne Withrow

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Father Dan Madigan, thanks for the work you do & congratulations on your ordination anniversary!  
Donors: Eileen Sapnaro, Lane Mayberry, Bessie and Eugene Arena

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:**

- Carol Hoff and Valerie Hirsh by Dwight and Lucy Hirsh
- Mariela Santana by James Burger
- Moms and babies of the Home! by Matthew Sanders and Gregg Gilles
- Prayers for Emily by John and Teresa Shanahan
- Father Dan Madigan by Bruce and Joan Barber
- St. Mel Parish, Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe Members
- Joyce & Bill Savage 67th Anniversary
- Diane Welsh Family
- For the Health of Father Bob Copsey

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.



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**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.

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**ESTATE PLANNING:** For gifts of securities, stocks, bonds or real estate, please call: 916-395-9370.

**BECOME A PLEDGER:** To become a monthly or quarterly pledger, please complete the coupon to the right or via the website – [www.bgmhsacramento.org](http://www.bgmhsacramento.org).

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

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