



# Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home

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# Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Summer 2020 Newsletter

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**Summer 2020**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with much regret that I must say we will not be able to come together for fellowship and fundraising this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The BGMH Board of Directors voted in favor of cancelling our 14th Annual Fundraising Dinner. We value the health and safety of our supporters, their friends, our residents and staff and we do not want someone to fall ill because they attended our event. We thank you for your continuous support of our mission; we know that many of our supporters have been adversely impacted by the pandemic. Many people have lost jobs, fallen ill, or even lost loved ones. Please know that you are always in our daily prayers at BGMH. Although many businesses have closed or have limited hours, BGMH is still providing residents with food, shelter, clothing, rides to doctor appointments, and supportive companionship. We must continue to provide the care to the vulnerable women and babies in the Sacramento area and we can only do so with your help and prayers.

Although the dinner is cancelled, we are excited to announce our BGMH Together Apart Raffle! It's our same annual raffle with the pandemic in mind. Enclosed you will find an information Flyer on the raffle and raffle tickets. We pray that you are able to help support the home by participating in the raffle this year; but if you are unable to contribute financially, your daily prayers are always needed and very much appreciated.

Then watch the drawing for the winners on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 6:00pm by clicking the link:

[https://www.instagram.com/bishop\\_gallegos\\_maternity\\_home/](https://www.instagram.com/bishop_gallegos_maternity_home/)

God bless you for all you have done for us, and please know how much our moms and their newborn babies, as well as our staff, appreciate your kindness. Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely,  
*Mark Splinter*  
Mark J Splinter  
Board President



Baptism of Emily's Son, Brandon, Pentecost Sunday

## 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 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.

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

### \*\*2020\*\* 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>	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Girls 3 Boys 4

Dear Friends of BGMH,

Oh, how the world has changed since our last newsletter; and although the world has changed, there are so many things that remain the same. Since COVID hit the Sacramento area in March, we all have experienced one or more feelings of fear, uncertainty, anxiety and frustration during this unprecedented time. Imagine having three homes with moms and babies and trying to find toilet paper, paper towels, sanitizer, and cleansers or being pregnant and bringing home your newborn today. Most new moms are already worried about germs and their baby falling ill, but to know there is a new virus that no one really knows much about, it can be overwhelming. Thanks to supporters like you, we at BGMH are still able to meet the physical and emotional needs of our residents.

Despite the fact that all our program partners are unable to provide services at the home, our BGMH staff has stepped up to provide our residents with other on-site opportunities to feel productive and gain knowledge. Our residents at the new transitional home have also not let the virus curtail their progress. Those mothers are either working in essential service capacities or pursuing their education online.

Please know that we keep all of you in our daily prayers during devotions. We are aware that all of our supporters have been affected by this virus physically, emotionally, and/or financially. We know that there will be more difficult times ahead and as long as we continue to be good stewards of the gifts that have been shared with us we know we will get through this time. No matter the challenges or struggles we are so blessed to have the constant reminder of God's beauty and grace in the world with each baby that we welcome home to BGMH. Thank you again for your continued support of our ministry.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones!

Peace and love be with you,

Paulette Wyllie

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Name Your Day of Giving:**

Thomas & Suzanne Barrett (In Memory of Marie Veling)  
Tom & Dana Henderson • Jesus & Mary Tarango

**In Memory of:**

Alan & Jane Patterson from Shirley Styczynski • Jim Delaney from Mark Splinter  
Patricia Splinter from Jean Autrey • Joanna Bailey from Roger Bailey  
May & Nate Bollong from Clifton Bollong • Brad Johnson from Mark Splinter  
John Payne from Effie Payne • Phyllis Lee from Chris Lee

**Donations:**

Dola Albusche • Megan Brand | Brendan Cudden • Phillip Clevenger • Melvyn & Gina Goveas  
Darrell & Jessica Ng • George & Teresa Peres • Edward & Mary Schoeder • St. Joseph's Charities  
Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish • Order of the Malta

**In Honor Of:**

Shirley Styczynski by Robert Styczynski • Father Dan Madigan by Don & Michele Joe  
Lenore Mullarkey by Jamie Perez • George Papotto by Janice Papotto  
Mary D. Valine by Judy Frey • Maureen Craig by Lynn H. King  
Father Charles Brady by Brian O'Hearn • Patricia Splinter by Don & Michele Joe and Jean Autrey  
Joanna Bailey by Roger Bailey • May and Nate Bollong by Clifton Bollong  
Brad Johnson by Mark Splinter • John Payne by Effie Payne • Phyllis Lee by Chris Lee  
Shirley Styczynski by Robert Styczynski • Jim Delaney by Mark Splinter  
Jeanette & Donald Sleight by D S Hopkins • Robert & Mary Daley by Maureen Daley  
KPC - St. Anne – Unit 175 by Knights of Peter Claver – WSD

**Wishes for Recovery from illness:**

Lisa Cox & Family from Mark Splinter

**Happy Birthday**

Father Dan Madigan from Lane Mayberry

**Happy Anniversary**

Happy 50th Anniversary Father Boles from 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 choose life for their babies.

**Sabrina's Story**

My name is Sabrina and I am from Martinez County in the bay area. My mom and dad had 4 kids together and another by someone else. My dad raised her from the age of 7 on. There were 4 girls and 1 boy. I am the second oldest. Growing up I remember my dad's abuse of alcohol and his abusive behavior toward my mother. However, I also am privileged to have seen the man my father became with his sobriety which he maintained for 26 years until he passed away two years ago this September the 7th. I think it was these events and the birth of my own children that were very important events in my life.

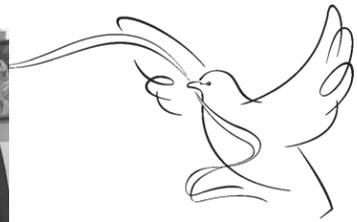
I found BGMH when the father of my new born baby had put me out when I was 5 months pregnant. I called WEAVE late at night and they had no room, so they sent me to the crisis center for 23 hours. The ladies there gave me a "street sheet," BGMH was second on the list. I called and told them what the father of my unborn baby had done to me. They said they would call me back to see if they had a room for me. A couple of hours later they called and asked if I had a way to get to them. I didn't so they sent Miss Caitlin to get me. I was so glad they did, and I was not on the street for long.

I felt very nervous and did not know what to think about BGMH when I arrived. All these people were scary and new to me. This new house with so many rules and meetings were a big change. I am, glad they have those things because I am clean and sober because I came here.

Daily we have chores and devotions. The people here are a great support. They don't judge at all. Miss Sharrie was hard on me at first (at least that's what I thought). She made me go into outpatient treatment. I am so grateful for that, because of her I am a different person. I am 120 days clean and sober and I know that I do not have an open CPS case with my new baby because I came to BGMH. It was hard to follow the rules at first and I wanted to just give up a couple of times. Now, I don't want to leave. The staff treat you like family, they really care, I love this place. Miss Paulette is the best, all the staff is, there is no judgement, they are here for you. There is no place out there like BGMH.

I came here 5 months pregnant and now I have my healthy baby boy; Zaiden Stanley, born June 5, 2019. It is a little hard being 35 years old with a newborn, but he is the best thing that happened to me. He is a good baby and we have the best support at BGMH. Even though I am not sure what is next for us, I do get a lot of resources. It is very difficult finding a place to go next, but I am always encouraged and know I must not give up, and I keep reaching out and moving forward.

My main goal is to find housing for myself and my other 4 kids. To do that I just need to deal with each day at a time. Miss Paulette meets with us, one on one each week, and reminds us of the successes we have accomplished while being here, and encourages us to keep moving forward. BGMH is a place that helps mothers that need help and want to help themselves. BGMH saved me, and I am doing way better since getting here March 19, 2019. BGMH is not a shelter, it is a home.



"Confirm us in Your grace... and guide us in distress, and free us from all sin, til Heaven we possess!"

(A Mighty Fortress is Our God)

**Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Board of Directors**

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