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EVANGEL HOME

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EVANGEL HOME

Ministering to homeless women & children since 1955

Summer 2019

"It will be a shelter from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain."

Isaiah 4:6



Christ Leads

People Care

Lives Change

From the DIRECTOR

Sarah Dawson



Thank you for being one of the many people who love Evangel Home and love our staff. A significant number of you have asked how I am doing in this new role as director. Following are some frequently asked questions and my responses.

How are you doing?

Six months has flown by and I still love my job! At the banquet last year, someone noticed that I had lots of energy and smiled frequently. They commented that after a year I wouldn't be smiling or have that kind of energy. Well, so far I love what I do more and more each day and the smile has not diminished. Sure, there are things that are challenging and at times I want to avoid them but, at the end of the day, this is the most amazing job ever!

What do you like about your job?

The easy answer is everything! Variety—it's constantly changing and there is so much to learn. I love that I come to work and speak freely about Jesus and that God has uniquely equipped me with certain gifts and abilities that I get to use everyday to bring Him glory. It is never boring!

- **Co-workers:** *This amazing staff has absolutely been called and equipped by God to love Him, each other, and our clients. We have different personalities and we don't always see eye-to-eye. What I love is that we do not give up on each other and we find a way to reconcile, when necessary, to improve our relationships in the future.*
- **Board:** *The board is awesome! We have so much fun at the meetings and I leave encouraged and excited. Early on, the board told me that my job is to listen to the Holy Spirit and if that is done, everything else will fall into place. That has been so true. I have watched God provide the time, the words, and the people needed to accomplish the tasks that need to be completed.*
- **Volunteers and Donors:** *I am so amazed by people's generosity of their time and resources to make this Home even better. The moments when I get to meet you are simply delightful. If I haven't met you yet, please come by and say, "Hi!"*

What has been your greatest challenge so far?

I'd like to share about a one-time challenge and an ongoing challenge.

The one-time challenge began on a mid-January Saturday morning (with only two weeks under my belt as director). I received a message that one of our buildings had been broken into while being tented for termites. Thankfully,

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Memorial & Honoraria Donations

If you would like to remember a loved one with a memorial donation or honor a special person or milestone through a gift to Evangel Home, please complete the following form.

Honoraria

Memorial

Name of deceased or honoree

Honoraria occasion (optional)

Send acknowledgement card to:

Address

City

State

Zip

Remembered by (your name):

Address

City

State

Zip

Amount Enclosed \$ _____	Mail completed form to: EVANGEL HOME 137 N. Yosemite Fresno, CA 93701
Checks may be made payable to: EVANGEL HOME	

You are invited to schedule a Summer Bite of Lunch & Tour!

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Summer is the perfect time for your church group, service club or family to discover and experience Evangel Home in a very unique way.

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You and your guests will enjoy having lunch (with our staff and residents) preceded by a private tour of our campus. We try to schedule most of our BLTs on Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the tour from 11:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in learning more or to schedule a date, please call and talk with Jessica Lusk, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 559-264-4714.

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This is what one BLT attendee had to say:

"I have been a part of three churches which supported Evangel Home for many years, although I had never actually been to the facility. No one can fully get a complete picture of your work until you see, meet and listen to the staff and ladies of Evangel Home."

IN MEMORIAM

April 1 thru June 30, 2019

Mary Altounian

Shirley & Bill Armbruster

Christine Antranikian

Sue Abrahamian

Wilma Jean Askov

Marsha Miguel

John Bell

Kathy Bell

Tim Blasko

Christy Blasko

Rose Bowser

Jerry & Nelda Baker

Windham Residents Assn.

Winfred Bretz

Helen Montanye

Kathleen Taylor

Vonda Epperson

Mary Beth Wold

Kathleen Hiebert

Eldora H. Warkentin

Lillian Holmes

Allied Grape Growers Staff & Board

Jerry & Nelda Baker

Rebecca Bartsch-Bergthold

Gerre Brenneman

Bob & Priscilla Dack

Russel & Kathy Efird

Kenneth & Robyn Esraelian

Randy & Zona Larson

Jon & Sandra Marthedal

Jeffery & Deborah Morrison

Sandy Alexander Papazian

Lillian Holmes—continued

Mike & Dona Pestorich

Janine Sanders

Philip Tavlian

David & Kimberly Walls

David Jones

Doug & Linda Bibb

Annette Sherian

Henry Kliewer

Pauline Kliewer

Beverly Knobloch

Wilda Frasher

Marilyn Mikow

Deborah Hughes

Marilyn Patten

John & Marjie Washburn

Marilyn Righetti

Roy & Shirley Killion

Christine Segress

Cheri Segress

June Staggs

Ellen Parsons Fujii

Gary Story, M.D.

Roberta Rohde

Wes Schwabenland

Phyllis Graham

Ellie Williams

Debbie & Craig Elia



2019 ANNUAL BANQUET

Sarah Dawson, the Board of Directors, and Staff

invite you to join them

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

6:30 p.m.

TorNino's Banquets

5080 N. Blackstone, Fresno



Butterflies . . .



The Transformational Work of God

Reservation Card

Please note: This is your invitation. There will be no special Banquet mailing.

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS

\$350 per table of 10 includes: 10 tickets/program listing

Sponsorship name _____

How many of your 10 tickets do you want? Unused tickets will be used to host residents or staff of Evangel Home.

All _____ None _____ Other _____

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

\$35 each

How many? _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **EVANGEL HOME**
Mail reservation card and check to 137 N. Yosemite, Fresno, CA 93701
or register online at www.evangelhome.org.

HONORARIA

April 1 thru June 30, 2019

Nelda & Jerry Baker

Kopi & Elaine Sotiropulos

Julia Campos

Gina Phillips

Robyn Esraelian

Daniel Bacon

Cynthia Higuera

Anonymous

Margie Hildreth

Anonymous

Margie Hildreth

Joey Fernandez

Drake King

Harry & Sheryl Torosian

Jim Tuck

Anonymous

Tanya Weston

Sandra Nelson

We LOVE our Board Members!



Staff member Grace with board members Sina Shamp, Deb Avedisian and Cherry Verwey.

Our board members are the cream of the crop! Not only do they make hard decisions but they take very good care of us by sending notes, attending graduations, and serving wholeheartedly! Here are three of them visiting with Grace after a board meeting.

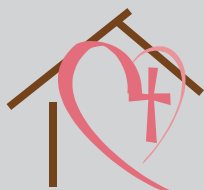
Where is Gerre Brenneman?

by Emily Dull

We are pretty sure she is busier in retirement than she was as executive director of Evangel Home! Gerre has been spending time with family and friends and is traveling to a PEZ convention this month in Independence, Ohio, as she is an avid collector of PEZ. On the home front, Sarah Dawson is certainly blessed to have Gerre available for phone consultations and advice a couple of times each month.

What will Gerre do next?

She would still like to work after retirement but is waiting for God's nudge to determine the direction. Let's continue praying for her!



Gerre Brenneman

We When Graduates Visit!

Emily (right) graduated from the GARDEN several years ago. She is now married and has the privilege of staying home and investing in her children's lives.



Julissa and Gina had a mini reunion when Julissa came back to visit for a school project. They both graduated the same time nearly 10 years ago. Gina is now on staff and Julissa has gone back to school.

Julissa (left) and Gina.

Kids are Helpers & Heroes

The children in residence at Evangel Home learn how to be good helpers. (Below, house manager JoJanelle instructs in the art of folding towels.)



They also are encouraged to have fun — even to imagine themselves as a superhero.

CONGRATULATIONS, AYME!

Ayme is our third graduate of the year and she has an incredible story. When she arrived at the Home, her relationships were broken and she didn't listen to authority. Now she has been reconciled with her husband and five kids. Her full name means *a significant high rock* and she lives up to every bit of that! Ayme has built her life on THE High Rock, Jesus Christ.

Multiple people remarked at her graduation about the strength she has, that she is a light to others and she is a fighter. Ayme will return home to her amazing family where she and her husband will be able to stand together and lead their children in the way of righteousness. You make us all proud, Ayme!!



Following graduation, Ayme adds her name plaque to the Wall of Faith along side the other 2019 graduates.

Ayme chose her husband to have the blessing of pinning on her graduation pin.



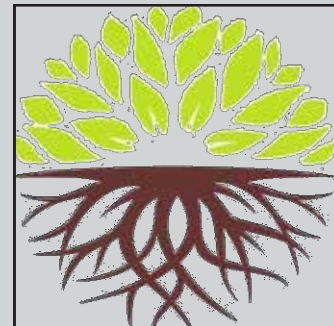
Ayme with her proud and happy family.

SUMMER FINANCES

In the summer months, we typically see a decrease in giving. This year is no different.

Our income is about the same as past years, but expenses are higher due to the minimum wage increase. We are grateful that in the times of plenty, our board has had the foresight to set aside funds to help get us through the "summer drought." This act of preparation reminds us that God is in control and He is faithful.

Jeremiah 17:7-8: *"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."*



FINANCIAL UPDATE

January - May 2018

Income	\$243,363
Expense	\$344,122

January - May 2019

Income	\$222,539
Expense	\$357,710

Please consider praying for us and also sending a financial gift. Thank you.

Current Home Needs

PANTRY & HOME

- Meat—all kinds, especially chicken, hamburger and lunch meat
- Cheese
- Pasta—all varieties
- Canned vegetables
- Tomato sauce
- Rice
- Oven mitts, pot holders
- Bath and hand towels, wash cloths
- Deodorant
- Coffee mugs
- Hair conditioner
- Denture adhesive

SPECIAL



Every few years, we need to replace our comforters because they become completely worn out. This is the year! We are hoping for:

- **Rooms with three twin beds:**
Eight (8) sets of three matching comforters or bed-in-a-bag.
- **Rooms with two twin beds:**
Five (5) comforter sets or bed-in-a-bag.

Back-to-school sales are coming so it's the perfect time!

Around Our Home

Our Home, like yours, is bustling with constant activity, as staff and residents work and play together in an atmosphere of cooperation and kindness. Designated “chores” provide a basis for learning useful skills, and play time — well, it’s a time for fun, fellowship and relaxation.



(Above) Grace, Joni and Cindy enjoying a game of Jenga.



(Left) Crises Home resident, Cindy, helping out in the kitchen.

Keeping things SHIP-SHAPE!

A BIG THANK YOU to Jan and his crew who went above and beyond what we hoped! They spent several days building a new storage area and figuring out details we never thought about. They even joined us for lunch. Their light-hearted humor made our days great! We are so thankful for their time and talents!!



BEFORE (pictured above): This area was cleared out by the Bridge Young Adult Group. AFTER (pictured at left)!

Manny, one of our board members (center below), gathered his group, "Helping Hands, Helping Others" to fund and build a new fence for our GARDEN home. The fence was falling down and was temporarily propped up with other boards. They served with such joyful hearts and made something beautiful!



Another Astoundingly Awesome . . .

Our theme this year was "Restore the Broken Heart," and our theme verse was Psalm 71:20-21: *"You have allowed me to suffer much hardship, but you will restore me to life again and lift me up from the depths of the earth. You will restore me to even greater honor and comfort me once again."*

We were able to provide an educational, physical and faith-building experience for the women. Each morning, the teams of two decoded clues and used the map to help reach their secret destinations for the day. They learned some history at the Kearney Mansion, served others, went on a hayride, utilized creative skills doing an art project, got to play at Blackbeard's, learned teamwork, sat in silence, and went on a train ride. It was a full week!

At the end, each team presented what they learned and everyone received an individualized medal for participating. Sonya (pictured at left with Sarah) and her teammate, Ayme, got really creative and made Sonya the living display that represented their week! Mykayla (GARDEN resident) said this about the Amazing Race: "The Bible says 'Two are better than one...If either of them falls down, one can help the other up...A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.' Amazing Race helped us practice those team building skills!"

Executive Director, Sarah Dawson and Amazing Race participant, Sonya.



Nothing like a good ol' fashioned hayride!



AMAZING RACE!

Helping to restore broken hearts.

"Broken heart" puzzle task provided a creative way of emphasizing and encouraging trust in each other.



Amazing Race participants — including the Hedgehog mascot (AKA Sarah Dawson).

Several years ago at Amazing Race time, former director, Gerre Brenneman, wanted to surprise those participants by engaging them in a "find the Hedgehog" game, which has now become a tradition. The Hedgehog is Evangel Home's symbol signifying, like the Hedgehog, that we have one main goal: to minister to each woman in a 1,000 ways, instead of 1,000 women in only one way.



It's Never Too Late!



Salina (pictured at left with her children) has been working hard this past year to complete her high school education and she just received her diploma!

She wants to set a good example for her children that they should never give up and should continue to pursue their dreams no matter how old they are.

Way to go, Salina!

Keeping our Staff Up-to-Date

CONFERENCE

A generous donor provided a grant specifically for education so we were able to send a few of our staff to the Citygate Conference this year in Palm Springs. Once a year, many missions from across the country come together to learn about topics specifically related to homelessness and how to run shelters.

We are excited to hear about what they learned!

Evangel Home staff at the conference: Jessica, Roslyn and Gina.



From the Director

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the staff on duty did everything they needed to do to secure the Home. It took several hours that day and many hours in the following weeks to deal with the after-math of this situation! As a result, important new policies were considered, developed and put into place. Our whole team learned a lot from this experience.

The ongoing challenge is learning to speak publicly. It is not my strongest area but, once again, this is where I see God show up and do amazing things. He has called us to be obedient. He gave the command for Moses to go speak. Moses made a lot of excuses and God got mad at him. I don't want God mad at me! If He tells me to go do it, then, no matter how terrifying it is, He will make it good. I will keep getting better and better.

Can we pray for you?

Yes, please!! Your prayers help us to keep going.

- *For me: That I would not be overwhelmed with the details of all the things there are to do. I don't want to lose focus on what matters, listening to and being led by the Holy Spirit.*
- *For Staff: Keep fighting the good fight. There are days when it seems like the hits just keep on coming. While there is great joy in giving of yourself to others, it can be exhausting as well.*
- *For the Residents: Breaking old habits can be difficult. It's easy to return to old, familiar patterns. Please pray they would know God's power to bring healing to their tired and hurting hearts.*

CPR TRAINING

Hats off to our staff who recently completed training for their CPR certificates.

By taking the class, our staff is now equipped with the tools and confidence needed to transform them from the role of bystander to that of lifesaver, in the event of a cardiac arrest. Brain death occurs four to six minutes after the person stops breathing. CPR keeps blood flowing and provides oxygen to the brain and other vital organs, giving the victim a better chance for full recovery.

