

# EVANGEL HOME

Ministering to homeless women & children since 1955

*Summer 2022*

*Please join us this year*

*as we celebrate our*

**RICH HERITAGE**

*while anticipating*

**GOD'S MIRACLES YET TO COME!**



**CHRIST LEADS PEOPLE CARE LIVES CHANGE**

# *From the* **DIRECTOR** *Cleaning House*



“Why do we have so few women right now?” We have been asked this question often recently. This question is both hard but also really good for me to hear. It means people care and want to see this home thrive. I will give you a little history of what has been happening the last several years and it may shed some light on the subject.

There are many different events that have influenced our day-to-day operations over the last few years. In 1955 Evangel Home was opened in response to the lack of other options for homeless women being provided in the Fresno area. Since that time, there have been several other women’s shelters and ministries opened to help our growing population. Having company in our desire to help is a beautiful thing while it also reveals our need to adapt to our environment and our community’s needs.

In the beginning of 2020, before COVID hit, I believed the Home’s direction from the Lord was to “get our house in order.” That January we started this process, looking at all the areas where we might need to change or adapt. When the pandemic hit and the world slowed down, it was an opportunity to truly evaluate and say goodbye to some practices and programming that were not the most effective or efficient use of our resources. We have continued this exercise over the last couple of years. One analogy that has resonated is that of cleaning out that one “catch-all” closet in your home that stores all your extra belongings. When you take everything out, you see a bigger mess but you can start to decide what is important and what no longer serves you. When you say goodbye to some of the old and put back your relevant treasures, your space is much cleaner, more organized, and more useful. This paring back has happened both in our physical structures and our programming. As we have been going through this process and transitioning, we have kept our population intentionally small to provide the best service we can in the midst of a lot of change.

John 12:24 “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels - a plentiful harvest of new lives.” This is what happens in our spiritual lives. We die to the old ways and are raised to life in Christ. At Evangel Home, we are dying to the old ways of doing things. Dying to things that once worked well but no longer are the best way to serve our ladies. I believe that as we say goodbye to the former ways and “clean our closet” we have a fresh opportunity to maintain our foundation (helping women in crisis and creating disciples) and grow in new ways. As we go through this process of changing our structures and programming, and as we work our way out of COVID precautions, we look forward with excitement to both improving our programs, and increasing the number of women we are able to serve. Over the last few months I have seen God give us multiple opportunities to make right what was not going well and I remain excited to see the new things He has in store for us! I hope you will join us in prayer on this journey because it is a hard but very worthwhile road.

*With joy, Sarah Dawson*

# Magnificent Graduates!



## *Melissa*

Melissa graduated from the Crossroads program in May 2021! She is a hard worker who knows what she wants and pursues it. Her sense of humor is awesome and she always sees the positive side of things. Melissa just passed her exam for her next venture and we have no doubt she will excel in her next steps!



## *Kortney*

We are so proud of our first graduate of the year! Kortney has worked so hard. She has been here for two years and has continually risen above the challenges set before her. She was not our typical candidate for the program so she adapted along with us while we provided a safe place for her to meet her goals. While completing the requirements for the program, she also graduated from high school with honors and started college.



# 2022 Evangel Home Banquet

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Pardini's Catering & Banquets**

2257 W. Shaw, Fresno



***Honoring the Past - LOOKING to the FUTURE!***

The Dessert Auction was so popular and fun last year that it's on the agenda once again. If you would like to donate a spectacular dessert, please contact Sarah Dawson.

## ***Reservation Form***

*Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022*

**Contact Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

### **TABLE SPONSORSHIPS**

**\$500 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

### **INDIVIDUAL TICKETS**

**\$50 each**

How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets on sale now!

Please make checks payable to: **EVANGEL HOME**

Mail reservation form and check to 137 N. Yosemite, Fresno, CA 93701  
or register on-line at [evangelhome.org](http://evangelhome.org).

We will be updating our website regularly regarding banquet news. Please go to [evangelhome.org](http://evangelhome.org) and click on the "banquet" banner.

# HEART SISTERS WEEK



Heart Sister's Week is a much anticipated event each year at Evangel Home - for both residents and staff !

Every February, during the week of Valentine's Day, we celebrate with and for our women with special treats which give them tangible examples of our love for them. This is accomplished by each woman having a secret sister to exchange gifts with.

In addition, every February a group of quilters who love the ladies of Evangel Home make a special heart quilt for one winning resident. Some years we draw names, but this year we played a series of games: memorizing scripture, bingo, and find-a-verse. The ladies earned points for each of these challenges, and the one with the most points won the special prize. Congratulations to Rocio who won this beautiful gift!



*Rocio and Sarah*

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## “Little Free Library”



Newly installed is the "Little Free Library" on the porch at Evangel Home for our ladies to enjoy leisurely reading. Judy heads up the group that makes literacy fun, enjoyable and accessible. Thank you to Judy and friends from her women's club for making our Home a little better!



# Our 2022 Theme



We have a great foundation of people who have gone before us to lead the way to where we are today. We have adapted to new things that have come our way for 67 years. We will be honoring that past by continuing our foundation of teaching generations of women about the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ. Looking to the future we will continue what we started last year by evaluating our programs and adapting them to the needs of our ever-changing community.

As we continue to evaluate our past while moving forward, we would be honored if you would join us in praying . . .

- *For wisdom in leading the Home towards the future God has for us.*
- *It's difficult to make the choice to change. Our residents have the courage to do that very thing. Please pray that their courage would not fail and they would persevere on their journey.*
- *For the Evangel Home staff to get needed rest in order to be refreshed.*

# Welcoming Back GROUPS

We are so thrilled that after a long dry spell without them due to COVID, we are finally able to welcome back groups. Pictured is a large group of young people who came out, split up, and got a lot of little projects completed; such as alley clean-up, removing weeds, cleaning, and touching up paint. They were in and out like a whirlwind and did it all with great joy.



These ladies from The Bridge Church came at Easter time to spend the day with our ladies and their kids. The Easter visit was complete with singing, shared life stories, fun, and a gospel presentation through the story of the resurrection eggs. We are so grateful for these troopers who joined us outside to bless the ladies of the Home with their words and smiles.

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## Security Camera Update

Pictured are areas of our Campus now made visible thanks to the installation of security cameras. Thank you to Chris and Amy for the countless hours they donated to get this system in place. It is giving us much-needed added security and peace-of-mind.



# Reaching Goals & Finding Rest

Last year we were blessed to take our first group of residents to Yosemite and we were able to do it again this year! It was such a beautiful time of year to get out and see the rushing waterfalls. While the destination was the same, the dynamic changed because of the different participants.

We went two separate days — an easy day and a hard day. On the hard day we took a strenuous hike to the top of Vernal Falls. I was so proud of the ladies who took the chance. They faced great fears and anxiety but kept pressing on to reach the goal. One even said that after having extreme anxiety and moving forward she felt she could face other hard things in her life because of this experience.

The easy day was super easy. We went and set up chairs near the river and just sat for several hours looking at the beauty God had created all around.

The ladies that went on that day knew how to be still. We sat by the river for four hours and they would have stayed longer if we didn't have to get back. It is a great reminder how important God's creation is to the healing process. He is made known through His creation. When we can be still before Him, He speaks and His words heal.



*Hard day: Halfway to the top, we stopped to take in the sights and reflect on the journey ahead.*



*Easy day: Here is our beautiful view while enjoying lunch on the easy day!*



# The Well Church Volunteers

These beautiful young ladies, from The Well Church, came just in time to help spruce up the former GARDEN home. They made it ready and welcoming for our families who were displaced while their apartments were under construction during air conditioning installation. They were an absolute joy and provided this much-needed service with true servant hearts and joyful singing! Thank you, ladies!



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## “Item-of-the-Month” Club

Each month we target one item or a group of items which the Home finds in short supply and we would be so grateful to our faithful supporters for their help in coming to our rescue. If you would like to help, please go to our website where the information will be listed - [evangelhome.com/everyday-needs](http://evangelhome.com/everyday-needs).

### Wish List

You have always been so generous, and many of you would like to know what items are on our needs/wish list. Here are things suggested by the staff:

*Garden hose (heavy-duty industrial 100 ft.); 33-gallon black trash bags; pasta and sauces; four card tables; gift cards from Walmart, Office Depot, Home Depot or Arco Gas.*

Jessica is in charge of making things pretty. If you have something on the following list that you feel might work, please email her at [volunteers@evangelhome.org](mailto:volunteers@evangelhome.org).

*Small, L-shaped desk with matching 2-drawer rolling file cabinets; small work table; tall 4-shelf cabinet; 3 matching office chairs that are plastic/vinyl (not rolling).*

# There's Green now in our Green Space!



Our new green space, which will be a place for our women and their kids to relax and enjoy, now has actual green things in the area. The Master Gardeners and friends designed it and donated plants, Tree Fresno donated and planted the Chinese Pistachio tree, The Plassman's planted the plants, a group from The Bridge built and donated the benches, and numerous others helped financially to get this going. We are so excited! Next steps - we are raising money to put down an artificial lawn and a cement border around it that will finish it off nicely. There are other plans for the future to get a porch swing, an archway for the entrance, and murals for the walls.



*We are so grateful to Master Gardeners - Elizabeth, Rita and Cheryl- for using their expertise to design the green space and donate plants.*

# Kidding Around



Dress-up is such fun and provides our children with a way to pretend - a much need activity.

*"Our safety officers are on patrol!"*



*Learning and creative play are one and the same for Evangel Home kids! This little guy is learning all about construction and balance!*



*Building foundations!*

# Christmas at Evangel Home 2021

## *Generosity in Abundance!*



Here are the ladies enjoying their Christmas morning! It never fails that every year our ladies feel so lovingly spoiled. Many of the gifts for the children under the tree are those the moms picked out ahead of time from gifts donated to us. But there is one special gift that they don't know about ahead of time. It comes from a men's group who have great fun shopping themselves (they don't send their wives) for special gifts for the ladies.

It is always fun when we get to meet the people behind the businesses who support us. As soon as Heather heard her company had chosen Evangel Home as one of their beneficiaries last year, she quickly volunteered to be the delivery person. She told us about how her family had ties to the Home almost 25 years ago and what an impression it had made on her. What a delight to have her for a visit after all these years!



Three cheerleaders from Minarets High School came and delivered gift baskets they had made for the women and children. Izzie, a senior, spearheaded this as part of her Senior Legacy Experience! They were so excited to come. Coach Ashley is already looking forward to future events! It is a great way for these high school seniors to be creative and leave their own legacy.



# TETELESTAI!

Back in April, this was our word of the month. It is a Greek word for “It is completed.” It is the last word Jesus said on the cross and what we can now finally say about the newly installed apartment air conditioning units.

This project has been a long time in the making, but we are finally able to bless the ladies in our long-term program with an efficient cooling system -- especially welcome on our very hot summer days.

Many groups and individuals came together to raise the money and provide resources in order to, at long last, upgrade the apartments with real air conditioners.



**THANK YOU!**

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## Financial Update

While the numbers below may seem a little lopsided, we’re actually in pretty great shape. The total expenses shown actually include the cost of the air conditioning units for the apartments. The money for this project was raised last year and then set aside until needed. After subtracting the air conditioning expense, we are very close to even, income and expense-wise. Many, many thanks to everyone who took part in this project.

<b><u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u></b>	
January to May 2022	
Income.....	\$346,817
Expense.....	\$439,633

**Andy & Joyce Anderson**

Kim Anderson

**Betty Apkarian**

Sammy & Paula Ganimian

**Dr. Murray Barry**

Mark & A.J. Ford

**Pamela M. Cook**

Richard Lopez

**Rosemary Cotton**

Jannay Erbe

**James Dubbels**

Gary & Judy Nesper

**John Dritsas**

Tanya Weston

**Sandra Griffin**

Sue & Alan Barton

Irene Rosato

Kathleen Strahm

Bill & Judy Gammon

Donald & Vivian Kunimitsu

Toni Glosson

Victoria Christianson

Robert & Pamela Jones

**John Hogendorn**

Courtney Hogendorn

**Helge Ivester**

Aram & Barbara Garabedian

**Sandy Johnson**

Roy & Shirley Killion

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**Gail C. Kissell**

Pat Kissell

**Janice Klemm**

Debra Avedisian

**Judy Kneeland**

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**JoAva Lanford**

Mark Lanford

**Peter Malkasian**

Bruce & Karin Baloian

**Benita Martin**

David & Mary Ann Bluhm

Gerre Brenneman

Rosemary Cotton

Frances Freitas

Tom & Cyndee Gravette

Ken & Adele Hopper

Allan & Elaine Johnson

Jerry & Gloria Jury

Geraldine Thuesen

**Alice Maxey**

Dale & Carol Yandell & Family

JD Foods

**Michele McCardie**

Wilifred Alire

**Adair Murphy**

Ken & Adele Hopper

**Bernice Nachtigal**

Judy Nachtigal

**Pam Poochigian**

Ken & Sue Abrahamian

**Jane Redding**

Bandy & Associates

Dawn Everhart

Floyd Wilkins

**Eva Robb**

Rich & Michele Ruby

**Janice Sanders**

Trudy Price

**Barbra Smith**

Louise A. Olinger

**Lori Smith**

Anonymous

**Ken Swinger**

Keith & Marcia Swinger

**Zoe Ann Taylor**

Ladies Bible Study of Monmouth

Community Presbyterian Church

**Regina Wheeler**

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Arlene Gallagher

Sandra McCormick

Betty Scalise

**Ed Willem**

Maria Lazo

**Judy Aced**

Wilda J. Frasher

**Jerry & Nelda Baker**

Randall & Zona Larson

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Janet DaSilva

**John Salmonson**

Carol Salmonson

**Gary & Pam Sells**

Anonymous

**Shiela Skibbie**

Susan Townsley

**June Stevens**

Melissa Reppert

**Lois & John Yakligian**

Tim & Janet DaSilva



## Memorial & Honoraria Donations

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

Memorial

Honoraria

Name of deceased or honoree

Honoraria occasion (optional)

Send acknowledgement card to:

Address

City

Zip

State

Remembered by (your name):

Address

City

Zip

State

Amount Enclosed

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks may be made payable to:

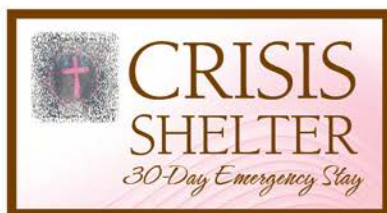
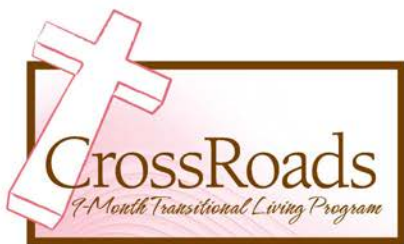
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**Fresno, CA 93701**



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<b>'HEARTLINE'</b> KRDU 1130 AM	
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Saturday .....	5:00 p.m.
Sunday .....	5:45 p.m.
KCIV 99.9 FM	
Saturday .....	8:30 a.m.
KGED 1680 AM	
Saturday .....	11:00 a.m.
Sunday .....	11:30 a.m.
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