

EVANGEL HOME

Ministering to homeless women & children since 1955

Fall/Winter 2019

WHEN *Hope* WAS
BORN



Christ Leads

People Care

Lives Change

From the DIRECTOR

Sarah Dawson



Emily

It has been a full and wonderful year here at Evangel Home. What a blessing it has been to meet a great many like-minded people who pour their lives into serving “one of the least of these.” It is a joy and honor to work alongside you!

Emily, our office manager, has been a delight to serve with over the past five years, as she has faithfully given herself to the work at Evangel Home. She is a precious gem and has masterfully managed a wide variety of tasks that keep us going and make us look good. Emily is kind hearted, keeps the peace, and loves both staff and residents.



Emily and daughter

Many of you have followed Emily and her family’s adoption story. They felt God’s leading to expand their family through adoption when, two years ago, they got the call to go pick up their prematurely born daughter from the NICU. They immediately loved her as they first saw her through all the cords and monitors attached to her. She was theirs, medical complexities and all. There has not been a day where they have not considered her their own, but it became official this past May.

Emily has been torn between being there for all of her three young children and serving here with us. To be less divided and able to serve whole-heartedly, Emily has decided to resign from Evangel Home and spend more time building into the lives of her husband and children. We know God will provide the perfect person to take on the important office manager position at Evangel Home, but we are definitely going to miss Emily! She is a bright spot in the day, always encouraging and making others feel special. We are incredibly grateful for the time she has spent here.

If you get a chance, send her a note of thanks and encouragement as she embarks on this new journey!

With Joy, Sarah Dawson

In Memory of *Loretta White*

This has been a difficult year for a number of significant people in Evangel Home's history — either leaving or passing away. We wanted to acknowledge the impact one woman in particular had on our Home. Loretta White was introduced to Evangel Home in the late 80s when one of our graduates, Janice Woods, told Gerre there was someone she should meet. Loretta was instrumental in bringing greater diversity to chapel services. In October, while attending Loretta's celebration of life, we learned more about Loretta.

Her grandson, now a young professional man, said she taught him about serving others. One of those ways was by taking him as a little boy to participate in the chapel services she conducted at Evangel Home. He then told us of his grandmother's favorite quote by Maya Angelou, "Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud," which is exactly how she lived her life.



Gerre Brenneman and Loretta White

Gerre spoke at her service and this is what she had to say about Loretta. "In her life, she faced prejudice, discrimination, lack of respect and could have stored up a lot of hate. But she had accepted Jesus and said there was no room in her heart for hate. There really is no such thing as righteous hate because it will eat you up. Somebody said that not forgiving is like drinking rat poison and waiting for the rats to die. Loretta was not going to drink the poison, and so she chose love and forgiveness. She chose to walk hand in hand with Jesus."

Even in her death, her greatest desire was for people to know her sweet Savior. It was a privilege to have Loretta be a part of teaching this good news to the women of Evangel Home. Many lives are forever changed!

"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

—Maya Angelou

Counseling Center Update

Earlier this year, we asked you for various supplies, books and toys for the Counseling Center. We want to extend a big thank you to all who participated and helped fulfill this need!

Erin, our Associate Marriage and Family Therapist who works with the children of our residents, has spent many hours taking what you have given and transforming the area into a usable space that is fun, welcoming and relaxing for our kids. The physical environment is so important to make each person feel safe and secure. Look below to see the transformation that occurred as a result of your generosity!

Play therapy area in the Counseling Center



Erin has made a great addition to the Counseling Center staff! She is intelligent, passionate and pursues excellence in all she does.



WHY I SUPPORT EVANGEL HOME



Having lived in Fresno since 1966, and my dad involved in low rent housing, I have personally witnessed the government's subsidy system. Called Welfare back then, it provided money alone as the fix to most people's urgent problems in life. Sure, it did allow them to provide a roof over their heads and some food on the table, but there was not much guidance in how to manage a budget, and virtually no help in teaching how to stretch the money to the end of the month. My father used to call the first of the month "Mother's Day," since that's when the checks would arrive for everyone. If my dad wasn't right there to collect the rent when the mailman delivered those checks, there was a good chance he wouldn't get the rent at all.



Gary & Leslie Catron

As a high schooler, I watched this pattern occur every month. I wondered why there was not a better way to teach people how to live. Then Leslie, my wife, came into my life and I found out about Evangel Home and what they do for women and children who have reached the end of their rope and run out of resources or have had family circumstances that compel them to seek other living arrangements. Leslie's Great Aunt, Pauline Baker Meyer, just happened to be one of the founding principles of the Home, and that made it even more meaningful to us to have someone in the family that had a heart to serve women and children in a way the government was not capable.

It was 1988 when we first were able to commit to supporting Evangel Home on a regular basis, and we have been in it for the "long haul" ever since. We are not aware of any other local organizations that have the ability to impact women and children on the levels that Evangel Home does: physical, emotional, practical, and spiritual. All without the help of any government aid or control. For us, it's the best investment of our resources, locally, that we can make. Won't you consider joining us for the 'long haul'?

Sincerely,
Gary Catron, Board Member

2019 BANQUET REVIEW

Time, Talents & Treasures

At this year's banquet, friends of Evangel Home were invited to make investments in the Home in three ways:

• ***WITH THEIR TIME . . .***

You have an open invitation to come and experience our Home in a very unique way — with a BLT (Bite of Lunch and a Tour). Please see page 15 for details.

• ***WITH THEIR TALENTS . . .***

Many people think that their talents are not needed or not good enough. That is simply not true. Think about what you are good at around your own home — those are the same things that are needed at ours. Come and be a part of the action. Here are examples of where we need you: as kitchen helpers—preparing meals; or as a maintenance person—someone who is good at handyman-type jobs; or participate in decorating or refurbishing an apartment.

• ***WITH THEIR TREASURES . . .***

It was such a privilege to honor Lillian Holmes for her life and ministry. It is our prayer that the legacy she left will inspire others to find ways to honor and create beauty for the women of Evangel Home, just as she did. It was Lillian who had the idea to honor each graduate by mounting their names on the wall in our “Hall of Faith.” There are now over 200 names lovingly displayed on that wall.



The Butterfly Fund was created with a vision to maintain a beautiful campus where women may heal and find peace. As we transform the physical environment around the Home, it also helps to transform the spiritual and emotional health of our women. The Butterfly Fund targets three of the Home's top priorities as follows:

1. PLAYGROUND PADDING

Our current playground padding has served us well for many years, but is now tired and needs to be replaced so our kids can play safely and not end up like this!



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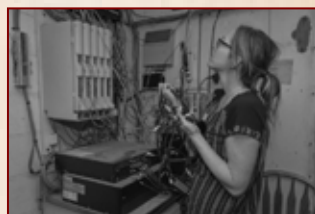
2. **WASHERS & DRYERS**

As you can imagine, we do many, many loads of laundry each day and our in-home machines break down often and the upkeep is costly. Having clean clothes is very important to the women. We would like commercial washers and dryers that last longer and provide a better investment over time.



3. **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Over the next three years, our goal is to update technology to give residents more access to the ever-growing need for internet services. It will also help staff communicate more efficiently across our programs.



*If you would like to share your **TIME, TALENTS** or **TREASURES** with us, we would love to have you join us on this journey. Thank you so much for supporting the ministries of Evangel Home.*

Banquet Highlight: Graduates sharing their testimonies

One of the most beloved traditions of each banquet is when our women share how God changed their lives through the time they spent at Evangel Home.



Ayme

Ayme graduated in June from the GARDEN program. She returned home to her husband and five children, all who supported and encouraged her to finish the program so she could return home stronger. They all love God and seek Him together.

Salina

Salina (top rt.) with her daughter, Serenity, and Evangel Home friends, Akosua and Sylvia. Salina graduated from Crossroads a year and a half ago. She went on to get her high school diploma and is a great example that it is never too late!



Congratulations Graduates!

Tawney

Tawney graduated on October 25th from our 9-month GARDEN program and is moving to Community Connection. She is such a loving and caring woman. Several people have remarked about how she has taught them how to be a true friend and what a real friend she is to others. At her graduation ceremony, many people spoke about Tawney's determination and her patience in continuing to wait on the Lord. Tawney gave thanks to Jesus. She was grateful that during her time at Evangel Home she has been able to go from knowing God intellectually to knowing Him intimately. This is reflected in her growth and ability to truly love others with the love God has shown her.



Tawney had surprise guests at graduation. Her uncle and aunt came down from Oregon to support her on this special day. Her mom was so proud of the woman she has become and her other aunt was there to cheer her on! It is so awesome to have a family who loves God and can support her on her journey.



It is always a great blessing for our board members to attend graduations. They rejoice in each and every woman who finds a new life of hope and possibilities through Evangel Home's programs. Everyone is welcome to attend a graduation. Please call the office manager for more details.

At left: board members Cherry Verwey, Deb Avedisian and Sina Shamp with graduate Tawney.

Mykaylah

Congratulations to Mykaylah!!! She is the fourth graduate of 2019, completing nine months in our GARDEN program. Along with her family and friends, we celebrated how God has transformed Mykaylah's life during her time at Evangel Home.

Mykaylah was once broken and far from God and her family. She had allowed addiction to consume her life. After encountering the Lord, she let Him turn her life around completely. She is now celebrating over one year of sobriety! She is full of infectious joy. Mykaylah holds firm to Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through him who gives me strength."



One of the special moments during a graduation is seeing a woman put her name plaque on the Hall of Recognition. Mykaylah joins hundreds of other women who have been transformed during their program at Evangel Home.



Mykaylah's family has been a huge support during her time at Evangel Home. They have been an integral part of her transformation. During her nine months in the GARDEN program, she loved being able to go on occasional weekend visits to spend time with her mom, dad and little brother. Mykaylah moved home with her family and looks forward to visiting Evangel Home for our After Care program.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We know there are many opportunities to support different organizations and we are so grateful that you have chosen to be a part of Evangel Home. This year's income has not equaled our expenses. The board has made accommodations for this by having an endowment fund; however, we do not want to continue to withdraw funds from this account as we move forward. We are about half way to our year-end goal* and would love for you to be a part of us reaching that goal! Here are three different ways you might consider:

- ***Increase your Gift:*** Raise your gift by \$10 per month. (The price of two cups of coffee!)
- ***It's better together:*** Find a friend who has the same passion as you and ask if they are interested in supporting women and children in crisis.
- ***Leave a Legacy:*** When making out your will, think of Evangel Home. Your generosity will continue to make a difference in a family's life for years to come.

Thank you so much for taking the time to pray and consider other ways you can be a part of this ministry!

<i>January - October 2019</i>	
Income	\$442,000
Expense	\$723,500

*Goal is to reach budget of \$865,000

2019 EH Volunteers of the Year



Jeff and Jayne Pearson

Every year we shine a spotlight on the many volunteers that pour into the lives of the women and children at our Home. We also recognize a volunteer that has gone above and beyond in their dedication and service. This year the award for Volunteer of the Year went to a couple, Jeff and Jayne Pearson. They are a beautiful testament of how ongoing faithfulness and prayer can change lives forever. This couple has come for chapel every month for 29 years. They always have a time of fun, but most important to them is spending the hour talking with and praying for the residents. Jeff and Jayne are an encouragement to all. Thank you for your faithful service!

CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIP

Would you like to become a sponsor for a woman or a family staying at Evangel Home? Below are answers to some of the most-asked questions about Christmas sponsorship.



- ***WHAT IS A CHRISTMAS SPONSOR?***

A Christmas sponsor is a family, individual or group who donate gifts specifically chosen for one of our women or families who are participating in an Evangel Home long-term program such as the GARDEN, Community Connection or CrossRoads.

- ***HOW DOES A SPONSOR KNOW WHAT TO BUY?***

Sponsors know exactly what to buy because each woman prepares a “wish” list which has been composed following specific guidelines so that requests are appropriate and none too costly. Sponsors do not need to purchase everything on the list.

- ***WILL I BE ABLE TO MEET MY FAMILY OR PERSON?***

Yes. This can be worked out between you and them. We do ask, however, that any meeting take place at Evangel Home.

- ***WHAT ABOUT THE CRISIS HOME RESIDENTS?***

Those women and children living in the Crisis Home are remembered through generous donations of generic, unwrapped gifts since we never know in advance who will be here for Christmas.

- ***MAY I BE PRESENT WHEN MY GIFTS ARE OPENED?***

You may be present if you are sponsoring a woman or family who are either in Community Connection or CrossRoads. Residents in our GARDEN program open their gifts together on Christmas morning.

- ***HOW DO I BECOME A SPONSOR?***

Simply call the Evangel Home (264-4714) and ask to speak to Ruby Cox or Gina Walker. You can also email them at crossroads@evangelhome.org. At that time, you may specify your desire to sponsor an individual or family.

GIFT IDEAS FOR THE CRISIS HOME



Selecting gifts for our women and children living in the Crisis Home isn't as specific as for our other residents because we do not know who will be here. Please leave these gifts unwrapped or their specific contents listed on the outside of each package. Wrapping paper, ribbon, tape and scissors would also be very much appreciated. This may be the first time that a mother wraps a gift for her children.

GIFTS for our WOMEN

Personal items

Curling irons, hair dryers, hair products, hair ties, perfume, jewelry, disposable razors, cosmetics, cosmetic bags, deodorant, towels, lotion, mirrors, manicure items.

Clothing

Warm pajamas, sweat outfits (both M or L size), purses, M/L/XL t-shirts, socks, tennis shoes, slippers, sweaters, gloves, underwear (all sizes), jackets, scarves.

This 'n That

Gift cards, umbrellas, Bibles, devotionals, stationery, postage stamps, journals, nice pens and pencils, calculators, watches, radios, alarm clocks, wallets, sewing kits, crossword puzzle books, adult coloring books & markers, crayons, puzzles.

GIFTS for our KIDS

Infants

Sleepers, onesies, booties, infant toys, blankets, diapers, infant coats, bibs.

Toddlers

Sweat outfits, socks, shoes, coats, sweaters, caps/hats, books, toys, age-appropriate art supplies.

Older children

Sweat outfits, socks, gloves, coats, backpacks, pajamas, school and art supplies, books, games.





Gifts for our Holiday Pantry & Everyday Extras

SPECIAL FOOD FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Turkeys and hams

Fresh yams and cranberries

White potatoes

Dinner rolls

Pies (pre-cooked)

Cool Whip

Sour cream and dip mix

Butter and Margarine

Instant pistachio pudding

Yellow onions

Fresh vegetables for trays

Corn meal

Black and green olives

Punch mix and apple cider

Crushed pineapple

Sweetened condensed milk

Evaporated milk

Soda

EVERYDAY EXTRAS

Canned food (lots, please)

Hamburger meat and chicken

Macaroni and cheese

Spaghetti and other pastas

Tomato and pasta sauce

Canned fruit

Kidney beans

Coffee and tea bags

Hot chocolate mix

Splenda and creamer

Cooking oil and sugar

Mustard and ketchup

Peanut butter, jam, jelly

Salad dressing

Paper towels and

napkins



IN MEMORIAM

July 1, 2019 - October 31, 2019

Lucile Allen

Darlene Roach

Rose Bowser

Julie Krebs

Mary Christmas

Art & Marlene Dhallin

Bill & Shirley Armbruster

Peter Essayan

George & Shenora Adishian

Adam Haupt

Phyllis Graham

Tom Hergenroeder

Leonard & Barbara Badigiab

Kathleen Hiebert

Eldora Warkentin

Lillian Holmes

Gerre Brenneman

Randi Colace

Melinda Sisemore

Sandy Janigian

Jerry & Nelda Baker

David Jones

Sheri Bamford

David Jones

Stanford & Amy Lee

Brad & Jan Lopez

Marilyn Mikow

Bruce & Karin Baloian

Mary Katherine Niksarian

Roy & Shirley Killion

Marilyn Patten

John & Marjie Washburn

Mary Ann Pope

Avanell Patilo

Mary Ramos

Grace Hernandez

Loretta White

Gerre Brenneman

Mary Ellen Williford

Lee & Virginia Virag

HONORARIA

July 1, 2019 - October 31, 2019

Howard Atamian

Anonymous

Nelda & Jerry Baker

Bruce & Karin Baloian

Gerre Brenneman

Anonymous

Rose Code

Armine Nahigian

Janet DaSilva

Robert & Susan Toschi

Evangel Home Board

Gerre Brenneman

Earl & Jan Giacolini

Anonymous

Cynthia Higuera

Anonymous

Dr. Malcolm & LaVerne Masten

Gerre Brenneman

John & Debra Steinert

Anonymous

Harry & Sheryl Torosian

Anonymous

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

\$ _____

Checks may be made payable to:

EVANGEL HOME

Mail completed form to:

EVANGEL HOME

137 N. Yosemite

Fresno, CA 93701

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

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The holidays are a great 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 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."



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RADIO SCHEDULE	
'HEARTLINE' KRDU 1130 AM	
Saturday	7:30 a.m.
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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