

# EVANGEL HOME

Ministering to homeless women & children since 1955

## THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

FOR GOD . . . the Lord of earth and heaven

SO LOVED . . . and longed to see forgiven

THE WORLD . . . in sin and pleasure mad

THAT HE GAVE . . . the greatest Gift He had

HIS ONLY SON . . . to take our place

THAT WHOSOEVER . . . oh, what Grace!

BELIEVETH . . . placing simple trust

IN HIM . . . the righteous and the just

SHOULD NOT PERISH . . . lost in sin

BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE . . . in HIM!

*Fall/Winter 2022-2023*

**CHRIST LEADS   PEOPLE CARE   LIVES CHANGE**

# *From the* DIRECTOR

## *INSIDE . . . OUT!*



My brother is in real estate and I got to join him on an adventure to look at a house that by most people's standards would be considered disgusting to even look upon. Trash strewn across the dead grass as you drive up. Cockroaches greeting (swarming) you at the door. When you went in the house, there was no way to avoid stepping on grime, trash, or who knows what. This is what most people focus on but what my brother saw was a treasure. When you looked past the outward appearance and saw the heart of the home it had good bones. It was soundly built and even underneath the dirt and grime, it still had great structure. You could tell that at one time it had been well loved.

As I walked through the house, I wondered what had happened to the occupants that caused them to go from treating their home with such loving care to completely trashing it. All of us go through difficult times and sometimes those trials can tear us up. We get distracted from what really matters and let the cockroaches of life affect us. Something I love about my brother is that he can look at the heart of a house and see its potential and real beauty.

This adventure reminded me of what God says in 1 Samuel 16:7b "...The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart." He sees those whose hearts have been broken down by the world, but who still have a great desire to love Him and serve Him. He knows those whose hearts are ready to serve Him. He sees what has been done to people and He rescues the broken. He looks past the outward appearance and sees the real beauty.

All the house really needed was a lot of elbow grease and maybe some new flooring. When our guests first arrive at the Home, they are often used to society judging them by their life circumstances that have left them broken down. However we know that God looks at the heart. He loves each of us no matter what has brought us to the point of humbling ourselves before Him.

How is your heart? I am praying today that it is humbled before Him and you are allowing Him in to continually wash you white as snow.

*With Joy, Sarah Dawson*

# 2023 TARGET PROJECT



*Transform the current GARDEN home (top circle) into a child care center (from where it was bottom circle) & create a new community space for our long-term residents.*

**Would you, our donors, prayerfully consider partnering with us in this project? We are always so grateful for your generous help.**

The GARDEN Home, which previously housed women in an alternative sentencing program (a program which is not longer offered by the prison system), would be remodeled into several wonderful and very needed spaces.

The current Kidzone, would be relocated and expanded. The new space would allow for an infant room, preschool room, and school-age room. Plus there would be additional outside space for learning and fun activities.

The new community room — renamed the Evanelounge — would give our women a comfortable space for fellowship and many learning opportunities.

<b>ESTIMATED COSTS</b>	
<b><u>NEW KIDZONE</u></b>	
Bathrooms & walls .....	\$25-40K
All Floors .....	\$25-30K
Paint .....	\$20K
Furnishings per room .....	\$12K-15K
Estimated Total .....	\$118-150K
<b><u>NEW EVANELOUNGE</u></b>	
Gym becomes another apartment .....	\$5-8K
New community space.....	\$10-12
Estimated Total .....	\$15-20K

# Beautiful Graduate

## ***Congratulations to Selena!***

Selena has been through many ups and downs over the last couple of years but she has persevered with a joyful heart. She had her fair share of grieving and all the while kept a positive attitude.



Many of the comments heard at her graduation were about her creativity, talents, and great joy. She has a light about her that is encouraging and contagious. Selena is a wonderful mom to her young triplets and knows how to bring out the best in them and others. We have no doubt that she will shine brightly wherever she goes!



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## New Names, New Focus

This year, we are choosing our words very carefully to more adequately reflect our mission of Christ-like “hospitality.” Our current shelter staff, previously called house managers, are now “care coordinators,” and our residents will be referred to as “guests” who enter into a Home of great love for them. Our ladies in the long term program will be “residents” to reflect their greater commitment.

We have always been focused on teaching the Gospel through our chapel services and conversations, so in order to become more intentional towards that focus we created a new staff position, that of “Discipleship Director.” It will be her job to develop and oversee all aspects of this important area of our ministry.

These are just a couple of the new ideas we are implementing but all with the aim of continually improving the way for those amazing people that come through the pink door.

# Enjoying the Season



October is that time of year when children (and adults) enjoy dressing up as their favorite characters, eating seasonal treats, and playing fun games. Here is a look at how some of our kids got into the spirit of the season.



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## LADYBUG CONFERENCE

The Ladybug Conference was created to help women in all stages of recovery — from all areas of addiction. A few of our ladies were given the opportunity to attend their conference. They made a prayer tree with things they wanted to continue to talk to God about this year,



*Pictured are: Kortney, Kim, Georgina, Gina (staff member), and Selena. (Right) Gina holding prayer tree.*

# Camping, S'mores & Movies

This past summer we were preparing to go on a camping trip at the beginning of August. Unfortunately, we had booked in what became an active fire area. So although we missed our camping trip this year, we adapted and made our own mini campfire using the BBQ. We had an outdoor movie night in the backyard of the learning center and had some delicious S'mores! It was great to see the kids learn about fire safety and the messy fun of S'more building!



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## Going Back to School

Each August we get to send off our kids back to school. Pilgrim Armenian Church donates new backpacks full of supplies along with a delicious meal to start the school year off right! After the COVID years, a couple of the children will be on a school campus for the first time ever, but we have heard they are loving it! Not only did the kids go back to school but our residents are heading back to college for another year.



# “Heartline” Goodbye

As we have continued to honor our past and look to the future, we decided to say goodbye to our Radio Show “Heartline” in October. The show has been a great part of our history and we are so grateful for the opportunities we have had to share about the changed lives of those who have come to Evangel Home. There have been many faithful followers for many years and we thank them very much for that!

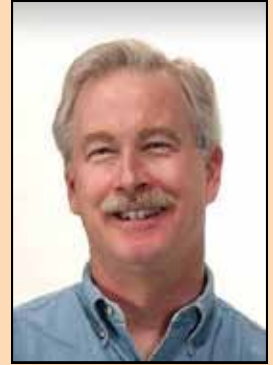


*Jim Tuck*

We are so thankful for Jim Tuck and Jon Smoot for faithfully producing and hosting this show for decades! They were able to draw out the stories of our ladies who came through and it gave them a chance to be heard. It is a powerful opportunity to be able to share your life with

others. Jim and Jon are amazing at what they do and

we are so incredibly honored to have been able to serve alongside them.



*Jon Smoot*

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## Children + Joy = Our Home



*Play-Doh makes for many creative opportunities.*

# 2022 BANQUET OVERVIEW

***Our theme for 2022 and 2023:***

***“Honoring the Past, Looking to the Future.”***

*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 are 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 have been evaluating our programs and adapting them to the needs of our ever changing community.*

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***Host:*** Due to unforeseen circumstances, our usual host, Jim Tuck, was unable to make the banquet and so Jeremy Lusk graciously jumped in at the last minute to take Jim’s place. Jeremy had a grand time entertaining the attendees and shared his enthusiasm with all of us while making the evening energetic and a lot of fun!



Our second annual ***Dessert Auction*** was a hit. There were a lot of tasty treats. The big ticket item of the night was the “Chocolate Devils” and they were delicious! It was all out war for these beauties with three people battling it out until a final victor got to enjoy the spoils. What fun to watch the price rise and rise for such a good cause!

***Volunteer of the Year:*** We have always had such faithful volunteers here at Evangel Home so it is a pleasure to recognize one who has gone above and beyond. This year, Chris, who works quietly behind the scenes, was honored. He and his wife Amy, dedicated hours and hours installing the new security system to get that up and running and increase the physical security of our campus. Their work and the added security is truly a blessing! Thank you!





**Testimonies:** As we honor our past, we had a segment on “Then and Now.” Kimberly and Maria were past banquet speakers who gave us updates on their lives. Both mentioned how much God had changed them and how they can (and do) truly trust Him in the hardest times. Each of them has had their own challenges to overcome since graduating but they have kept pressing forward and not given up. Maria is now a city bus driver which is perfect for her as she spreads her great joy to those around her. Kimberly is in college working towards a degree in social work. Way to go you two!

Lisa also got to share about her life. Her gentle and kind heart is perfect for caretaking so that is what she will be doing going forward. It is always amazing to hear the vulnerability with which she shares her life, her struggles, her triumphs with God as the center of her being. She trusts Him and willingly shared what He has done in her life over the last few years.

**2022-2023 Project:** Each year we have a new project that will improve our facilities and/or our programming. This year we are raising money to make more room in our children’s facility. We will be moving our child care center from a small place in the apartments to a couple doors down in the house we used to use for other programming. This move will allow us a larger facility to better accommodate more children. After this transition, we will turn our current child care area into a place of fun, relaxation and community for our long term residents. Our current residents got together to decide on a new name for this space. It will be called “Evangelounge.” We are all excited for the new Evangelounge to become a reality!



*Beautiful tables and a full house!*



*Evangel Home’s Associate Director, Lorrie Lynn, and Sarah Dawson, Executive Director.*

# WESTSIDE BUS MINISTRY



We had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a new ministry created by Westside Baptist Church. Driving their bus, they took a tour around the city of Fresno and stopped at various ministries in order to hear more about what each one was doing. At the “Pink Door” Jessica, our Volunteer Coordinator, had fun jumping aboard the bus for a

few minutes and telling the parishoners what Evangel Home is all about. She then sent them on their way to the next stop.

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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 are always so grateful to our faithful supporters for their help in coming to our rescue.

***Please help restock our linen supplies!***

*All items should be new and white in color:*

*50 - wash cloths*

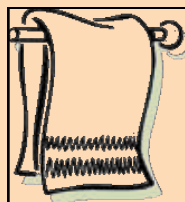
*50 - hand towels*

*50 - bath towels*

*28 - fitted twin sheets*

*28 - twin top sheets*

*28 - regular-size pillow cases*



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***The following cleaning supplies are also in short supply.***

Laundry soap & bleach

Toilet bowl cleaner

Dish soap (not for dishwasher)

Glass cleaner

Clorox & Lysol wipes

Comet/Ajax

Hand soap

Pine-sol

Swiffer mop pads

Swiffer

# Looking to the FUTURE

*We have honored the past and we are looking to our future. 2023 will be year of building and rebuilding.*

As we finish this year of honoring the past and looking to the future, we are headed into a season of building and rebuilding in 2023. Over the last couple of years, structures, programs and practices have been torn down. This must happen before new things can be built up. It's difficult to watch as you see something being torn down that was useful and had purpose in its time. Sometimes it is hard to say goodbye and we can hold on too long to what we are familiar with because there are many good memories attached. But God knows all these things and is waiting to build us into something new. When we finally come to the point where we can say goodbye to what once was, we are able to have a fresh start and build again into something greater. We have a foundation that is still solid! We don't have to destroy the foundation because the foundation is Christ.

**Matthew 7:24-25:** *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.*

Watch for future updates on our building and rebuilding in future newsletters.

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## Financial Update

We are so thankful for all the faithful donors, year-after-year, who allow us to continue to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you to our chapel leaders who have stuck it out throughout all the changes and restrictions which have taken place. Gratitude is an amazing gift we give to God. It makes our hearts joyful. It makes our hearts glad. It puts things in perspective. I hope you have the JOY down in your heart!

<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	
January to November 2022	
Income.....	\$726,432.16
Expense.....	\$800,325.17



# Gifts for our Pantry & Everyday Extras

## **SPECIAL ITEMS 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  
Frozen pie crusts  
Cranberry Sauce*

*Yellow onions  
Corn meal  
Black and green olives  
Punch mix and apple  
cider Crushed Pineapple  
Sweetened condensed milk  
Evaporated milk  
Sodas  
Cake mix & frosting  
Tin pans*

## **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  
Shredded cheese  
Hot & cold cereal  
Hot chocolate mix  
Splenda and creamer*

*Cooking oil and sugar  
Mustard, mayonnaise, ketchup  
Peanut butter and jelly  
Salad dressing  
Lemon juice  
Honey  
Cup of Noodles soup  
Paper towels, Napkins,  
Paper plates (sturdy)  
Plastic spoons, forks, knives  
Cups (8 & 16 oz.)*

# Heart Sister's Week

The holidays come with a lot of emotions attached to them. Some of our women look forward to celebrating and have happy memories while others have a mixed-bag of tumultuous relationships and memories to deal with. For others, it is a reminder of those loved ones they no longer get to see and the grief overwhelms any joy they may have had.



We have the opportunity and pleasure to provide a safe and loving environment so that new and joyful memories can be made and shared. There are so many times we have heard the amazement in the voices of the ladies of Evangel Home as they receive more gifts than they know what to do with. More than once we have been met with the question, "How can they love us when they don't even know us?" (Referring to the generosity of donors and the gifts given.)

As we move from the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays we look forward to Heart Sister's week coming in February. During the week of Valentine's Day, we celebrate with and for our women with special treats, which gives them tangible examples of our love for them. This is accomplished by each woman having a secret sister to exchange gifts with, and the women are given tangible examples of our love for them.

If you would like to be a part of this wonderful event and help supply gifts, below are some ideas (noninclusive). We would love to have them (new and unwrapped) by January 31, so the ladies have time to prepare and select the gifts to exchange.



## ***Gift Ideas***

- Decorative mugs*
  - Journals & pens*
  - Colored pencils & adult coloring books*
  - Basic make-up items (blush, mascara, etc.)*
  - Manicure/pedicure items*
  - Head bands & scrunchies*
  - Art supplies*
  - Fun socks*
  - Assorted candy/chocolates*
  - Gift cards*
- Due to fire regulations, no candles please.***

# Blessings Around all Corners



## Chasing Rainbows:

A couple of residents and staff literally got to chase rainbows and it sure was not a waste of time, as the phrase sometimes indicates. They were rewarded to see God's beauty and promises after the much needed rain this month. We are thankful for opportunities to bask in His wonderful creation!

*Did you say Turkey cupcakes? Wow! We are truly thankful for creativity. A friend of Evangel Home made these fun turkey cupcakes for all to enjoy. And they were just as good as they looked!*



## 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:

**EVANGEL HOME**

Mail completed form to:

**EVANGEL HOME**

**137 N. Yosemite**

**Fresno, CA 93701**

# IN MEMORIAM

July 1 - October 31, 2022

**Peter C. Boghosian**  
Horsrof & Dolores Davidian

**Gail Campbell**  
Carl Campbell

**Barbara Duncan**  
Johnnie & Debra Steinert

**Rich Fink**  
Dr. & Mrs. Mark Ford

**Sandra Griffin**  
Anonymous

**Lance Hairabedian**  
Marsha Dunlavy

**Betsy Hawkins**  
Roy & Shirley Killion

**David Liberta**  
Roberta Rohde

**Alice Maxey**  
Gary & Marilyn Forester

**Doug McKinney**  
Roberta Rohde

**Mary Mehling**  
Ken & Sue Abrahamian

**Adair Murphy**  
Rita Evans

**Charlotte Nahigian**  
Nelda Baker

**Robert Righetti**  
Roy & Shirley Killion

**Michael Schnetzler**  
Verna Hagemier

**Margaret Schroeder**  
Dottie Kuehle

**Clara Scrivner**  
Anonymous

**Christine Segress**  
Bonnie, Cheri, Barbara &  
Bob Segress

**Lori Smith**  
Anonymous

**Clara Smith**  
Joe & Lisa Gleason

**Carol A. Taylor**  
Roy & Shirley Killion

# HONORARIA

July 1 - October 31, 2022

**Judith Aced**  
Wilda J. Frasher

**Nelda Baker**  
Gerre Brennehan

**Sarah Dawson**  
Nicole Linder

**Evangel Home Board**  
Evangel Home Staff

**Evangel Home Staff**  
Anonymous

**Stephanie Foglio**  
Ken & Sue Abrahamian

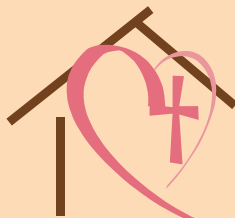
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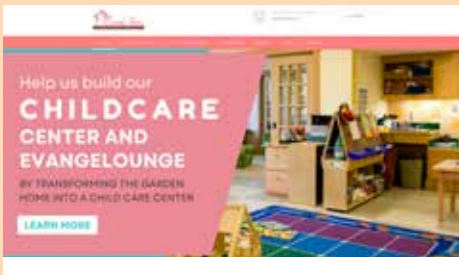
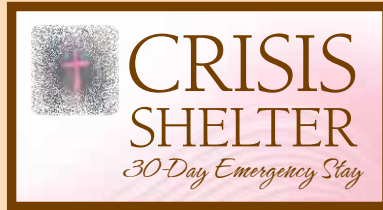
**Marjorie Hildreth**  
Joey Fernandez

**Jessica Lusk**  
Anonymous

**Jeremy & Jessica Lusk**  
Anonymous

**Robyn Lynn**  
Anonymous





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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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