

Tree of Life

“Hope.....It is a Tree of Life.”



There's New Life Springing Up All Over the Center...You are Encouraged to “Leaf a Legacy!”

Typically, this time of year we are busy preparing the spring fundraiser. This year is no exception-it just looks a little different! Quite frankly, we have been very busy pioneering new and expanded class options, making improvements to our facilities, accommodating staff training, and the like-rather than planning an event. It appeals to my senses to offer special events that don't always look like what we did “last year,” but rather have a new range of ways and opportunities for our donors and supporters to invest.

You read in the last newsletter about a group of volunteers who helped paint the lobby. Now in this issue, I'd like to thank the **Compassion Creates Change** ministry of the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena. Soon, they will be re-carpeting the lobby and hallway, plus re-configuring one of our main rooms. All these facelift projects are 100% donated! One more incredibly outstanding donation I need to tell you about is one that ties into our spring fundraiser for 2010...

...The 100/1000 Campaign...

Local artist, John Martin, son of volunteer Barbara Martin, is donating his time and talents. Growing in the lobby right before our very eyes is a beautiful tree. John is in the process of creating **The Tree of Life**. The mural is growing in full color on the entire north wall of the lobby and will for years to come remind us of the life-changing and life-affirming work that our ministry is! As we embark together into a new year, a new decade, I bring to you a fresh challenge. **THE 100/1000 CAMPAIGN!!!**

Here's how **“The 100/1000 Campaign”** works: Every donation of \$1,000.00 receives a leaf! Your name (your permission is required) will then be etched onto a leaf within the mural. If two supporters want to contribute \$500.00 each, stipulating they want to be part of the campaign, both names will be added. If ten donors each

contribute \$100.00, the same applies. Be creative and encourage friends to partner with you.

“**Leaf**” a legacy with an alternative funds-raiser that “**leaves**” a lasting mark on our center. It will provide an opportunity to share our story with everyone who walks through our doors.

...An Open House...

An **Open House** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 30** (Please see enclosed flyer). The day will be a great way to observe, first hand, the beauty of the mural and also the other facelifts the Center has done. And it's all due to our amazing volunteers!

...Volunteers and Staff...

Recently, our own Mary Ann, RN/Nurse Manager, returned to us after traveled to her home country of South Africa for two weeks. She traveled home to assist her parents and healthcare needs of their own. We missed her tremendously, but were served by outstanding nurses who stepped up to the plate and filled the void created by Mary Ann's absence. The nurses who worked with us were: **Elizabeth Randall, Margaret Brechbuehl, Julie Kochiyama, Emily Arvila** and **Josie Guerrero**.

Three other outstanding volunteers we want to celebrate are Barbara Martin, in charge of coordinating and teaching our Parenting Class. Please call **626/358-2532** at our Center to learn about upcoming classes for new and expecting moms. **Reagan Morgan**, a new Board Member and general Girl Friday around the office, doing everything from tech support to hand-written calligraphy cards for the clients. **Brenda Smith** is currently co-facilitating our most recent post-abortion group. She is also responsible for getting a new phone line for the sole purpose of post-abortion support. You can now call **626/241-5997** for that on-going support information. Thank you, friends...you are the very heartbeat of the Center!

We also want to take a moment to recognize our Office Manager, **Nony Haro**, for her invaluable assistance. Nony often translates for our Spanish speaking clients, assists when we need to translate Parenting Class documents, and as of just recently, has begun to assist in some of our bookkeeping. We literally could not keep going without her! Thanks, Nony!

Lori Berg, FPRC Director