



## “It’s All in the Family”

We are family!!! We simply cannot exist without the faithful family God has surrounded us with. We extend ourselves into the families of all our clients...YOU extend yourselves to us! We recently received this encouragement: “Please accept my gratitude for your selfless gift of time, love and dedication to helping others. For those who don't believe miracles happen, they do...everyday at FPRC!” We are experiencing some needs this summer that I wish to share with “the family”:

Soon we will need to pay our rental fee for the November 6th Gala at the Monrovia Historical Museum. That fee is \$665.00. This newsletter, and each newsletter we publish, is approximately \$500.00. We are currently seeking individuals or businesses to underwrite these costs in exchange for acknowledgement/advertising in the newsletters. Next, a very pressing need. That is our rent, formerly \$1500.00 per month, will soon be raised to \$2200.00. Not wishing to re-locate due to State licensing requirements, we will be forced to pay this monthly increase. We ask you to consider supporting these monthly expenses as we continue to grow and serve the families of our community.

“You are invited to a baby shower” was written across the pretty envelope that Elise handed me when she and her mother came to the center a couple of weeks ago. Elise and her mother, Miriam, heard about FPRC from a church liaison, one of the volunteers who bridge the gap between FPRC and their local churches. In this case, the church liaison was the difference between despair and hope. Elise and her mother received the information just before they made a decision regarding the baby that Elise was carrying. Pregnant teens and their parents often don't see any hope, opt for the quickest choice and abort. Miriam and Elise weren't sure and came to see us. Following a visit to the ultrasound room and a consultation, they chose life for the child. It has been our privilege to serve BOTH mothers...the teen about to have her baby and the teen's mom. BOTH needed support and encouragement.

Elise was “lucky”...she has her family's support. Many of our mothers are doing this brave work all alone. Into their lives we step...assuming the role of “family”. Together for the journey...and beyond! Thank YOU, family, for your help, support, prayers and by being there for our journey!

*Lori Berg*, FPRC Director

## “MAMA” and Dr. John Mastrogiovanni

Our FPRC Board, while still looking to grow in number, is taking on more “hands-on” assignments than ever before! Being a part of the Board is a call. Having said “yes” to the call, FPRC's Board is actively praying, fund-raising and helping to set the present and future course. We thank the Lord for all good gifts! Our Chair of the Board is Dr. John Mastrogiovanni who, along with his wife, Pastor Karen, are the founding pastors of Jesus Is Lord Christian Center of Monrovia. Dr. John recently sent out a letter of introduction (or re-introduction) to the churches of MAMA, the Ministerial Association of Monrovia and Arcadia. This organization of pastors regularly prays for, and takes action on, all issues facing our cities. It works towards unity among pastors, churches and our communities. As the visionary of MAMA, Dr. John is encouraging all the pastors to invite Lori to their churches to speak. Some MAMA affiliates have worked with FPRC in the past, but most still have to catch the vision. Thanks to Dr. John and the Board for serving FPRC by taking this step to make sure that the churches in our area know about the outstanding work that goes on here. Help us spread the vision, won't you? When was the last time someone from FPRC shared from your pulpit? Let us partner like never before and engage in the Lord's work together!

## Meet Brenda Smith...New Church Liaison Coordinator”

A volunteer post-abortion counselor and recent friend to FPRC is Duarte businesswoman, Brenda Smith. It's Brenda's beautiful voice you hear when you reach the recorded message on the landline. Brenda is a fluent Spanish-speaking counselor, wife and a mother to two boys. Now, in order to support our churches even more effectively, Brenda will become their “go to” person, the Church Liaison Coordinator. Brenda will be encouraging each church as they undertake various fund-raising projects. We feel this position will serve the churches, helping them to be independently creative as they work to raise awareness for FPRC. Just one more way our volunteers are helping us take the message of FPRC to the streets!