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Mission Statement

Casa de Vida provides care for pregnant young women in need of help, in the belief that each pregnant woman and her unborn child are unique and valuable gifts of God.

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Casa de Vida Communicator
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Fiesta Raises “Mucho Dinero”

Thanks to generous community support, our inaugural *Fiesta for the Future* cocktail party & silent auction raised over \$60,000 for our *House of Hope* transition home. The transition home will be located next to our current home, at 1260 Mill Street, and will house two young women and their infant children for an extended period of time. Renovations have begun, and the home is scheduled to open in December of this year. We look forward to introducing you to our new home and this next phase of Casa de Vida services. Be on the lookout for your invitation to the “*House of Hope* Open House”.

Save the Date!!

On **May 20th, 2006** – Our traditional “Evening in the Mountains” live auction and dinner returns!! Hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Tammy Dermody, this evening promises to be both elegant and entertaining. You won’t want to miss it!

www.casadevidareno.org

Is here!! Please visit our newly constructed website to keep current with Casa de Vida news, events, and volunteer opportunities. Thank you to IBA Group for donating your time to create such a wonderful new site.

Welcome to our New Doula!

Valerie Luevano, Executive Director

I'm pleased to welcome Michelle Krump to Casa de Vida as our new doula. Michelle is serving as a childbirth educator, advocate, and coach for our residents during all phases of their pregnancy and postpartum. Michelle has many years of experience in this field and we are very fortunate to have her join our team!

Christmas is Coming – Already?!

It's true! We're already starting to plan our annual Christmas party for past and present residents, and we could use your help! We're looking for new, unwrapped households items or Wal-mart gift cards to be used as gifts for past residents. For some, these may be the only gifts they receive this holiday season. Help to make their season bright by donating if you can.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You

- Nikki Brunson and friends for collecting over \$600 in donations for Casa de Vida.
- Jamie Holt & Kari Reviglio Woodhead for organizing the silent auction portion of our *Fiesta for the Future* event.
- To all of the dedicated individuals who donate their time on a regular basis to teach valuable educational and recreational classes at Casa de Vida.

Safety First

We're pleased to announce that Casa de Vida has formed a partnership with the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety through Independent Contractor, Marci Burke. Marci was instrumental in obtaining funding to purchase new infant car seats for Casa de Vida residents. And, as a certified instructor, has also agreed to train residents on their proper installation and usage. Thank you Marci!

Casa's Wish List

- **Christmas Gifts**— New, unwrapped households items to be used as gifts for past residents during our annual Christmas party. Wal-mart gift cards also make great gifts!
- **Disposable Cameras**— One time use cameras are much needed and often in short supply at Casa de Vida.
- **Shower Chairs** — Would make welcome additions to our showers and give tired, pregnant feet and legs a break.
- **Scrapbooking Supplies**— Albums, tape, and other scrapbooking goodies to be used for upcoming classes.
- **Gas Cards & Bus Passes**—Would go along way toward helping our girls get to and from school, work, and doctors appointments.

Remember we take donations for all baby items and small household items Monday through Friday 10:00 to 4:00. Please do not bring items on the weekends.

All donations are tax deductible!

Speakers Available

- Do you need a speaker for your next Rotary, Kiwanis, MOMS, or church group? We'd love to come spread the word about Casa de Vida. Just give us a call at 329-3211 to schedule a date and time.

Employment Opportunity

- We are looking for a HOUSE-MOTHER to fill our evening shift position. This is a M-Th, sleep-over position. Duties include: cooking, cleaning, and supervising residents in a structured environment. If interested, please call Valerie at 329-3211.

Building our Future...Brick by Brick

We thank all of you who have donated to our Endowment Fund by purchasing one of these special bricks. We have already engraved more than 130 bricks and have begun a lovely pathway on our new grounds—please feel to come by and see YOUR brick. Remember that this is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one, as well as to support the ongoing work of Casa de Vida and all that it does for our community. Detach and return the form below, and we'll take care of the rest.

For the Holidays, Birthdays, Any Day, this year give a truly loving and lasting gift that helps young girls in need.

Bricks for the Future--\$100 each

Inscription Information: Maximum of 14 characters per line, including spaces, up to two lines. Please print in capital letters, one letter per space.

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Method of Payment

Check, enclosed Visa MasterCard

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