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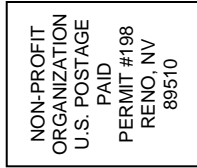
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**Mission Statement**

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.



**Casa de Vida**  
1290 Mill Street  
Reno, Nevada 89502

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**Casa de Vida Communicator**  
*Fall 2006*

**An Evening of Fun Under the Stars!**

Thanks to all who supported our annual Dinner & Auction this year! And, what fun it was! Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dermody graciously hosted over 275 guests and volunteers who enjoyed “down-home barbeque done right” courtesy of “Men Wielding Fire” and lively entertainment provided by none other than Dr. Greg “Lightning” Williams himself. And, amidst all the fun, an amazing \$175,000 was raised to help young women and their babies. Thank you!!

**House of Hope Opens Door for Scholarly Success**

Tammy, current *House of Hope* resident, working mother of six month old Elijah, and recipient of Casa de Vida’s first scholarship, has successfully completed her first semester at TMCC with an incredible B+ average! She credits her success to the extra support she receives from Casa de Vida as a transition home resident. Tammy is currently up for consideration for a continuation of her scholarship grant as she works to complete her degree and obtain a meaningful career as a substance abuse counselor.

If you would like to donate to our scholarship fund to help Tammy and other young women move toward a positive and secure future for themselves and their children, please call Valerie at 329-3211.

## Computer Corps Lends Helping Hand

Valerie Luevano, Executive Director

Down a dirt road, off Highway 50 as you head toward Fallon, lies an old warehouse chalk full of used computer equipment. Donated by local businesses, schools, and private individuals, this equipment is refurbished by a non-profit organization called Computer Corps who then gives the computers to families and other non-profit agencies - bringing educational opportunities to those who would otherwise go without. I'm both pleased and thankful to announce that Casa de Vida was a recent recipient of Computer Corp's generosity. We received seven "new" computers to be used for our residents and our Adult Education classroom. Now, high school diploma and GED learning are only a click away!

## Prize Winning Winnie

Congratulations to Winnie Cavilia for winning Casa de Vida's \$1000 charitable drawing! "I've never won anything like that. It's wonderful," says Winnie. Thanks to Winnie and the many others who generously support our Auction through the charitable drawing each year.

## Christmas is Coming

Thanks to the incredible support of numerous service clubs, businesses and Church groups we are thrilled to announce that Christmas will be bright indeed for our current residents, many past residents, and all the Casa de Vida babies. However, if you'd still like help this season, please take a look at "Casa's Wish List" for gift ideas ☺.

## Mother's Day Luncheon

At Casa de Vida, we celebrate motherhood every day. And next May, we invite you to join our celebration. So, mark your calendars for our annual Mother's Day Luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and join in the fun!

## Casa's Wish List

- **Large Size Diapers**— Size 4, 5, or 6 please.
- **Cribs & Baby Equipment**— We have a great need for gently used cribs, with or without mattresses, and almost all other baby equipment.
- **Scrapbooking supplies & photo albums** — To capture baby's first days and smiles.
- **Grocery Sacks**— Paper or plastic. For use in our Baby's Closet.
- **Shower Chairs** — What a wonderful treat these would be for tired, pregnant legs & backs.
- **Baby Basics Kits**— Homemade or pre-packaged that include nail-clippers, Vaseline, alcohol, lotion, Tylenol, etc.
- **Resident Rewards**— Gift cards, movie tickets, bus passes, beauty items, etc. to help our young girls "get going when the going gets tough."

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!

## Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You

- All of the florists who participated in our inaugural "Evening Under the Stars" centerpiece competition. And, a special congratulations to St. Ives Florist for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place!
- Waste Management for adopting our residents and decorating our home for Christmas.
- Joe Mattioli of Reno SERTOMA for spearheading a tremendous clean-up effort for our Auction.

## 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 150 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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### Additional Brick:

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Name

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Phone

Method of Payment

Check, enclosed  Visa  MasterCard

Credit Card Number

Expiration date

Signature

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