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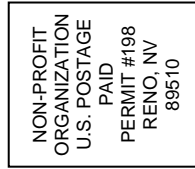
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Mission Statement

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Casa de Vida Communicator *Spring 2005*

Special Events

To support the rapid growth of Casa de Vida, we will be expanding our funding efforts. Look for further information in future newsletters for:

- Transition Home Cocktail Party
August 2005
- Auction Event
Moved to May 2006

Celebrate Motherhood!!

Take some time to smell the roses this May. Gather up your favorite "moms" and help us celebrate the joys of motherhood. Enjoy a fantastic lunch and an afternoon of good, old-fashioned fun at the Washoe Steakhouse on Thursday, May 5th. Be on the lookout for your official invitation. For more information in the meantime, please call Valerie at 329-3211. See you there!

Looking for a Way to Help?

Organize a diaper, formula, or household items drive through your church or community service organization. We will gladly come collect any donations! It's a fun and easy way to help little ones get off to a healthy start in life!

Finding My Way

Valerie Luevano, Executive Director

Thanks to all of the support I've received from our staff, board, and community-at-large, my first months as executive director have been fabulous! Already, I've witnessed two successful adoptions, the birth of twins, and the beginnings of our new transition home. I'm excited for what the coming months will bring and what I will be able to contribute! As I continue finding my way, I'm absolutely thrilled to be a part of Casa de Vida's strong commitment to helping young girls in our community.

New Beginnings

Saying good bye is never easy. Last month it was especially difficult. We said goodbye to Stephanie, a young lady who changed us as much as we helped her. Throughout her stay, Stephanie continually reaffirmed the importance of our mission. After giving birth to Zachary in December, she placed him with a loving family in her hometown of Las Vegas and continued to stay at Casa de Vida while finishing high school. In February, Stephanie returned to Las Vegas to care for her younger sister and begin her new life. We will miss you Stephanie. Good Luck and Best Wishes!

Baby's Closet

Did you know Casa de Vida has its very own boutique? We do! And, we call it our "Baby's Closet". Warm and welcoming, our boutique is full of beautiful infant and children's clothing that have been generously donated to Casa de Vida. The "Baby's Closet" is open to all. If you know of a family in need, send them our way. They can shop our boutique (for free!) from 10 am to 3 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Casa's Wish List

- **Size 3, 4, and 5 Diapers**—We have plenty of newborn and small-sized diapers, but there is a growing demand for larger sizes to meet the needs of moms with older babies in our community.
- **Household Items**—We desperately need those everyday things like pots, pans, silverware, kitchen and bath towels, utensils, etc. Many of the girls move from Casa de Vida into their first apartments and have nothing to get their new households started.
- **Formula**—Of all kinds! Milk-based, soy, hypoallergenic, lactose-free. You name it! We'd love to be able to offer these formulas to our babies with special dietary needs.
- **Scrapbooking Supplies**—Baby books, disposable cameras, collage frames or other items to help our new moms celebrate and memorialize their baby's arrival.
- **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.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Someone with a professional background in website design who would be interested in assisting with the development of our site.
- Do you paint, draw, or sew? If so, we need you! We are still looking for volunteers to teach arts and crafts a few times each month.

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 80 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.

Additional Brick:

Name

Address

Phone

Method of Payment

Check, enclosed Visa MasterCard

Credit Card Number

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Signature

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