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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 *Spring 2006*

### Mother's Day Luncheon

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Mother's Day with our annual Mothers Day Luncheon at the Washoe Steakhouse. We hope you'll join us for a few hours of well deserved pampering in honor of the important women and mothers in our lives. We're striving to make this the best Luncheon yet. And, since seating will be limited at our September event, please try to join us for this very special occasion if you can. We look forward to seeing you next month. Your invitation will be arriving soon.

### Save the Date

After much consideration of weather and UNR football schedules, we're pleased to announce a firm date for our annual dinner and live auction. This years *Elegant Evening Under the Stars* will take place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Tammy Dermody. Please mark your calendar now. We have some surprises planned that you won't want to miss.

### [www.casadevidareno.org](http://www.casadevidareno.org)

Don't forget to check out our new website. And, please encourage other agencies and businesses to link their website to ours!

## Focus on Education

Valerie Luevano, Executive Director

Casa de Vida has always believed that education is the key to a brighter future for our residents and their children. Recently, we've placed even more focus on education with the establishment of scholarships, increased focus on community partnerships, and strengthened support of adult education, GED and tutoring programs. We will continue to strive to find new and exciting ways to help young women meet their educational goals now and in the future.

## Transition Home Success

We're pleased to announce the first *House of Hope* program graduate! After giving birth on Christmas Day, Marisela and her infant daughter moved into our newly opened transition home. They lived at the *House of Hope* for two months while Marisela completed her maternity leave and returned to employment. Marisela was deeply appreciative of the opportunity to live in the *House of Hope* and the chance it gave her to foster her independence and parenting skills with the security of knowing that help was right next door.

The *House of Hope* will continue to change lives as other young women strive to earn a chance to be successful program graduates too.

## Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You

- Kaitlynn Snyder who requested donations to Casa de Vida in lieu of gifts for her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday!
- Computer Corp for the generous donation of five "new" computers.
- Everyone who participated in St. Albert's Stork Drive.
- Shelby Barr for being such a spectacular intern this year. We'll miss you and

good luck next year!

## Casa's Wish List

- **Large Size Diapers**— Sizes 3 to 6 would be very helpful for former residents as well as those in the community in need.
- **Cribs**— We have a great need for gently used cribs, with or without mattresses.
- **Drinking Glasses & Cooking Pans**— We can never have enough, especially now that we have two houses to fill.
- **Gas Barbeque**— Would be a dream come true for summertime.
- **In Door Grill**— Family size. The George Forman variety would be wonderful!
- **Place Mats & Table Runners**—We could really use these for every day as well as for special occasions.
- **Bath Rugs, Bedding, and Curtains**— To brighten our home.

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.

## New CFC Code

- For those who haven't heard, anyone wishing to donate to Casa de Vida through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) can select code 4050 on the appropriate paperwork. Thank you for your support!

**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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