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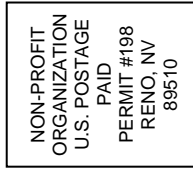
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Mission Statement

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 *Summer 2005*

What's in a Name?

In the case of our transition home, the answer is hope and appreciation. Casa de Vida's *House of Hope* is expected to open in December of this year. And, to express our gratitude for her sincere dedication to young women and their unborn children in our community, our *House of Hope* will be dedicated to one of Casa de Vida's founders, Sister Peter Damian. The *House of Hope* transition home will accommodate two young women and their infant children for an extended period of time and will be located at 1260 Mill Street, next door to our current home.

"Fiesta for the Future"

On August 27th, 2005, we will be celebrating the opening of our *House of Hope* transition home with a Mexican themed cocktail party hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Bart & Leigh Ann Scott. The evening will include a silent auction; wonderful appetizers and margaritas; festive entertainment; and of course opportunities to mix with friends and supporters of Casa de Vida. We'd love to share this evening with you! Please be on the lookout for your invitation - arriving within the next few weeks.

The Profits of a Non-Profit

Valerie Luevano, Executive Director

When you're part of an organization with a mission as fulfilling as ours, even a non-profit can be profitable. I'm rewarded daily with knocks on my door and the baby visits that follow; with "just called to keep in touch" messages, recorded to brighten my day first thing Monday morning; with news of a past resident now obtaining a Master's Degree; and with stories of another participating in a program to purchase a home for herself and her child.

These profits are Priceless!

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~

- Wanda Casazza and Cynthia Hall for your tirelessly efforts on behalf of our Baby's Closet.
- Model Dairy for your generous weekly donations of nutritious milk and juice products.
- Reno Lawn and Landscape for making the outside of our home look as beautiful as the inside.
- IBA Group for creating such a wonderful website for us and for the in-kind donation of your programming time and expertise.

Mother's May

May was a busy month at Casa de Vida. We celebrated the birth of three beautiful babies - two on the same day! Our house is now joyful with the sound of two newborn baby boys and one baby girl. All are healthy, happy, and keeping their mothers very busy.

Casa on the Web

We're pleased to announce that you'll soon be able to keep up with the comings and goings of Casa de Vida via our professionally designed website. It's nearly finished and, we'll let you know when it's ready for public viewing. Stay tuned!

Casa's Wish List

- **Silent Auction Items**— Items such as restaurant/boutique gift certificates or tickets to a play would make wonderful additions to our silent auction at our August fundraising event - the proceeds of which will be used to support our *House of Hope* transition home.
- **Thank You Cards & Stamps**— Blank "Thank you" cards and stamps to mail them with would be so appreciated. We take thanking our volunteers, donors, and friends very seriously ☺!
- **Disposable Cameras**— One time use cameras are much needed and often in short supply at Casa de Vida.
- **Gas Cards & Bus Passes**—Would go along way toward helping our girls get to and from school, work, and doctors appointments.
- **Gift Cards** — To Office Max, Target, Sears, Scolari's or You-Name-It would help us get the things we need to run our house and help us stay within our budget too!
- **Mixing Bowls** — Plastic or metal would be just great!

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!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Are you a doula, retired nurse, or simply interested in serving as a birthing attendant/advocate for Casa de Vida residents during labor? If so, please contact Paula at 329-1070. We need you!

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:

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