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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
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Casa de Vida Communicator
Spring 2006

Mother's Day Luncheon

On May 11th, 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. And, since seating will be limited at our Fall fundraiser, we're striving to make this the best Luncheon yet. We hope you'll join us for this very special occasion. We look forward to seeing you next month. Your invitation will be arriving shortly.

Save the Date

Although we do like to keep you guessing, we've s

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!

What's New in 2006?

Valerie Luevano, Executive Director

This New Year has truly been about new beginnings. We're starting 2006 with new babies and a "brand-new" transition home for them to live in. And, we'd like to thank everyone that has been involved with the *House of Hope* project for their support and dedication. In particular, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Q&D Construction and their subcontractors for their numerous in-kind donations and excellent work. We are so grateful!

In My Own Words

My name is Marisela Vazquez, and I'm 20 years old. I want to tell you a little bit about myself. I live at Casa de Vida, and it has been my home for the past 8 months. It's wonderful. I never thought people could care so much about other people, and I thank God every day that this House of Life is here for me and many other girls. How I got here is a long story. My whole life had been gang related. I was living in Southern California when I found out I was pregnant. I didn't have enough food to eat or even a bed to sleep in. And then, my boyfriend got locked up (his past caught up with him) and he ended up getting transferred to Carson City, NV. He told me about Casa de Vida and said I should move to Reno. I did. And ever since I stepped foot in this house, my life has changed for the better. I have a job and will soon be back in school getting my GED. I thank everybody at Casa de Vida for making my life better for me and my baby.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You

- Cindy Breeden & Leigh Ann Scott for the expertise and caring you brought to the design of our *House of Hope*.
- Jim & Katie Shoen for your generous donation in support of our mission.

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.
- **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.
- **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.

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 140 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

Expiration date

Signature

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