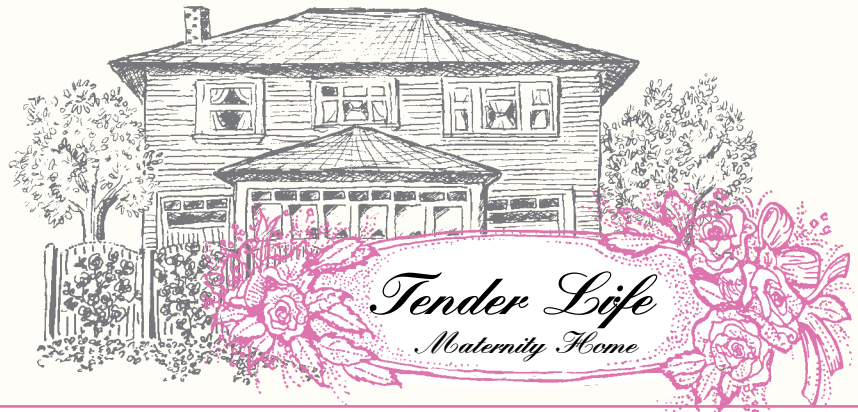


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Pumpkin Patch





From Robin Fosler

For many years I have been humbled by the work of Terry Hazen and her staff and volunteers. They have accomplished a ministry in Tender Life Maternity Home that brings hope and dignity to pregnant and parenting women who would otherwise be on the street. It is with great honor that I come aboard and continue this ministry.

It was as the founding director of Three Angels Childcare center in Ventura that I first became involved with Terry and Tender Life. Three of the Tender Life babies were in our care. One day Terry walked into my office and introduced me to Tender Life's mission. Tender Life has been a passion of mine ever since. As a volunteer, I have served the women through the annual Walk-a-thon, dinners out, spa gifts, and parenting classes.

As I have gotten to know Terry Hazen and the girls, Tender Life has gotten into my heart. When I was recently looking to make a career change, God lead Terry and me together once again. I bring a deep love of Christ and a life ministry that is fully in line with Tender Life's mission to serve this fragile population. With God on our side, I will carry on this ministry upon Terry's retirement. I desire to continue her devotion, love and support for women who wish to carry their babies to term and parent their little ones with love.

From Terry Hazen

My journey with Tender Life began in 1985. It was birthed through much prayer, great vision and a desire to bring healing and hope to pregnant women in need. I have walked the Tender Life path for 23 years. The road has taken many unexpected turns and the signs on the journey were not always plain. But God has been faithful, EVERY TIME. He has allowed me to participate in His Kingdom on earth. I have seen Life, growth, transformation, mercy and grace. I have experienced the Miracle of newborns and the healing of broken heart's. These 23 years I have been blessed beyond my hearts desire and I am humbled by God's goodness and love for his children.

But as everything in life is for a season, my time at Tender Life has come to an end.

This decision has come out of much prayer and seeking God's heart for my life. I leave Tender Life filled with love for my board, my staff, our amazing volunteers and hundreds of mothers and children whom I will carry with me forever. I feel that my journey here has pleased God and I am joyful with new vision for my future.

I am confident that Tender Life will continue to grow as they provide pregnant women in need with every good thing available. And I pray for God's abundance and grace as Tender Life begins a new chapter.

With Blessings and Gratitude.

Golf Tournament

Our 9th annual golf tournament was a smashing success. The day started early with bagels provided by Noah's Bagels in Ventura and Coffee compliments of Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf in Camarillo. Each golfer received a box lunch provided by Subway.

Anticipation grew as golf carts line up like runners at the starting block. At the mark they were off for a day of friendly and competitive golf. As golfers strolled in after 18 holes tables laden with auction items greeted them. Mouths were drooling over such offerings as "bacon of the month club" and dinner at Safire. Jewelry and spa treatments were popular as was our four legged offering.

A pedigree golden retrieve was a highlight with her pink bows and smile; yes everyone is sure she was smiling. Our transition house resident Seanna Fitton shared her life story. Her miracle child, Joy had a rough start in life when she arrived early and with numerous health challenges but with the help of Tender Life both mother and daughter are stable and living together in a loving home.





Dominique's graduation Certificate from New Starts for Moms

Thank You

We would like to extend a BIG thank you to the Cabrillo economic development committee who, through their efforts, have provided us with new windows, paint and flooring in our Maternity Home. This is a beautiful addition!

End of Year Tax Deduction Reminder

We are reminded that, "Our God owns it all". As 2008 comes to a close, there is a unique opportunity to give back to God for all he has blessed you with this year. At the same time you will be serving our unique population of women and their families. You will also get a deduction on your 2008 tax return. Please remember Tender Life in your year-end giving.

Hold the Date

2009 marks a decade of fundraising for BOTH events!

- March 14 - 10 Annual Walk-a-thon
- October 19 – 10 Annual Golf Tournament at Spanish Hills Country Club.

If you have a heart for these events, planning will begin in January. Contact our office and volunteer!

Christmas

Our annual Christmas party for the girls will be on December 9th. Santa and Mrs. Claus have cleared their busy schedules and have agreed to arrive in person to give each of the children a gift. Is there anything more delightful than the look on a child's face when they receive a gift from Santa?

We would like to thank Community Presbyterian Church for generously allowing us to use their facilities for our party.

Babies Born



Susie delivered baby Brayden on June 21. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Jennifer delivered baby Somara on March 31. She weighed 10 lbs. 6 oz.



Dominique delivered baby Jonathan on May 6. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Vanessa delivered baby Faith Vanessa on November 13, 2007.



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Pauline Reindeau and friends at Our Lady of Assumption

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"I am only one,

but I am one.

I cannot do everything,

but I can do something.

I will not let what I cannot do,

interfere with what I can do"

Edward Everette Hale