

Historic Merger Newsflash!

On September 23rd, 2008 the agency celebrated the many years of generous service by the Auxiliary at a High Tea. A presentation on the Women's League inspired ideas for joint collaboration of the two fundraising groups. A successful joint meeting to move this partnership forward was held at the agency on Wednesday October 15th at 1:30 PM. All Auxiliary members were invited.

Auxiliary members were also encouraged to become part of oral history accounts of the many contributions made to the agency through the years.

Those interested in being part of this remembrance project are asked to contact Sharleen Harty at 415-351-4055.



Dorothy Zaro & Antoinette Cresci



Mary Ann Revello & Roberta Flynn



Sister Estela & Rose Mangini

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New Executive Director

Dear Friends:

It is with great regret that we said farewell to Sister Eileen Kenny this summer after more than a decade of service to the agency. Her love and commitment to our women and children have been an inspiration to them and to all those associated with the agency. Under her leadership, we developed new programs to meet the emerging needs of the families we serve.

Under Sister Eileen's leadership we also began the transition to using "Epiphany Center" as the business name of our agency. We very much value the heritage of both the Mt. St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth programs and the legal name will remain the same.

After 19 years working with the Epiphany Center programs, I am pleased to serve as Executive Director in her place. Your ongoing support and contributions are a special blessing as we move into the busy holiday season. I hope to thank most of you in person at our January 28th and 29th, 2009 annual benefit in San Francisco and Marin, respectively.

The Daughters of Charity pray daily for our friends and benefactors, so know that you are remembered in a special way each day.

Sister Estela Morales



Sister Eileen and Sister Estela at the William W. Budge Children's Deck Dedication July 16, 2008.

New Epiphany Center Chapel



We invite you to use the enclosed envelope to send a list of your loved ones who have died. The names will be placed in a basket in the Chapel at Epiphany Center and during the month of November

Jane's Story

The first time I was at Epiphany Center I had 2 months clean and sober and lasted 8 months. I sabotaged myself out of the program. I did not know how to say I was scared or ask for help.

I was discharged and relapsed, arrested and landed in jail for 6 months. In jail I had time to sit and think so I wrote back to the program. I looked back at what I did wrong the first time. The program has an aura of genuine love. I saw it, but did not know how to receive and accept it.

As each day went by I saw the woman I was to become. When I looked at myself in the mirror I actually saw her look back. All the necessary resources were at Epiphany Center, but I needed to get to them. I was honest, clear and upright and that encouraged other women to look up to me. At first I did not realize it as I was humbled, but I was amazed by the impact I had on other's lives. I love this place. Life started for me at Epiphany Center. What is so beautiful is the warmth and love. I come back here and tell other people about it on the street. There is no other place like Epiphany Center in America.

I had to find a place that really cared and where it was not just about the money. My life story is about hope and this story can save someone's life. There is a message in this story: If I can do it, anyone can, but you have to want it.

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 someone's life."**

Major Donor Appreciation

Don and Brenda (Foundation Board Chair) MacLean opened their home on October 2, 2008 to loyal and generous supporters of Epiphany Center/MSJSE.

Dr. Linda Perez, clinical child psychologist at Epiphany Center since 1990, gave a riveting presentation on cutting edge studies in her field of infant mental health. She described how these studies have impacted the development of the Epiphany Program philosophy. Her inspiring words generated a sense of excitement for the agency mission and programs.

On behalf of the Epiphany staff, women and children we extend our deepest gratitude to those who were unable to attend. Your support makes an enormous difference to the Epiphany community.

Epiphany Center Calendar Updates 2008-2009

•Auxiliary & Women's League Meetings

November 12th, 2008 @ 10 AM
January 14th, 2009 @ 10 AM

•Benefit Party & Show-Save the Date

January 28th, 2009 Great American Music Hall, S.F.
January 29th, 2009 Throckmorton Theatre, Marin
For Tickets Call 415-351-4055

•Auxiliary & Womens League Luncheon

Spring 2009

Budge Family Blessing



William Budge with his daughter, Katie, at the dedication of the William Budge Children's Deck in July 2008. The Epiphany Center thanked Mr. Budge and the Solid Rock Foundation for 10 years of generous support and creative projects including a computer lab and the deck. Katie Budge will once again star in the 12th Annual Epiphany Center Benefit on January 28th & 29th, 2009 in San Francisco and Marin.

Giving Through Your Estate - Planned Giving

Include Epiphany Center in your Estate Plan and help ensure that we will break the multi-generational cycles of abuse, dysfunction, and poverty, in order to promote the dignity and self-reliance of women and children for another 156 years! Epiphany Center is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. For Further information please contact Greg Lassonde, our Planned Giving Specialist, at 510-482-1502 or greglassonde@yahoo.com.

Visit www.msjs.org for information on the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008!



Terry Keyes, Womens League Co-Chair & Jeanne Dana

Dr. Linda Perez, Epiphany Clinical Child Psychologist.

Enjoying the Fabulous Buffet

EPIPHANY PROGRAMS

Epiphany Outpatient Program provides intensive drug treatment for women. Women who come for treatment may be pregnant, with children under 3 years or without children. Services include drug education and process groups, individual counseling, parenting groups, health education and life skills groups.

Epiphany Parent-Child Center is a licensed day care for children of women in the Outpatient program that provides early intervention for infants and toddlers with prenatal drug exposure. Children receive Developmental assessments and Physical Therapy evaluations.

Epiphany Family Treatment Program offers individual and family therapy for children 0-18 years of age. Licensed clinicians provide therapy for children and teens who are experiencing stress due to disruption of family unity, reunification or other traumatic situations in the family.

Epiphany Residential Programs provide residential treatment for women who are pregnant, with or without children and for children up to three years of age. The program offers support in parenting, independent living skills, household management, positive communication skills and building a clean and sober network in the community.

Epiphany In-Home Services takes parenting support services into the homes of families at risk for losing custody of their child under the age of four. Outreach workers provide support with parenting, early intervention and information on child development. Referrals to appropriate services in the community are made for all family needs.

Epiphany Pediatric Clinic is a satellite clinic of San Francisco General Hospital. A Pediatric Nurse provides well baby checks, immunizations, sick care, growth monitoring and health education to Epiphany families, former clients and graduates.

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