

Marina's Story . . .

The Sheepfold has helped me to lay down a solid foundation for the lives of myself and my son. With God at the center of it all, is where the true blessings are. I have come from a long, dark, winding road. I praise God for leading me to Sheepfold. I had no idea how much my life was going to be affected when I came into this program.

I have been able to strengthen my faith and watch my son grow closer to the Lord every day. The seed of faith was planted in my heart a long time ago. Due to neglect it became overgrown by weeds and was deeply suppressed. Coming here has slowly started to nurture that seed deep within me, tearing the weeds out one by one and watering that seed so it will grow daily. From the Bible verses on the walls, the Christian radio station playing all day, daily Bible studies, faithfully going to church EVERY Sunday, being around women of strong faith, and watching God move and transform the lives of the women and children that come through here only touches the surface of my experiences at Sheepfold.

When I came here, I was looking for a shelter for my son and myself and God's grace has provided us with so much more than just a shelter. It has given us a home, creating great memories for the both of us. Memories of love, peace, joy, and safety—a feeling that we will take with us. Being here has made me realize a lot of things I was missing in my life. I have been able to slow down and put God at the beginning of everything I do and communicate with Him every step of the way.

Since I have been here I have accomplished many of my goals. I have obtained my High School Diploma, received my Administrative Assistant Certificate, moved to Second Step, and became debt free. I am now in college full time and working part time. Sheepfold has prepared me and healed me by feeding my soul and healing my heart through the knowledge of the most high. They have prepared me through the structure of the home, the skills, education and financial intelligence I will need to be successful. Words could never describe the impact this program has had in my life. This experience has changed me as a woman and a mother. I know that it is only going to get better because anything good or bad that may come my way can do no harm. My foundation was built with God's hand on every brick that was laid, starting the day I walked into the Sheepfold.

Marina, Sheepfold Resident

*"What lies behind us
and what lies before us
are small matters
compared to what
lies within us."*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



Mom's Night Out

Our moms requested to have a fun night out and Harvest Church was able to make that possible. Thank you Harvest Church for giving our moms a night of rest and relaxation! We are so grateful to your group for preparing such a delicious dinner and watching the kids while the moms watched an outdoor movie. It was a fun night for ALL!



*He who plants and he who waters
are one, and each will receive wages
in proportion to his labor.
For we are God's co-workers;
you are God's field, God's building.*

—Corinthians 3:1-9



Would You Like To Adopt a Family for Christmas?

At Christmas we provide a joyous and Christ-filled holiday for the women and children staying at the Sheepfold. We are able to do this with the help of individuals and companies who generously donate gifts or participate in our Adopt A Family (AAF) program.

Adopting a family means providing a portion of the gifts a family receives Christmas morning. When you call or email, you will be provided with information which includes an AAF number (to protect the family's identity), ages, sizes and gift suggestions from a family's Wish List.

Our deadline to drop off the **unwrapped** gifts for the AAF program is Friday, December 7th. This allows us enough time to organize, wrap and transport the gifts to the shelters for Christmas morning.

Please call (714) 237-1444 or email kathy@thesheepfold.org to participate in the AAF program or for more information. You can also find general gift ideas on our Registry and Wish List found on www.thesheepfold.org.

Kathy Novak, Services Coordinator



Shop or Donate New or Gently Used Goods at
Sheepfold Boutique, 810 N Tustin Street, Orange CA 92867

Give a Christmas Gift

We greatly appreciate all of your expressions of love by donating Christmas gifts for our moms and kids.

*Here are a few Gift Suggestions for our
Moms and Children (Ages: infant, toddler, school age 5-12, and teen girls)*

- Clothing and accessories for women (all sizes including plus sizes)
- Beauty and hairstyling products and accessories
- Shoes for women (all sizes)
- Clothing for girls and boys (all sizes)
- Clothing and accessories for infants and toddlers
- Shoes for children (all sizes)
- Clothing for teen girls (all sizes)
- Popular children's toys (all ages)
- Outdoor toys
 - Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards (and protective gear)
- Electronics
 - Educational toys, gaming consoles for the shelters, DS and Games rated E for Wii/PS4/DS
- Gift Cards
 - Target, Kohl's, Walmart, Grocery Store, Costco, Gas, Amazon, Home Depot
- Tickets/Activities
 - Amusement Parks, Sports Events, Movie Tickets
- Shelter Specific Gifts
 - DVDs (G or PG), Children's Books, Bibles, Devotional Books
- Household Items
 - Linens, Bedding (twin size), Home Décor, Kitchen Essentials, Highchairs, Umbrella Strollers

More specific items are listed on our Gift Registry at www.thesheepfold.org.

Groups or Companies

If you, your church group, or company would like to adopt a family, please call our office for more information 714-237-1444, or email kathy@thesheepfold.org

If you desire to give larger items other than listed above, you may call the office at 714-237-1444 for suggestions.

Please Note:

- We request NEW items because these are gifts.
- Please bring gifts UNWRAPPED. Gift bags OK. We need to see each gift, therefore, we will need to unwrap any wrapped gifts.
- We will receive gifts starting Wednesday, November 28th, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Gifts are also welcome earlier.)
- All gifts will be received at The Sheepfold office: Call 714-237-1444 or email: mail@thesheepfold.org for directions.
- Gift Drop-off DEADLINE: Friday, December 7th (So we have time to sort, wrap and distribute before Christmas.)
- Wrapping supplies, boxes and ribbon are appreciated.

As part of our stewardship accounting we are required to record every new item donated to The Sheepfold. It would be a great help if those who bring gifts would kindly include a list of the item's cost, or a copy of your register receipt.

To make a donation, please use the enclosed envelope or visit thesheepfold.org/donate or TEXT 714-942-5560. Thank You for your generosity!!

The Sheepfold



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*"From heaven the Lord looks down
and sees all mankind, from his
dwelling place he watches all who live
on earth— he who forms the hearts of
all, who considers everything they do."
—Psalm 33:13 NIV*

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Christmas Volunteers



Volunteer Orientation:
Saturday, November 3, 2018
10 -11 a.m.
Looking for volunteers who are available:
Monday–Friday,
(starting December 4th)
Available Shifts
(9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 1-4 p.m.)

**Come and be part of the excitement
by sorting and wrapping gifts for the women and children,
beginning Tuesday, December 4th, 2018.
Night and weekend opportunities TBA**

*If you have helped during Christmas in the past, there is no need to come to the
orientation meeting; just call and let us know when you would like to volunteer.*
Call Sarah at (714) 237-1444 or email sarah@thesheepfold.org
to RSVP or for more information.

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for future TEXT giving!

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