



Celebrating 40 YEARS

October 1979 - October 2019



Fran Lundquist, our Founder, loved to tell the story of how the Lord led her to start the Sheepfold. It's an amazing story of faith and love for our Savior. As we celebrate 40 years of serving women and their children I would like to share a reminder of God's faithfulness and our humble beginnings.

Fran was a woman of deep, abiding faith in our Savior, Jesus. She knew that helping mothers with children was her call and the will of the Lord. She had no business plan or funding expertise. Fran simply knew she was to help hurting women, so, she bought a home in Tustin (trusting God for each and every mortgage payment) and she began taking women and their children into the home. She was the only employee at the time, so she did it all, with the help of some ever faithful volunteers and church congregations. Her story and The Sheepfold's story are in the book titled "The Sheepfold. A Living Memorial to The Living God." It is a powerful testimony of a servant with an incredible heart.

All the core values of the ministry in 1979 are still in place today in 2019. Just as when Fran started the ministry, the primary purpose of The Sheepfold is sharing the Good News of the Gospel. There are still daily Bible Studies and counsel given using God's word.

I believe Fran's words from the 2001 October Newsletter are still true today.

"The Sheepfold has indeed been the recipient of the miraculous grace of God. He has touched and changed the lives of thousands of abused women and children who have accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord while they were here."

There is so much more to do, even while we rejoice in what God has done, we prepare to have an even greater year ahead and in the years to come, until Jesus returns.

John Wildman, Executive Director

"I will look after my sheep, says The Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, The Lord, will be their God."

—Ezekiel 34:11, 23-24

As The Sheepfold celebrates its 40th year of serving homeless and abused women with children, I was reminded of a question I was recently asked, "Why do you serve homeless mothers alongside domestic violence survivors?"

This is a great question and it may have a surprising answer. We serve both populations because:

- 63% of women experiencing homelessness have also experienced domestic violence in their adult lives (National Coalition for the Homeless).
- 38% of all domestic violence victims become homeless at some point in their lives (Baker, C., Cook, S., & Norris, F. (2003))
- 93% of mothers in housing programs experienced at least one trauma and 81% of this same group experienced multiple traumatic events. Of these women, 79% experienced trauma in childhood, 82% in adulthood, and 91% in both adulthood and childhood (Hayes, M., Zonneville, M, & Bassuk, E. (2013).

Oftentimes, when a homeless mother and her children come into our program she is unaware of any abuse in her past. However, once she has gone through our material on domestic violence in the 30 Fold portion of our Mark IV Program, she may realize that at some point in her life, childhood or adulthood, she has experienced a form of abuse. Often during this portion of the program, the common misconception that domestic violence is only physical is shattered when they learn there are other forms of abuse.

Today more than ever we need to be mindful of the effects domestic violence has on those around us. You never know if the homeless woman you encounter is homeless due to domestic abuse.

To learn more about domestic violence and details on our Mark IV program, please visit our website www.thesheepfold.org.

Thank you for 40 years of support!

Kelly Ibbitson, Director of Operations

*"But I will sing of Your power,
Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning,
For You have been my defense
And refuge in the day of my trouble.
To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises;
For God is my defense, My God of mercy."*

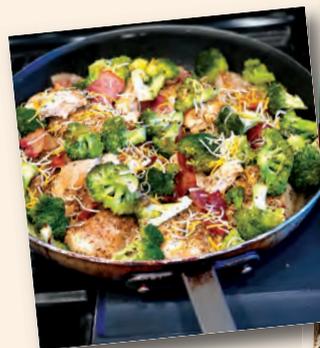
—Psalm 59: 16-17 NKJV



To make a donation, please use the enclosed envelope, visit thesheepfold.org/donate
OR TEXT any amount to (714) 942-5560. Thank You for your generosity!!

Home Cooking!

For most meals throughout the week our House Managers do the cooking. However, on most Sunday nights you can find one of our residents preparing a meal of their choice.



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.

The deadline to drop off the **unwrapped** gifts for the AAF program is **Friday, December 6th**. This allows us enough time to organize, wrap and transport the gifts to the homes for Christmas morning.

Please call (714) 237-1444 or email kathy@thesheepfold.org to participate in the AAF program or for more information. You may also check our website for our Christmas Registry or general Gift List.

Kathy Novak, Services Coordinator

Christmas Volunteer Meeting

Saturday, November 2nd 10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m.

Email: volunteercoordinator@thesheepfold.org

or Phone: (714) 237-1444 to RSVP or for more information.

If you have helped in the past, there is no need to come to the orientation meeting; just call and let us know you would like to volunteer again.



Save
the
Date

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

The Sheepfold



P. O. Box 4487 • Orange, CA 92863
(714) 237-1444 Orange County
877-Sheepfold
Fax (714) 237-1440
email mail@thesheepfold.org

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul. The statutes
of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple."*

—Psalm 19:7

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Buena Park, CA
Permit No. 88

October 2019

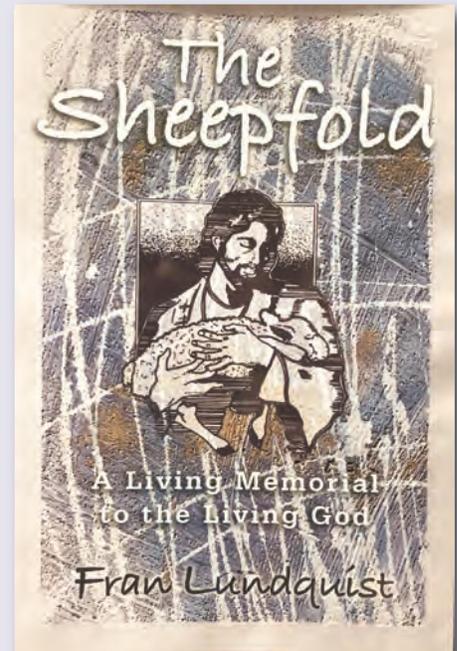
In Celebration of Forty Years

We are offering the 2nd Edition of Fran's Book

The Sheepfold
*A Living Memorial
to a Living God*

available for purchase on our website

WWW.THESHEEPFOLD.ORG/SHOP



LIKE US ON 
www.facebook.com/thesheepfold

FOLLOW US ON  & 
www.twitter.com/the_sheepfold [the_sheepfold](https://www.instagram.com/the_sheepfold)