

## First) Reminder...

**30th Annual Fundraising Banquet**

October 3, 2013  
 The Grand Event Center  
 4101 E Willow Street  
 Long Beach, CA  
 Seating begins at 6:00p.m.  
 For information call 562-422-2137

## Second) Save The Date....

**His Nesting Place Open House** will take place on December 14, 2013, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

An awesome opportunity to bring your families, church friends and co-workers to take a tour of our ministry and a chance to meet our moms and their children and staff too!

## Third) Thrift Store Closed....But...

**Just a reminder!**

We will continue to receive donations for our mothers and their children who are in need of clothes.

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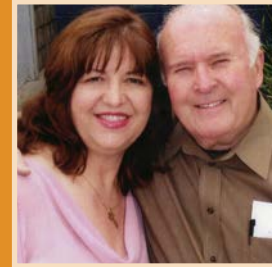
# The Nestbuilder

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 Maternity Home, Pregnancy Help Center and so much more...



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## Going Back 30 Years...



Dr. Al &amp; Judy Howard

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Last week I received a phone call from a mom who was at His Nesting Place thirty years ago. She lives in Reno, Nevada and I was unable to answer the call at the time. Later I was able to speak with her and was I ever blessed. Her name is Shannon Van Derby. She began to pour her heart out to me. "Pastor Al, I want you to never forget that my son was born while I was at His Nesting Place thirty years ago. He will be 30 on October 16th and lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was the first baby born when His Nesting Place started.

I had just recently asked the Lord to bring back some women from our very earliest days. God is so good. Shannon also shared with me that she wants so much to attend our 30th Banquet. I was so blessed to hear these words, "Pastor Al and Judy, I attribute my stability as well as my spiritual life to the seeds you planted in my life so long ago. Your words have come back to me so many, many times."

I am grateful for this re-connection from our past and God's continually blessing her life. Just to think there are thousands of women like Shannon who've been touched by the ministry of His Nesting Place.

We love and appreciate you,

Dr. Al and Judy

## He tried to kill me on several occasions...

Pastor Al and I wanted to truly thank you so very, very much for your prayers and financial support to His Nesting Place. Through you the Lord helps us take care of those who simply cannot take care of themselves at this most critical time of their lives. One such young despondent lady is Dessiree, who was married and almost killed by her abusive husband, and now I have the privilege of sharing her testimony with you.



My name is Dessiree Martinez and I am 24 years old and I moved in to His Nesting Place in August 2013. Although I was raised in a Christian home, this past January 2013, I married a man who seemed to be a Christian but actually was living a “double” life. His true colors came to light when I was shocked to realize he had been committing adultery on me (shortly after we were married!) The physical abuse came when I confronted him about what I saw on his phone texts. He began to beat me unconscious. On another occasion he even tried to kill me and threaten to kill my unborn baby with a piece of the glass from the window he had broken to get into our apartment. He is a Marine and I found out through my victims advocate that there are a lot of military wives being battered, abused and victims of domestic violence who are endangered and afraid to speak up or leave because their husband’s their sole source of financial support.

I am so thankful I was able to find His Nesting Place. I don’t know where I would be today as I was thinking of abortion at one point because I didn’t know I could find the help I desperately needed.

My husband and I are now divorcing and he has two restraining orders against him. My life feels so safe and unafraid and peaceful now that I’m away from him.

I graduated in March as a Medical Assistant and am currently looking for a job. Until I find one I am volunteering every day here at His Nesting Place. My goal is to go back to school to be an RN and to help be an advocate and counselor and speaker for other mothers who suffer from domestic violence. Whatever God leads me to do is what I want! Please pray for me and my children, especially to find the right job.

## Thank you Jim and Julie!

We all at His Nesting Place would like to take this opportunity and say “Thank You!!!”

On September’s Newsletter, we had said that we were in need of an industrial refrigerator for our big kitchen to accommodate our mothers in the home. Our present one was not cooling and food was spoiling very quickly. We received a call over the weekend and I returned that call on Monday morning and asked for Jim. He asked me, “Has the refrigerator been serviced by a professional technician?” and I said, “No!” Then he said, “I am going to set up an appointment with one and if I can get someone, can he come out this evening?” and I said, “Yes!” The service technician arrived, and started to work on our refrigerator. He had it working within an hour.

The next day a lady by the name of Julie came by and said, “I am looking for the receipt given to you by the service technician. My husband Jim and I are going to pay for the service done on your refrigerator.” It took my breath away! God is so wonderful! I said, “Thank you so much!” During Julie’s visit with us I had the pleasure to give her a tour of His Nesting Place and she added that her husband Jim would love to come every third month to do routine checks to our refrigerator. God answers prayers!

Blessings,

Diana Cattani  
General Manager

## God Is So Good!

God is so good! Just the other day I was sitting at my desk when I was told I had a phone call. Being the financial administrator, and knowing how behind we are with donations being down, I can almost guess it’s going to be someone looking for a payment and it was. The person on the phone wanted to know when they were going to be paid and what the hold-up was. I explained to her what we do and there was a pause and then she said “only give me a partial and we’ll work with you.” I was delighted and went to share the good news with co-workers. Then the phone rang. I answered it, and it was the same wonderful person telling me that she wept after we got off the phone, thinking about what we do here, went and talked to her husband and they decided to void our invoices and future service would be their way of sowing seed into His Nesting Place. We have a Big God and I just know that he will continue to use wonderful people like S.D.S. Pool Service to bless this great work.

Thank you,

Paulette Maxey  
Former Financial Administrator

## Pregnancy Help Center Seminar

How To Be Efficient To Minister To Abortion Minded Women and Post Abortion Women

Date: October 12, 2013, Saturday  
Time: 10:00a.m. to 12:30p.m.  
Location: His Nesting Place  
350 E. Market St. Long Beach, CA

Lunch will be served

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