

29:ELEVEN MATERNITY HOME

Save One Life, Transform Another

FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



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While it's not exactly "sweater weather" in San Diego, we are definitely enjoying some cooler temperatures and embracing the holiday season which is upon us. **It is such a blessing to live and serve these beautiful women and children in this amazing city.**



Jason & Miracle



Laura

One of 29:Eleven's annual fall traditions is visiting a local pumpkin patch. On a day-to-day basis, the mothers at both homes are working tremendously hard, which is why it's so important for us to build in regular FUN. Some benefits of having fun include reduced stress, better memory, stronger social connections and boosted energy! Throughout the year, resident mothers are included in a variety of fun traditions we hope they will not only associate with their time at 29:Eleven but perhaps also include in their own families' lives after they leave our care.

There are always a lot of emotions when it comes time for a mother to transition out of 29:Eleven. However, that's the ultimate goal we are supporting residents in from the time they join the home. Just recently, we said "See you soon!" to one of our Extended Care Home residents, Kezia.



Paulette (right)



Kezia

Kezia, her 9 month old daughter Paulette (born at 29:Eleven) and older children, Jorge and Sofia, began the next chapter of their lives away from 29:Eleven, and they will be greatly missed. Kezia accomplished an incredible amount in her time at 29:Eleven. That is one of the many blessings which comes from having a space like the Extended Care Home where women can receive ongoing support as they transition into the workforce.

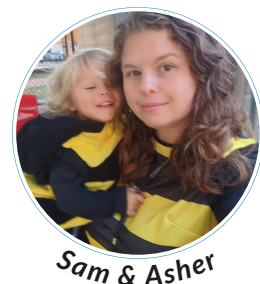
Sam, mother of Asher, is another resident at the Extended Care Home who is taking full advantage of her time at 29:Eleven. After transitioning here from our Maternity Home program, Sam began working full time at a children's learning center where she has remained employed for almost two years—***the longest she has had continuous employment!*** She started off as an aide and is now a certified teacher, an accomplishment she was able to achieve after taking college classes.

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In addition to growing in her professional field, Sam has also grown as a mother. "At 29:Eleven, I'm learning all my basic life skills on top of learning how to be a mom. This is a safe place for me to make mistakes and learn from them. In the future, I hope to find a job helping victims of domestic violence and trauma because that is what God is calling me to do." Asher, who just turned 2 in August, is Sam's first child. She is diligent about teaching him many different skills while he is young so he has time to absorb them. Sam encourages Asher to be motivated and give his best effort not just because he is told to but because he wants to. "Most importantly," Sam says, "I want him to have a strong relationship with God." We are so happy for Sam and Asher!



Sam & Asher



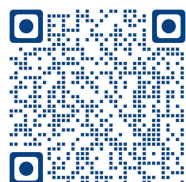
The Lord Provides in Amazing Ways!

In September, we held our **9th Annual Fundraising Dinner "Dreams and Visions"** at The University Club Atop Symphony Towers. After participating in a five-month long mentorship program to make this event even more spectacular than it already was, the Dinner was attended by close to 190 guests—the most to date—and exceeded our faith goal by raising over \$400,000!



"Dreams & Visions" Guests

Guests enjoyed lively conversation, ate a delicious meal, heard testimonies from residents and partners and a ministry update from 29:Eleven's Co-Founder and Executive Director, Beckie Pérez. Also during the program, Co-Founder Mike Pérez revealed 29:Eleven's refocused efforts on resuming work on the Lemon Grove home. This is the home which started the vision for 29:Eleven in 2013 and was burned beyond repair in the summer of 2023. **Through some providential connections and divine appointments, 29:Eleven plans to open this third location—which will also include an office space—in 2025.**



If you would like to personally hear the testimonies and updates just mentioned, you can do so by viewing our annual Virtual Program! This 34 minute long video will be available to view through the end of the year and we don't want you to miss it. Scan the QR code at left or visit <https://29eleven.org/events/> to watch.

The only Fundraising Dinner program component not included in the Virtual Program are the recipients of this year's Legacy Award. Each year, individuals are recognized for outstanding efforts in the combined areas of prayer, volunteer and financial support. Laurie Davies and Rod Kaya were 2024's Legacy Award recipients, and we are so grateful to have them as friends and partners. Both Laurie and Rod have been praying for, volunteering with and financially giving towards 29:Eleven's efforts for several years. It is truly people like the both of them who have brought the ministry to the place that it is today.



Laurie Davies (right),
2024 Legacy Award
recipient



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We Need YOU!



Trinity
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donations

29:Eleven has been significantly blessed by some new partnerships this year. In addition to adding 29:Eleven as a mission partner which receives monthly support, Trinity Lutheran Church in Temecula hosted a donation drive over the summer which yielded an overwhelming amount of items such as diapers, wipes, and cleaning supplies—saving 29:Eleven thousands of dollars!

Locally, students at Mater Dei High School have started volunteering on a regular basis. They play with or watch the children while the mothers attend to chores or cook dinner; they help with cooking and cleaning themselves; and soon student-led Microsoft Office classes will begin so the residents can add this skill set to their resumes. We love volunteers of all ages, and it's a special treat to serve alongside youth with a heart for LIFE!

If you're interested in volunteering at 29:Eleven, current needs include mentoring, child care, transportation, cleaning and help with fundraising events. Additionally, we are often looking for people to share a specific skill through one time as well as ongoing classes. For more information, email Sarah at volunteer@29eleven.org.

We're Hiring!

As the ministry grows, so do our needs. One of our main needs right now is an additional House Manager to support the residents during evening and weekend shifts. Are you a ministry-minded individual with a passion for serving pregnant and parenting women on the path to transforming their lives? We would love to tell you more about what it means to work at 29:Eleven! Please also share this information with anyone you know who might be a great fit for this unique opportunity.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 3, ALL DAY—Giving Tuesday
Saturday, January 18, 8:30 am-12 pm—29:Eleven booth at the San Diego Walk for Life held at Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego 92101
Saturday, January 25 (Time TBD)—Family Friendly Comedy Show Fundraiser, First Lutheran Church of El Cajon, tickets required

Stay Connected!

Are you currently on our email list? Emails are sent a couple of times a month and are a wonderful way to stay in touch with 29:Eleven throughout the year! To be added to the list, email Pamela at info@29eleven.org.

Gi♥ing Tuesday



Help 29:Eleven raise \$1,500 to fund a much needed laundry room renovation at the Maternity Home!



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Supporter Spotlight

Bill George—a San Diego native who relocated to Tennessee a few years ago—has been deeply involved with 29:Eleven since its inception. As part of the Life Group of 29:Eleven's Co-Founders, Mike and Beckie Pérez, Bill was one of the first people to hear what God had placed on the Pérezes hearts and was ready to help where needed. From financial support, volunteering with projects, being part of the original Annual Fundraising Dinner planning team, to eventually joining the Board of Directors in 2016, Bill's contributions to the ministry are impossible to list.



Bill George

Having grown up in the Lemon Grove area of San Diego County, Bill recalls watching his local community transform from a small, sleepy town to a fast-paced metropolis bursting at the seams. When he saw how 29:Eleven intended to stand in the gap to help local pregnant women in crisis situations, he was moved to become involved as he caught the vision of the positive impact.

“Working with 29:Eleven has helped me understand that we need to let others know that they are valued.”

Bill says his journey with 29:Eleven has brought him to a new depth of relationship with God as well as created new friendships with other people across the United States. He now supports maternity homes in New York, Minnesota and Louisiana. Additionally, Bill is one of a small and growing group of men across the country who are very involved with the inner workings of maternity housing. “I have discovered that this cause is not just a women's cause. Men are important and needed in this ministry

and there are very important roles that men can fill. Things like showing up and demonstrating what a Godly man is or looks like. Not physical appearance, but things like trust, honesty, loyalty and that not all men are bad people. For me, transforming the life of the mother can often be as simple as showing them what a strong, healthy relationship could look like, whether it is a friendship or committed relationship...and always giving the praise to God for these relationships.”

Thank you, Bill, for the many ways you add significant value to 29:Eleven!

2024 Annual Fundraising Dinner

A huge thanks to the individuals and businesses who helped underwrite the expenses associated with holding this year's Annual Fundraising Dinner! Through the generosity of these underwriters, every penny of the guests' gifts went directly to support the mothers and babies of 29:Eleven.

