

In a thank you note to Rainbow, a client residing in our emergency shelter over the holidays recently wrote,

“ **This year** is the first time in six years my children and I have been able to celebrate the holidays ”



THANK YOU

to everyone who helped Rainbow make the holidays possible for this family, and so many others, through your generosity and commitment to victims of domestic violence.

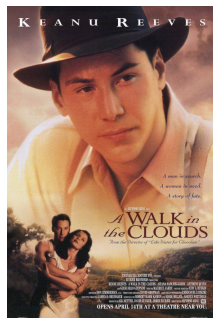


Rainbow Services is extremely thankful for the support of the **Joyful Heart Foundation** and its wonderful and dedicated volunteers and sponsors. They spent a Saturday putting together "Healing Kits" (pictured to the left) for every woman unfortunate enough to live in a domestic violence emergency shelter in Los Angeles during the holidays.

These incredible boxes contained an amazing assortment of items to aid, heal and comfort women escaping domestic violence, many who fled with nothing but the clothes on their backs. We distributed a box to every woman residing at either our emergency or transitional shelters. To say the least, the boxes indeed fulfilled their purpose by bringing a sense of healing to the women at Rainbow Services.



Thank you Joyful Heart Foundation!



SAVE THE DATE - Sunset Serenade July 10, 2010

On Saturday, July 10, 2010, Rainbow Services will again hold its annual fundraiser, **Sunset Serenade**. This year's theme is **"A Walk in the Vineyard"** because the event will be held at the remarkable home of **Jean and Charlie Shriver** where much of the movie **"A Walk in the Clouds"** was filmed.

This exquisite estate transports you to another time and place and promises to set the tone for another elegant evening where guests can help Rainbow Services continue its important work helping save women and children escape from family violence. It will surely be a memorable evening.

Guests will start the evening sipping a **Signature Cocktail** while shopping the silent auction and enjoying tray passed appetizers. Guests will then move into the magnificent courtyard for a sumptuous dinner prepared by our very own **Christine Brown, acclaimed chef and owner of Restaurant Christine**. And, each course will be paired with a wine personally selected by Christine. During dinner guests will be entertained by the lively **Scarlett, featuring Dr. Bob and the Jeff Jones Trio**. Following dinner, guests will bid on an assortment of live auction items.

Your support at this event helps us continue to provide the life-saving services that women and children need to move on from a life of violence.

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Maria Acuna, our Residential Coordinator at Rainbow's Emergency Shelter, was honored by End Abuse Long Beach with the **Domestic Violence Prevention Award** for her **20 years of service** working with victims of domestic violence. The ceremony took place December 10th at the Alpert Jewish Community Center.



CONGRATULATIONS, MARIA!



Maria with family and staff supporters

When Maria learned she would be honored, she was overwhelmed with emotions. Her excitement at winning the award matches her passion for serving victims of domestic violence. At the ceremony, Maria felt humbled and honored at the words of her peers. Maria is thrilled at her award but acknowledges, **"There is still a lot of work ahead of us to end domestic violence."**

Executive Director's Message

Why we need Rainbow Services –

It is hard to pick up a newspaper or turn on the news without hearing another story about domestic violence. It is extremely pervasive in our society. Statistics, like **1 in 3 women in this country will experience some form of domestic violence**, do not begin to tell the whole story about its impact on our society.



It isn't just the battered woman who feel the effects of family violence. **60% to 70% of those coming to Rainbow for help are children**, who are often the unseen victims. Other family members are also often traumatized by domestic violence. Many victims are cut off from their families as this can be a method used by a batterer to maintain control over their partner. Employers often have to deal with the fall-out of violence in an employee's home, as victims frequently have higher absentee rates, higher medical expenses and violent spouses can pose a threat to co-workers.

Even after all these years of advocating on behalf of victims, the issue is still one surrounded by shame. **Women suffering at home may not let anyone around them know.** One reason for this is that some people want to believe that domestic violence is something that happens **over there**. This just isn't true.

So, when you support Rainbow Services, you just may be helping your neighbor or a family member without even knowing it. No matter what, **when you support Rainbow, you are helping to end a vicious cycle and quite possibly helping to save a life.**

GETTING INVOLVED



A Message from Our New Director of Outreach and Volunteers, Judy Gordon

I am truly thrilled to have recently joined the Rainbow Services team as the first Director of Outreach and Volunteers. This position was created for the dual purposes of raising the level of domestic violence awareness and education in the community and providing opportunities and support for our growing volunteer program. I have spent more than 30 years working in the non-profit world, mostly concentrated on family issues and domestic violence. I am excited to bring my experience, knowledge, and passion to Rainbow Services.

One of my goals here at Rainbow is to make as many people as possible aware of domestic violence – what it is, warning signs, prevalence, impact on children, what to do to help, etc. I need your help for this. If you are part of a group at work, at school, where you worship, or where you play that would like to learn more about domestic violence, please call me and I will be glad to set up a time for us to meet.

On another front, I am hoping to increase the involvement of volunteers at Rainbow Services. I know that many of you are eager to help, and I want to facilitate that.

If you are interested in more information about volunteering at Rainbow Services please call. There are many opportunities to share your time, energy and expertise with our amazing staff and worthy clients. I can be reached at 424-264-0641 and I am waiting to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Judy Gordon, Director of Outreach and Volunteers

Sunset Serenade 2010 will be held Saturday, July 10th.

SAVE THE DATE !

Mark your calendars—
We are extra excited about this year's event!

More details including sponsorship opportunities inside...

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