GLORIA’S STORY

Gloria and her four daughters came to the Eli Home in January of 2007. Gloria was renting a room in a home owned by a couple, that soon turned against her family. After learning that one of the landlords was abusing her girls, she knew she had to leave. Gloria found refuge and safety at the Eli Home. For the first month, Gloria focused on her relationship with each one of her daughters and her ability to be the best mom possible. After completing the 45-Day Emergency Program, Gloria moved into the Eli Home’s Transitional Shelter Program and participated in STEP classes and other life skills courses. She enrolled her children back into school and child care and became one of the more popular volunteers at the Eli Home’s Un-Thrift Store’s Vocational Training Program. She demonstrated a strong work ethic and developed excellent customer service skills. At the completion of her training, she quickly found a job at a local child care facility. She had applied for housing assistance before entering the Eli Home. Along with her Case Manager and other Eli staff she completed the process and receive her housing voucher within 10 months of her stay. With the support of Eli staff, Gloria diligently looked for permanent housing for her family. She was successful, and now Gloria and her girls live in their own 3 bedroom apartment. Gloria continues to work at the child care facility and participates in Eli’s 6-month After Care Program, in counseling and case management. Eli Home staff looks forward to frequent visits and updates from Gloria and the kids. Gloria’s commitment to her family and diligence have given her and her daughters a new life of safety and love.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

It is interesting that people who have a true heart for serving others seem to always stand out in the crowd. It doesn’t matter what position in life one may hold, whether the working poor, or corporate or political leadership. Those who have a true servant’s heart understand that first, we must give it. When we give our hearts, we change lives and we inspire the best in others. We leave the world a bit better than when we found it. The greatest leaders of all time were servants of the people. Think of some of the leaders that are the most revered in history- Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Cesar Chavez, Mother Theresa. They were not as interested in leading as in “pointing the way”. May God grant you the courage to serve, to lead and to point!

Wishing you every blessing,
Lorri Galloway
Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT

To welcome, shelter, comfort, heal, encourage and strengthen victims of child abuse and neglect, and to prepare them to reenter the community to lead stable, non-violent lives, free from fear and intimidation—
To Break the Cycle of Child Abuse
Celebrating the opening of the new Garden Walk complex in Anaheim, both McCormick and Schmicks and PF Changs hosted benefit pre-grand opening dinners for The Eli Home, raising almost $10,000.

Include these restaurants on your “places to go” list, and thank them for their support of The Eli Home.

Anaheim Garden Walk
321 W. Katella
Anaheim, CA 92802

The Eli Home’s all staff retreat was hosted by Concourse Bowling in Anaheim. Taking the afternoon off and enjoying some friendly competition was a great way to rejuvenate and reconnect with each other. Concourse donated all the bowling and food. THANK YOU!

The Eli Home is GOING GREEN!
If you would like to start receiving our newsletters and other correspondence via e-mail rather than paper, please let us know. You’ll be saving us the expense and saving a tree!
E-Mail: elihome@elihome.org

Donations of gently used clothing, household goods and furniture accepted.

Donation Hours:
M-F 9am-5pm
Saturdays-By Appt.

Store Hours:
M-F 9am-7pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Closed Sundays

Volunteer Groups Needed
The Eli Home Un-Thrift Store is the perfect place for a volunteer group.

Come volunteer for an afternoon at the store and help sort, price and clean items. If you know anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Joel at 714.300.0600

German Ayon, age 11 was the winner of the Easter Basket Give-A-Way. His family are regular shoppers of the thrift store. Everyone who made a minimum purchase of $10.00 was given a ticket for the drawing. The drawing was held at 3pm on Saturday the 22rd.

Eli Home interns Olga Moreno, Tynisia Edwards & Felicia Hall participate at the McCormick & Schmick’s event.

Thank you-Concourse Bowling

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Tonia & Victoria Ruiz and family at the new McCormick & Schmicks.
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A HUGE SUCCESS!

After the success of last year’s poker tournament in September, it was an easy decision to have the event again and soon. The decision proved to be a good one. Hosted once again by Hotel Menage in Anaheim, the 75 player tournament and other gaming events raised almost $17,000. Congratulations to our tournament winner, Bill Knapp and thank you to all those that participated. We look forward to seeing you at our next tournament in September.

1. First place winner Bill Knapp and Executive Director Lorri Galloway.
2. Board Members Michael Galloway, Heather Ramirez and guests enjoy taking their chances at the blackjack table.
3. The heads up battle at the final table prepare to shuffle up and deal.
4. Eli Home Case Manager Ibet Villalpando, volunteer Brandon Jeffrey & Director of Development Tami Galloway help register players and guests.
5. The craps table was one of the more popular places for non-tournament players.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

One of the strengths of the Eli Home’s Second Step Transitional Program is the role of interns. Interns working on their Masters Degree in Social Work and Counseling provide a much needed service to the families at the Eli home. For example, case management, family and individual counseling and teaching both Mom and children’s classes are among the intern’s duties. In order to have this internship program, The Eli Home must have a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) to oversee the work of the interns. We need funding for the position of the LCSW in order to keep this vital program. If you can help, please use the enclosed envelope, make a note that your donation is to support the internship program.
Happy Birthday
Chris Mason

In lieu of birthday gifts, Chris asked for monetary donations to be sent to the Eli Home. The Eli Home is honored to share in Chris’ birthday celebration. Thank you, Chris, and thanks to all your amazing friends and family that have so generously donated on her behalf.

The Mason Family
Charlie, Leah, Brent, Chris, and Thomas.

Chris Mason and Jamie Philips. Jamie works for CARE Ambulance and introduced Chris to the Eli Home.

The CARIBBEAN mid summer night

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY-JULY 19, 2008

INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW

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