

# THE GILEAD GAZETTE

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## MEET GILEAD HOUSE

Gilead House is a transitional home for single mothers in need and their children. In addition to housing, we provide women with the skills and support they need to rebuild their lives and care for their families. Our mission is to offer hope to families by helping them transition to a stable life and permanent housing.

### PARTNER CHURCHES:

- BayMarin Community
- Christian Church of San Rafael
- Grace Church
- Good Shepard Lutheran Church
- Hillside Church
- Marin Covenant Church
- Novato Presbyterian Church
- St. Francis Episcopal Church
- St. John's Episcopal Church
- The Quest
- Tiburon Baptist Church
- Trinity Community Church
- Valley Baptist Church

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## RUSS ORTIZ HOSTS GILEAD HOUSE AT THE BALL GAME

Not once but twice the families, staff and volunteers were guests of Russ Ortiz at a San Francisco Giants baseball game. We all arrived early to have a special meet and greet with Russ. He gave each of us an autographed "Friends of 48", his number, baseball shirt. In addition to providing the entry ticket, he also gave each of us a \$10 coupon for drinks and food in the ball park. It was heart warming watching the kids and their moms drag in bags of baseballs, bats and hats to be autographed. Everyone took turns having their photo taken

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## THE GIFT THAT GIVES TWICE

Take time to enjoy the beautiful landscape of the rolling hills of West Marin Sat., Nov 17<sup>th</sup> for a special "Flights and Bites" hosted by Cynthia & John Klock at their West Wind Winery. Their artisan wines are paired perfectly with locally sourced organic small gourmet bites. The \$15 fee for the tasting includes a premium logo wine glass or gift bag for any additional purchase of wine. This is a great time to select holiday wine gifts that range from \$18-\$30 per bottle. All the proceeds of these sales go directly to Gilead House. Please drop by between 2-6pm and enjoy this casual afternoon with many volunteers from Gilead House. (cont. p.2,

## IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL "OLIVE HARVEST"

We have much to be thankful for at Gilead House. It is especially fun to enjoy beautiful Napa Valley with people from toddlers to grandparents gathering olives for our annual "fun" raising activity. We are grateful that Pine Ridge Winery and Ed and Merrilee Turley are allowing us to harvest their trees on Friday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-3pm. Trinity Community Church will provide the water and snacks; we will provide the buckets, rakes and nets. Please bring a lunch, perhaps a turkey sandwich from your feast the day before. (cont.

## **RUSS ORTIZ...** (CONT. FROM P.1, COL 1)

with Russ at the September game with his friend Dave Roberts while Russ was recuperating from surgery.

This was a terrific opportunity for Gilead House moms to take their children to see a live professional game for the first time. Alumni moms and their children attended, some along with their mentors.

It was wonderful to enjoy a casual setting for current and former staff, and volunteers to really enjoy catching up with one another. It gave us the time to check in on former families and connect them to everyone who is involved now. This grant from the Ortiz Family Foundation provided a fun-filled experience for the Gilead House families and friends.

## **THE GIFT...**(CONT. FROM P.1, COL 2)

Directions to West Wind Winery from Highway 101:

Take the Lucas Valley Road exit from 101 and go west about 10 miles until the road ends at Nicasio Valley Road. Go right, through "downtown" Nicasio until the road ends at Pt. Reyes-Petaluma Road. Turn left and go 1.6 miles – turn right at Willow Road. Approx. 25 minutes from the 101 exit.

Winery is: 333 Willow at the very top of that road.

## **FUN GRANT TEAM**

Carrie Whisler, one of our Board of Directors and Suzan Sweet, Executive Director have decided its time to bring a new group together for the grant team of Gilead House. We meet once a month, usually over dinner in Marin, to divide and conquer the inroads of grants for non-profits...especially Gilead House.

We are hoping to find volunteers with a love of research either in resource libraries, trade journals, local papers or the Internet. Of course we welcome anyone with grant writing experience and we are ready to mentor new volunteers with an interest in this field.

No experience required other than willingness to laugh and try new things. We have resources and courses that are available for interested participants. You don't have to know which of these parts you might like to work on, just an interest to be a part of a working team.

Please contact Carrie Whisler at (415) 699.6101 or email her [clwhis@hotmail.com](mailto:clwhis@hotmail.com).

## **"OLIVE HARVEST"** (CONT. FROM P.1, COL 1)

Dress in layers and expect that you might get a bit dirty. A pair of lightweight gloves would also be helpful.

Please remember this event is subject to weather, so check our website, [www.gileadhouse.org](http://www.gileadhouse.org) for updates, even for the day of the harvest.

Directions to Rutherford Ridge Vineyard/Orchard:

Please note that we are not gathering at Pine Ridge winery. They are donating their olives but the location is in Rutherford where they have a beautiful vineyard lined with olive trees. This is where you are going.

Take highway 29 north through Napa Valley. Turn left at Whitehall Lane (the street is just before the winery). After about 1/2 mile you will come to a fork in the road; stay to the right and turn left at the next driveway; continue down the road until you see the tractor shed. Park on the side of the road there. There will be directional signs posted to help you locate the places to turn. contact for the harvest 415-819-0723.

## **SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS**

- We are grateful to have Tami Sattler who joined Gilead House as the new Family Advocate. She has served a similar clientel in San Francisco designed as a month long program for single moms and their children. She is a licensed Family and Marriage Therapist, so we are very fortunate for her gifts and experiences that led her to Gilead House.
- We are blessed for the tireless volunteer hours Phil Gautsch has devoted, along with other Quest members, building our redwood play structure on the back patio.
- We have had an ongoing gift of car service from Vinnie Lamica giving his expertise with car maintenance for the moms' cars.
- We are thrilled with the architectural design and drawings that Jeff Cavener created to present to the City of Novato's planning department.
- We are grateful for the ongoing Life Skills teachers in parenting and nutrition: Sandra Wandschneider and Nancy Bloom.  
With Gratitude,  
~ Suzan Sweet, Executive Director

## **GIVING ENVELOPES**

Enclosed with this newsletter is a self addressed "Giving Envelope". These are replacing the envelopes that previously included the prepaid postage. If you use one of the prepaid envelopes from past newsletters, they will be returned to you as this postal permit is no longer valid. We appreciate your continued support.