

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.

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS

MAY 7TH
MOTHERS MATTER
BENEFIT DINNER AT GG
BAPTIST SEMINARY

JULY 17
FLIGHTS AND BITES AT
WEST WIND WINERY

FOR MORE EVENT
DETAILS EMAIL:
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or www.gileadhouse.org

DONATIONS

Please consider a donation or pledge @ www.gileadhouse.org. We appreciate your continued support.



Lynette with Stella and Michele

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR LYNETTE

At Lynette's graduation, we experienced the hope and inspiration that Gilead House provides. Lynette was beaming as she shared her accomplishments and confidence in the future, embracing the shared experiences and affirmations from her mentors and friends. "I'm a survivor with an appreciation for life; with gratitude, and joy in my heart." It was a beautiful evening of celebration graced with God's presence.

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WELCOME JACQUE!

We are excited to introduce Jacque McLaughlin, our new Executive Director. Jacque comes to GH with a background in non-profit public health administration. Her most recent accomplishment, as the Director for Health Access, involved securing health insurance for uninsured children and creating a statewide association around this issue.

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SPRINGING FORWARD

Spring is a time for new beginnings and a time to reflect and refresh. As the new Executive Director, I am excited to be a part of the vision and hope that is Gilead House. We enter Spring, 2010 with excitement and anticipation as one mom graduates, new moms move in to begin their journey with us, and construction of our new home in Novato begins. Gilead House is a community of many volunteers and financial partners who surround our moms and children with unconditional love.

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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Construction of the new Gilead House home is scheduled to begin April. The success of the Ultimate Church challenge with many church community partners participating, and key foundation partners including Marin Community Foundation and the Schow Foundation have given us the needed financial support to launch construction of the new building that will

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THANK YOU SUZAN!

As we welcome a new Executive Director to Gilead House, we also want to thank Suzan Sweet who led Gilead House for the past 4 years. We are grateful for the leadership, commitment, and loving heart that Suzan brought to Gilead House. Her mentoring example to the moms and our staff remains an inspiration. Thank you Suzan; we wish you all the best.

WELCOME JACQUE...(CONT. FROM P.1, COL 1)

In addition to her program accomplishments, Jacque is passionate about mentoring others. Her management philosophy includes "treating everyone with dignity and respect" and creating 'win-win' partnerships. Jacque has been active in her church as a worship leader, gospel choir director, and most recently served as the Worship & Arts Ministry Leader. Jacque has three grown children. We are blessed to have you on board Jacque!

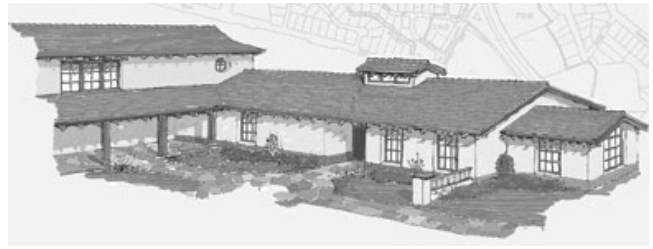
WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome Brian and Susie Scarth to the Gilead House Board of Directors. Brian and Susie bring a wealth of experience to our board in finance, IT, marketing and public relations. We are blessed.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

We are blessed by many volunteers, donations, and sponsorships. One of the greatest gifts is our work together building the Gilead House community. We are grateful for all these gifts.

- Thanksgiving meal ingredients donated by One Community Church
- Thanksgiving meal ingredients and childrens activities donated by Girl Scout Troop #30971
- Clothing donated by Bay Club Marin
- Pumpkins delivered and donated by North Bay Produce via Barbara and Ted Rowe
- Gift basket donated by Calvary North Bay Church
- Hair products donated by Robinson Roe Salon
- Corporate sponsors for the Valentine's Dance including Macys.com and Montecito Center's Seagate Properties



CONSTRUCTION...(CONT. FROM P.1, COL 2)

be home to six moms and their children. Strong community support from local businesses and a block grant recently awarded to Gilead House through the City of Novato demonstrates that working together we can make a difference in the lives of homeless and at risk moms and their children. Our goal is to move into this new home debt free. We need your help to make this goal a reality!! You can make a financial contribution on-line at our website; you can volunteer to help with the finish construction (both skilled and non-skilled jobs are available); and you can pray for the safety of the workers on the site and our witness in the community.

SPRINGING FORWARD...(CONT. FROM P.1, COL 2)

We welcome new supporters and volunteers, and appreciate the commitment and passion of those who continue to support Gilead House. Together we can make a difference. I look forward to meeting and working with you all in the coming months.

Jacque C. McLaughlin

Executive Director

NEW BEGINNINGS ...(CONT. FROM P.1, COL 1)

Shortly after leaving Gilead House, Lynette was offered full-time work by her employer and she now lives only blocks away from her job and mentor. Jessica and David are also handling the change well; they were very excited about the move. Help us pray for their continued success.

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PARTNER CHURCHES:

- BayMarin Community
- Christian Church of San Rafael
- Grace Church

- Good Shepard Lutheran
- 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