



THE ELI HOME

Shelters for Abused Children

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CELEBRATING 38 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



When we heard the news in March 2020, of the pandemic lockdown and The Eli Home had to cancel all of our signature fundraising events, it seemed it was the beginning of the end of our 37-year-old non-profit organization. How could we continue to operate our essential services of shelter, counseling, and support services without revenue? What seemed inevitable, not only did not happen, the year of 2020 turned out to be the year of amazing hidden blessings.

Our remaining skeleton staff never missed a beat by staying focused on the daily tasks at hand and not worrying about tomorrow. Eventually, talented and diligent volunteers began to show up with an uncanny commitment to stay until the work was done. Our shelters never closed even for a day and our community-based programs and store continued operations helping more people than the year before. Our board of directors had better attendance and participation on Zoom meetings than in any other year of our existence. Grants, stimulus funding, trust funds, virtual fundraisers, store patrons, monthly donors, contributions, and in-kind donations enabled us to pay our bills, pay our staff, and continue our passionate mission of sheltering abused children and their mothers and helping disenfranchised immigrant neighborhoods with issues of family violence, food insecurity, job loss, and COVID-19 impacts.

We learned how to accomplish our goals differently and in many ways, better than before – saving time, money and energy using technology and innovation in ways that we would not have learned had we not been forced. We learned that we are all better together, even if physically separated. We are resilient, grateful, and hopeful for 2021. May God bless you and yours and may He keep you safely in His arms!

Ever yours,

Lori

SEEING THE STARS IN THE DARKEST NIGHT

Because of the generosity of our Christmas gift donors and sponsors, we brought the Spirit of Christmas to three young children who recently suffered the unspeakable sorrow of losing their mother to gastric cancer. The children, all under 12, are left in the care of their father who works from 6am to 5pm in construction to provide for them. His vehicle was repossessed because he could no longer afford the car payments. For the children, a bleak Christmas without their mother seemed unbearable. We stepped in and asked each child for five wishes and focused on providing everything we could. They were each blessed with bicycles, helmets, shoes, clothing, Legos, LOL dolls, more toys, food, and sweet treats. Dad also received gift cards to Walmart. May God bless them throughout all of their lives.





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A LOOK AT 2020



COVID SAFETY

In response to the COVID-19 high infections cases in our area, ESCRI distributed sanitation supplies to families in the 92805 zip code.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Our afterschool programming went completely virtual. Children who have access to a phone, tablet, computer, or school lap top tune in to do projects that can be completed using common supplies found in their homes.



KIDS CHRISTMAS

Following CDC-guidelines and stay at home orders, we scheduled 400 children over the course of eight days for a no-contact pick up. Families received an average of 5 gifts per child, food, and sweets.

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