



Director's Note

Blessings Everyone!

I would like to thank God for all the love and support that everyone has given to Saint Child (SC) through 2011. Once again – we serve a mighty God and He has brought us through another year of challenges and victories.

Victories include a wonderful 40's banquet and a 2nd annual Christmas Benefit concert given by Aaron Meyer.

We would like to invite you to 2012's Benefit Banquet Jungle Rescue at the Oregon Zoo. **So save the date! April 14th** – more information coming, so be on the lookout.

Other incredible victories include young women who have given birth to healthy and thriving children. Looking over Saint Child's rich 15 year history providing critical services to our community, I am thankful for the 26 lives that Saint Child staff and volunteers were able to come alongside and serve during 2011.

2011 Stats:

* Over 1580 volunteer hours were given by loving volunteers.

* 107 service calls resulted in referrals for services or young women entering into Saint Child.

* Average stay for young women at Saint Child has increased from 6 months to 8 months.

* Adoption rate reached 15% increasing 1% in 2011.

I am grateful for the amount of work that has been accomplished by the Saint Child Board of Directors, staff and team of volunteers.

Challenges that we are facing coming into 2012 are heart wrenching as we received notice that our lease will not be renewed. Currently we are facing a transition.

According to an article written in the Oregonian, "Over the past decade, the land around the house has been mired in controversial development plans. In 2004, Venture Properties agreed to buy the land from the Elks and proposed building a 252-home subdivision. When Orenco appealed, the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals sided with the city. After three years of fighting with residents, the city approved the development in 2007.

The parks department, which will manage the property, has not proposed specific uses for the house, but one option is definitely off the table.

"Private use of the house located within a public nature park just doesn't fit for the future," said parks spokeswoman Corinne Bloomfield.

That means Saint Child will have to leave the home where a total of 111 young pregnant women have learned how to cook, raise a family, budget and generally navigate the world as a single

mother." (For more on this article written by the Oregonian visit: http://www.oregonlive.com/hillsboro/index.ssf/2011/10/hills-boros_nature_park_plans_w.html)

We are excited to share that God has opened a door to a facility that is located in Beaverton that meets the needs of Saint Child.

We are currently in the negotiation phase. Wonderful opportunities are opening up as God opens the hearts of His people in preparation for our transition to Beaverton.

We will keep you informed as we progress. Please continue to pray!



A Glimpse of Saint Child's Future New Home



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Thank you all for making our Christmas memorable and spectacular!

Pictured are :

Cece and Baby Elijah....

Naomi and Baby Clayton....

Cassie and Baby Madison....

Thank you all! And thank God that there are wonderful and giving supporters who understand that single motherhood takes a boost here and there.

Update:

Naomi and Clayton have moved to Salem and we pray for them the best in their new future!

Cassie and Madison have started back to school where there is on-sight child care while Cassie explores the world of IB classes. Study hard Cassie!

Cece has had the opportunity to fill in temporarily at a dental office in the Beaverton area.

If you know of any permanent openings in a dental office—please contact Saint Child at 503.648-4227 or



email office@saintchild.org. Cece would love to be working full time!

Welcome our new resident (not pictured above) Megan who is due in August of 2012. Megan works part time at Lenscrafters and has been at Saint Child since January.

“Be still
before the Lord
and wait
patiently for
him”

Ps 37:7

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Update from CeCe and Baby Elijah

On November 10th, 2011, I gave birth to my first child Elijah Marcus Grahek. He was born at 11:47 pm and weighed 7.8 pounds and was 21 inches long.

Unfortunately on that same day my son was born with heart problems. He currently has premature arterial contractions, supraventricular tach-

cardia as well as a heart murmur.

Elijah goes into see his cardiologist every 3-6 months and they will be monitoring him until he is about one year old.

Since having my son I have gone back to work part time in a dental office as a dental assistant. I am still looking for full

time work. Although I must admit, I love having the time off with my son. He is growing so fast!

Thank you Saint Child for teaching me the skills I need to be a good mom. Your support is perfect timing.

Cece

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalms 37:4 NIV

As I have mentioned on numerous occasions, God will give us the desires of our heart if we are living according to His will. I like to think we are living according to HIS will by serving here at Saint Child for the last two years.

Our 1999 minivan began showing its wear and tear and we lost the battle of repair work as we used it to transport our residents back and forth to appointments, church, and hospitals when they would go into labor! Saint Child's maintenance volunteer, Vance, wrote the following in his assessment: *"Well, it ain't pretty. I looked at the engine knock again, I must conclude that Skip is correct – it is most likely a connecting rod. I used a stethoscope and it is coming from the block, a very bad sign. If left unrepaired the knock will grow worse and the engine will fail catastrophically at some point – leaving the driver stranded somewhere. We should have it checked professionally (and we did), but I believe we are looking at total replacement with a used low mileage engine, or perhaps a total engine overhaul."*

"\$3,000 minimum." This was not the only issue we had with our beloved "Swagga Wagon" but the front end needed an overhaul, the fuel pump gadget gave out and the list continued growing. We finally had to park the swagga wagon because it just wouldn't start.

Thus began the search and the prayers for a newer van. On December 20th, God gave us a 2005 Toyota Sienna Mini Van (Loaded, I might add). What an answer to prayer! **Thank you Layton Family!**

As Skip and I were talking, he mentioned to me that he thought this was exactly the model we had wished for over a year ago. I looked back through found an email where Kathryn, the office administrator, had asked us, "If you could have any type of van you wanted, what would it be?". She was planning to write some letters to car dealerships to see if we could get one donated.

I found that email from October 2010 and it is **exactly** the van we had given Kathryn the details to earlier.

We are so blessed!!!
Cindy—House Mom

(Cindy in her new van pictured below)



Good bye Swagga Wagon!



HOUSENOTE:

We are trying to find an endearing name for our new van – We would love to hear ideas from you!

Email your suggestions at:
office@saintchild.org

SLEEP SAFE TIPS FOR BABIES, by Kay Green of www.MyPreciousKid.com

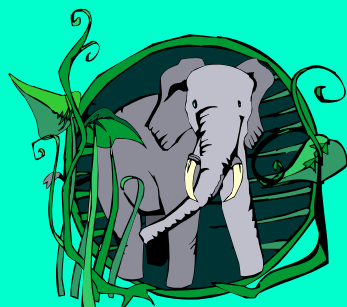
Back only – Put baby down on back every time. When your baby rolls over by themselves it is fine. However still start them on their back for the first year.

Binky – Put your baby to sleep with a binky/pacifier. This has been shown to reduce the SIDS rate. Start with one style of binky and use after every feed in the beginning weeks. Some learn it quickly; others take a bit of time.

Swaddle – Use a swaddle blanket that has closures (Velcro) so hands pushed up cannot put blanket over their face. At age 5-6 months or when they roll over in the swaddle, start swaddling 1 arm out. A few

UPCOMING SAVE THE DATE EVENTS:

*Saint Child's Jungle Rescue
11th Annual Benefit Banquet*



*April 14th at the Oregon
Zoo*

*To RSVP For Seating or Table
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Please contact 503.648.4227 or*

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HELP NEEDED:

**Saint Child will have a booth at the
Tigard Area Farmers Market**

Dates: May 27th, June 10th and June 24th
8:30am – 2:30pm

If we could get helpers for each date 3.5 hour shifts each date that would be ideal.

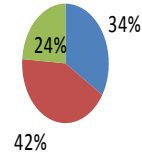
**Call Kathryn to help with a shift at
503/648-4227 or office@saintchild.org**

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Dreft Detergent for babies
Dishwasher Tabs
Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags
Tampons
Hardwood Floor Cleaner
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Dow Scrubbing Bubbles for Showers

**Monthly Income
vs
Monthly Budget \$13,000.00**

- Fundraisers \$4,400
- 63 committed monthly donors (give between \$50 - \$600) \$5,500
- Funds still needed \$3,100



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