



St. Raymond's
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St. Raymond's Opens 4th Home

In August of 2016, former Chairperson of the SRS Board, Shauna Balk, and her family moved from Jefferson City to Concord, CA to follow a calling of God. Shauna's husband, Ben, was hired as the president of New Hope Academy in Concord and New Hope Church offered a special opportunity to the Balk's. The pastors of New Hope Church are originally from Jefferson City and had toured the SRS House there. They knew an older house on the New Hope campus could be restored to serve as St. Raymond's fourth location. Pastors Joe & Teena Skiles were committed to the mission of SRS and knew the need was great in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The house was serving as an administrative office and needed to be remodeled. God works in mysterious ways - miraculously Shauna was given a referral to Grateful Gatherings, an organization that furnishes rooms for foster and transitional homes. It just so happened that the Director of Grateful Gatherings (and former HGTV producer) had a major cancellation on March 13th. If we could be finished remodeling the home by that day, they would come in and furnish and decorate the entire home! Additionally, they committed to bring 50 volunteers to rehab the back yard!

In less than 1 month, with the help of multiple church volunteers, which included licensed contractors, the team met the deadline. On opening day, a crew of volunteers from Grateful Gatherings (in collaboration with Chipman Relocation and Logistics) showed up on their bus at 11:00 sharp and completely furnished and decorated this home from top to bottom in less than 4 hours flat. Every detail was considered and the transformation was overwhelming.

That same day, 4 families were welcomed into their new homes, HGTV style of course! As the women and children entered their new home, we overheard a precious young voice saying, "Now we have a bed!". Tears of relief streamed down their faces with peace in their hearts. They finally have the opportunity to become self-reliant and prepare themselves to give their children the security of a stable home.

After a quick deadline and an abundance of blessing, the 4th St. Raymond's Home is now open and serving very beautiful and deserving families! Follow the events on FB @straymondssocietyNorCal



Your SRS House is Supported
by Your Community!

Each House relies on the financial and volunteer support of its respective community. As SRS grows and opens more homes to support more mothers who choose life, be assured that your donations will remain with your local house.

PARTNERING WITH MOTHERS, PROVIDING RESOURCES, PROMOTING SELF SUFFICIENCY

ST. RAYMOND'S IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Give a Mother's Day Gift

This could be one of the best days your SRS mothers will ever have!

Will you give this beautiful set of resources to one or more of the mothers at our SRS House? Will you give a set to one or more of the at-risk mothers we are working with in our community?

Every \$85 received will provide one mother with this AWESOME Mother's Day gift.

Maybe \$85 just doesn't fit in your budget right now. That's ok. Pick an item or two that does:

- \$8 - Favorite Moment a Day (journal)
- \$10 - Start Where You Are (self-exploration)
- \$20 - Jesus Calling (daily devotional)
- \$47 - Study Bible

These resources are key elements to helping a young mother on her journey of becoming whole and healthy, emotionally and spiritually.

Mail your tax deductible donation today - Mother's Day is just around the corner.
St. Raymond's Society, PO Box 14, Rolla, MO 65402



Warm Welcome to our newest resident, Faith! She is due to deliver her baby boy in August.



EXCITING UPDATE and a huge thank you for all the Friends of St. Raymond's that have been praying for this young mother's success - she set goal, she worked hard and she made it happen!

Zuleima earned her CNA and she "nailed it" by scoring a 90!!! Your SRS team could not be more proud of her!

Client Spotlight

Your St. Raymond's House in Rolla is at full capacity with FOUR mothers - two of which are expecting - and THREE kiddos . . . however by mid-summer we'll have FOUR MORE BABIES for a total of SEVEN kiddos!

How are we going to do that with only two moms expecting? Because one of them is having TRIPLETS!



If you look closely at the ultrasound scan image, you will see three babies.

A HUGE thank you to Pregnancy Resource Center of Rolla for providing the ultrasound scan that revealed the super exciting news that Janey was carrying TRIPLETS. Look at all of those images and mom's huge smile!

Hard work + self-discipline = "PAYDAY"

As you may know, part of our "My AMAZING Life Program" is to instruct and train mothers how to maintain a budget and create a savings for her future. As an added incentive, we will match her first \$300 saved – so far this year, two of our mothers have reached their initial savings goal and earned a savings match. Way to turn \$300 into \$600 savings - practicing self-discipline really "pays off".



Janey

Janey is the mother of a 4 yr. old daughter and pregnant with triplets. That's right! At the end of summer, she will jump from being the mother of one to the mother of four!



Francine

Francine is the mother of a 2 year old son with special needs. She is a full-time student working toward her Bachelor's degree and managing a part-time job.



Zuleima

Zuleima took her first action step toward her stated goal - "to be financially responsible". - she cut up all her credit cards! Please pray for her as she continues to work her action plan by paying off debt and creating a savings for her and her 3 yr. old daughter's future needs.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

It has been over a year since Shantel and her family transitioned from the SRS House to their own apartment. While at the house Shantel gave birth to her fourth child, Bentley, who was born with hydrocephalus. Throughout those challenging weeks following Bentley's birth, Shantel never lost her faith. Her strong commitment to her family has paid off, and she reports that little Bentley is "doing amazing! He is starting to walk and talk!" Bentley is growing normally and has had no shunt malfunctions, for which Shantel is very grateful! She plans to return to school in the fall to pursue a degree in Computer Information Technology. As an active SRS alum, she participates in our community activities and attending spiritual development classes.



2016 - MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A grand total of 16 women and 29 children resided in the two SRS Houses in 2016

- *7 women obtained vehicles
- *4 women received regular counseling
- *11 women completed pre-natal or parenting classes
- *8 women obtained fulltime jobs
- *5 women were promoted to SRS House Leader position
- *3 women obtained part time jobs
- *4 women were able to move into their own apartments
- *7 women delivered babies during stay
- *3 women earned GED's or professional certifications
- *3 women earned driver's licenses

77 total accomplishments/average of 5 self-sufficiency goals achieved per resident during stay. That is nearly double the number of goals achieved in 2015, which was 2.6. The increase is due to making the CC positions full time instead of part time and residents having longer stays in 2016 than in 2015.

Total number of women served outside of the two SRS Houses: 71 (a 129% increase over 2015)



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