

# HOME LIFE

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

As many of you know, we have been working for much of the past year with a couple in Vancouver who came to us expressing their desire to start their own maternity home. After many conversations and much prayer, they asked and we agreed to let them come under us and become part of Saint Child. We had hopes that we would open this new home at the first of this year, and we were so excited to start this new chapter in Saint Child's story. Unfortunately, this family came to us in December to let us know that they were no longer interested in moving forward with us as an organization. The reasons were related to differences in our ministry philosophies. And so it was with heavy heart, that we released them from our agreement.

We know that many of you donated to Saint Child's Vancouver house because you were excited to see another maternity home come to Vancouver. Some of you donated because of your personal relationship either with the Gigstad's or with Chris Jensen, who works for Saint Child. Whatever your reasons, we want to assure you that we are doing our best to honor the intent of those donations. We want nothing more than to see the Gigstad's home filled with young women who are looking for a safe place to have their babies and begin the process of making changes in their lives.

Saint Child will be examining our plans to expand our services to new areas, and will wait on God's timing to open up another opportunity for us in Vancouver, with the continued support of Chris Jensen. In the mean time, we wanted to let you know that if you desire to join with the work that Saint Child is doing in the Portland area, we would love to have your continued support and involvement.

However, if you want to support a ministry in Vancouver, we understand and know that you have several options, including the New Beginnings home that the Gigstad's plan to open in the future.

We are all passionate about the same issue ... helping pregnant young women who may be caught in a cycle of abuse and poverty find a place to discover hope for the future ... for themselves and their unborn children.

We pray God's richest blessings on the Gigstad's as they move forward and appreciate your continued prayers for Saint Child.

*Saint Child Board of Directors*

**WE WELCOME 2010 BY BRINGING IN MIKYNA, TANESHA, KELSEY AND KATIE.  
MORE TO COME ON OUR NEW RESIDENTS.**

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Please join us in celebrating the work our Heavenly Father has done through Saint Child this past year. Through Him, we have served 13 young women and their babies. And we were able to walk alongside one young woman who chose adoption.

Every week Saint Child is becoming more visible in Portland and the surrounding communities. We are called upon by families and agencies for availability. We are so happy to be called upon to do His work and we continue to trust Him to supply our needs through our church partners, individuals and businesses.

We praise God for your support and encouragement. Wishing you joy and peace in 2010.

*Jackie Pride*  
Executive Director

### RESIDENT ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILABLE

See website for Job Description and application or email [office@saintchild.org](mailto:office@saintchild.org).

## FUTURE EVENTS

- **ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET - MARCH 13, 2010 - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Multnomah Athletic Club - 1849 SW Salmon St. Portland, OR <http://www.themac.com/> — Please save this date – we will be featuring a silent and live auction. Look forward to the items being posted on our website at the end of January. Please RSVP by 3/5.

Visit our blog at [www.saintchild.org](#) for more information on these upcoming events.