

Ariana's Story

Ariana is an extraordinary young lady who was a resident at Sunlight Home for 8 months. While living here, Ariana graduated from Golden Gate High School, completed a CNA certification class, worked a summer job, and passed her driver's permit test. She stayed at Sunlight Home for two months after the birth of her son, Giovanni (pictured with Ariana on the front cover).

After leaving Sunlight Home, Ariana moved to the east coast and began executing her plan to attend college. The following is an excerpt from a letter she wrote. "I am doing extremely well in school. Got an A on my final in English, and an A as my final grade. I just took my chemistry final today! Hopefully I did well. I learned a lot of my studying skills from Sunlight Home. Thank you and the staff members for helping me with my study skills. I am truly grateful for being at Sunlight Home. Everyday when I wake up and look at Giovanni, I say thank God I kept him. He is such a great gift!"

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Annual Report 2010

Our Mission: To Break the Cycle of Poverty and Abuse for Pregnant Women and Teens

In 2010, Sunlight Home provided a safe haven for 34 mothers and their babies. We are the only residential maternity home in Collier County. Our program offers spiritual, physical and emotional wholeness to pregnant women of all ages, race and creed in a loving family atmosphere.

All of the funding for our program is provided by private donations from individuals, civic groups, private grants, churches and foundations. We do not receive any government funding.



Sunlight Home's Program

Sunlight Home was established in Naples 17 years ago as a long term shelter for pregnant women and teens. We have been a 501-C3 non profit incorporated organization since 1994. Many of our residents are homeless and have been abused and abandoned. Our intent is for each resident to have a healthy pregnancy by remaining drug, alcohol and smoke free. They agree to a very structured program that helps them to understand their value and the value of their child. Each mom receives prenatal care, counseling, child birth classes, parenting classes, the option of adoption, job skills and financial planning. The residents live together as a family, and learn problem solving, social skills and coping strategies. Each resident must attend school, work or volunteer their time at a local charity helping others.

As a Christian maternity home, we have daily devotions, Bible study and attend weekly services at a non-denominational church. We know that God offers hope for these women who feel hopeless and lost.

In 2010, 50% of our residents completed the program and gave birth during their stay at Sunlight Home. 20% of our birth mothers chose adoption for their babies. Of those that did not complete the program and departed before the birth of their babies, 70% reunited with their families.

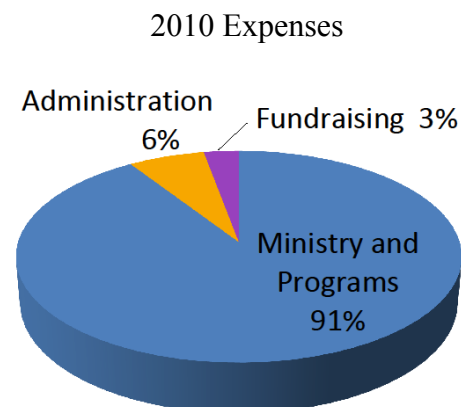
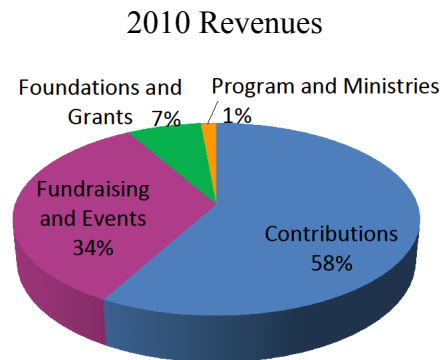
Fundraising

Annual Fashion Show

Our 16th annual Luncheon and Fashion Show, "A Day At The Beach," was held on March 22 at the Naples Beach and Golf Club. Fashions by the Village on Venetian Bay, The Neapolitan Center, The Promenade and Mercato were featured. We also had a Silent Auction and raffle prizes throughout the event. We were successful in raising \$35,196.

Annual Fund Raising Dinner

Our 2nd Annual Benefit Dinner was held at the Naples Beach and Golf Club on December 9th. Our guest speaker was the esteemed Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We were able to raise \$33,787.



Hailey (17 months old) sitting on an elephant at the Naples Zoo.