



A pathway to restoration... Newsletter

Christmas 2009 N. 12402 Division #248 Spokane, WA 99218 www.transitionsgate.org



Thanksgiving and Christmas bring thoughts of grateful hearts and memories of family and friends around a table of plenty, sharing conversation, laughter and delicious food. What sweet memories. The frenzied rush to the end of the year is just around the corner and our thoughts quickly turn to other things. It is that beautiful time of year to ponder end of year Christmas events, closure for 2009 and, just as important, careful consideration for end of year giving. It has been an exciting fall season for our work both in America and abroad. We are thankful for the gracious giving and volunteerism from many donors who are committed to this important work. Founded three years ago, our mission and purpose is to assist women and families whose lives and happiness are fractured by domestic violence and abuse at the hands of an aggressor, often their own spouse or domestic partner. On behalf of Transition's Gate Board of Directors, please accept our sincere thankfulness for each of you who have made our mission and vision a priority. We are looking forward to the year ahead with great anticipation. Nancy Mortlock, President

An Update on the Women's Center in Ploiesti, Romania Day after day, since early last spring, the reconstruction work at the women's center has progressed. It is impossible to express the feelings of joy as we stand and watch the work near completion. New floors, ceilings, thermopane windows, solid wood doors, a new iron gate, the first central heating system this building has ever had, handicap access, a second bathroom, a new kitchen and entryway all add warmth and security to this special place. It's beautiful. We



recently received a gift which will provide the necessary computer network for the staff at the center. A new security system will also be installed to provide an additional measure of safety for the clients and staff. As the winter months close in, the attention turns to the finishing work of the interior, the purchase of furniture and equipment needed to begin the work here after the inaugural event. Thanks to many Romanian volunteers and workers the center will be ready for national and international guests who will visit during the week-long opening events. We are so thankful for the way in which Americans and the international community have generously donated hours of labor and resources to Transition's Gate. *****

Safe at Home Annual Dessert & Silent Auction



We are privileged to welcome Dave Dravecky, former pitcher for the San Francisco Giants, as our keynote speaker for this spring event. His story is one of hope, courage and perseverance in the midst of dark and overwhelming uncertainty. Many parallels can be drawn between the suffering of the Dravecky family and the lives of the women whom Transition's Gate serves. **March 12, 2010 7pm The Lincoln Center**

Dessert \$35.00 per person

Private Reception & Dessert 5:30 pm \$100 /person

Tickets can be purchased by calling or writing to :

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A Humble Servant

Petrica was born and raised in Ploiesti, Romania. Trapped in a foxhole as a young teen during WWII, with the Germans and Russians bombing on every side, he became injured from flying debris. Losing one thumb and nearly his life, he was miraculously rescued by a stranger. Having survived, he recovered and now works full time in his tiny little wood shop in the back of his modest home. Now, at age 85, Petrica has masterfully crafted the solid wood doors for the counseling center. He is a true testimony of love and compassion for others. He works silently, skillfully and with gentle care.

Our Mission and Purpose

Transition's Gate was organized exclusively to provide charitable assistance to women and children trapped in the consequences of domestic violence, abuse, poverty or other misfortune. We assist women and families by providing charitable support and resources to organizations, both domestic and foreign, engaged in activities and services which provide safety, counseling, health care, shelter, training and programs of restoration which will lead to healthy productive lives in society.

Visit Our New Website www.transitionsgate.org Be sure to visit our new website with updates on the news and events of our organization. You can find previous newsletters, pictures and details of upcoming events.



Paula Oprea Visits America 2010

Though American women face challenges every day and suffer at the hands of abusive male partners, around the world millions of women go through a day without a sense of safety or respect. An increasing number of women are killed at the hands of men controlled by alcohol, anger or an abusive mentality tolerated by their society. Most women keep their suffering silent to protect themselves and their children from harm or the disgrace of disclosure. Paula is choosing to speak out and share her compelling personal story, hoping that women around the world will be more aware of the growing statistics related to domestic violence, fractured families, women in bondage and the growing industry of the sex slave trade. If you or your organization would enjoy meeting Paula or hearing her relate her own personal compelling story, she will be in the U.S. in February of 2010. To make arrangements for her to speak for your organization, church, civic group or club, please contact us at 509.993.5162. Paula speaks at no charge.

How You Can Help Support the Work of Transition's Gate

Your tax deductible gift will be used in entirety for the women and children whom we serve. Transition's Gate operates with a volunteer staff and 100% of every donation is used to accomplish our mission & vision.

___ Please accept my enclosed donation to help Transition's Gate assist women and families suffering from domestic violence and abuse

___ Please charge my credit card \$ _____ to help Transition's Gate provide counseling to women and children in desperate need

___ I would like to make an automatic monthly donation in the amount of \$ _____ to Transition's Gate to help women and children

Visa/Master Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Name on card _____ Phone _____

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