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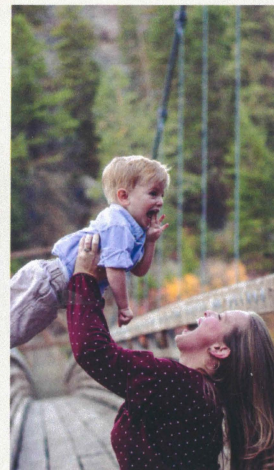
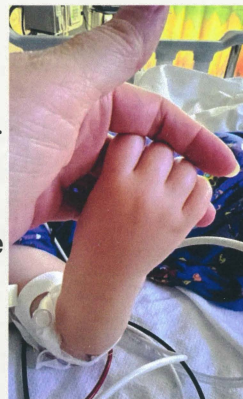
Fall/Winter 2022



A Message From our Executive Director...

I believe in Angels, both seen and unseen, performing miracles. Last spring, my cousin was visiting her son, his wife Haley and their 3 kids in Texas. One day she, Haley and the kids ran an errand to their church, parking in the fairly empty lot. Haley and the kids returned back to their van before my cousin. While Haley was putting the older two kids in the vehicle, the youngest, 23-month old Baby Jake, wandered, an arm's length away, to the next, vacant parking spot. An elderly man, unaware of the toddler, drove into the spot. Haley heard a small cry, turning around she saw the truck and yelled "STOP!". The front tire of the Ford 150 truck had stopped on top of little Jake, from his pelvis to the base of his neck. The driver would later say, "I heard hundreds of voices shouting 'STOP!'". Within minutes, my cousin was there. As the ambulance arrived, she looked back at the church, and saw a line of dozens of church patrons, looking down and praying. Countless family and friends, prayed for the life of Baby Jake. At the hospital, the doctors discovered a 'pulverized' spleen, a fractured pelvis and a possible pulled ligament in his neck. Due to his small body, they didn't do surgery for the spleen, hoping it would repair itself. The fractured pelvis would also heal on his own and he would go home with a neck brace as a precaution. The next day the spleen bleeding had stopped and had begun to heal. As the the family was told of his injuries and positive prognosis, someone said, "There must have been Angels lifting that truck." Another said, "and Angelic voices, shouting 'STOP!'" My cousin added, "and Angels here on earth. We've witness a 'miracle'!

For decades at Golden Girl, we've had Angels, changing and sometimes even saving the lives of our girls. This is especially true at Christmastime. Every year, I am contacted by past girls, telling me how they felt about Christmas as a Golden Girl. I often hear, "It was the only Christmas, I received a gift" or "Christmas there, I felt part of a family, being seen and loved." A 15-year-old girl unwrapped a doll (her first) and she still has it. Another girl remembers crying when she opened her gift, a bible AND a necklace with it. Each girl knows these gifts are given through donation from her anonymous "Christmas Angel". Most of our girls have been hit repeatedly by a metaphorical "truck". They've felt the heaviness of a large tire upon them while living in abusive homes. Our Golden Girl Family of Angels have shouted, "STOP!" to their past abuse and neglect. I've seen the Angels who have "lifted the truck" to save them. Baby Jake, now two, is Big Boy Jake, having fully recovered, a running and laughing, cherished and loved miracle. At Golden Girl, I'm blessed to witness Angels, seen and unseen, making it possible for our girls to experience the joys of childhood, especially at Christmas. We love to watch our girls giggling and happy, each one a cherished and loved miracle.



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My love for flea markets and thrifting started in my early 20's when I needed to fill and decorate my first home. I soon realized how much I appreciate the quality of older furniture and love the thrill of the hunt!

Over the years I have learned how creativity is crucial for a happy life. It is vital to see us through the dark times, as well. In every season of life, we need to remember that we are ALL created in the image of The Creator to be creative! You ARE creative! Whether it's gardening, sculpting, writing, cooking, building, sewing, painting, designing, or a blend of many things, we should always have something we're working on. My grandmother always told me, "Every day is a school day". So, don't just think about it, or even worse, over think - just do it! Finished is better than perfect! You will be surprised to see how much better you feel emotionally, mentally and physically. It also lowers blood pressure!

Golden Treasures can help you get your creative juices flowing and set you up for success with many chalk paint colors, moulds, transfers, decoupage papers and more! These items can be used on furniture, jewelry boxes, kitchen cabinets, floors and whatever else your mind can conceive. So what are you waiting for?! Throw fear to the wind and start something creative today! You were created for such a time as this!



The magic of Christmas is a time of love, family, friends, parties, and of course presents!




Some of our girls have never had Christmas before and it is so exciting to see the joy and awe on their faces as they wake up to gifts under the tree.

We at Golden Girl love Christmas time. It's a time we want to make each girl's wishes come true. Our girls are given a Wish List of items that they hope for this Holiday Season.

We ask you to be a Christmas Angel for one of our girls this year. The Holidays are hard, not to be with your family, we try to make Christmas fun and memorable for our precious girls.

If you would like to be a Christmas Angel to help make a young girl's Christmas wishes come true, you can donate \$200 to help support each girl monetarily.



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