

# THE SEASHELL

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# MEET OUR MEMBERS



## GINA LORENZI

We are thrilled to welcome our newest member, Gina, who joined us in early February. She is 28 years old and is an outgoing and social person. Gina has two jobs - one at the City of Irvine and the other at Vons Pavilions. She loves all things pink, attending dances, her cat, and giving hugs. Gina likes to lend a helping hand with the Assistants and Members at Mae House and does so out of the kindness of her heart. She enjoys reading, playing games, and watching movies. She also has a wicked sense of humor and loves to make people laugh. We are so happy to have her with us!

We asked Gina how she feels about Mae House. *"I really love it very much. It's perfect."* What does she like about Mae House? *"I love pretty much everything. I love Hannah very much and Ellen. Both are really sweet."* What does Gina look forward to about her life at Mae House? *"I love meal prepping and being with everyone. I love hanging out with Angie - she's really sweet."*



## LAUREN HATFIELD

Lauren moved out of Mae House in February to live more independently in an assisted living apartment community. This move is Lauren's next step towards her lifelong goal to one day live with a roommate in an apartment with minimal assistance. Mae House is so happy to support Lauren in getting closer to achieving this goal. Good luck, Lauren!



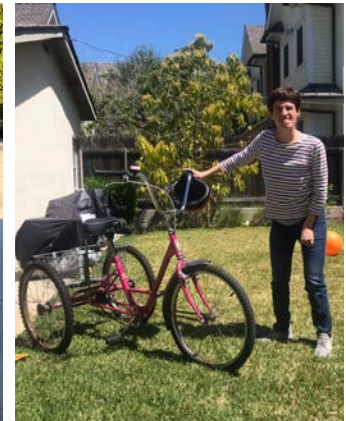
## THE ADVENTURE VAN

Thanks to Brian and Roxanne McCafferty, the newest member of the Mae House Family is the Toyota Sienna we fondly and emphatically call the Adventure Van! Brian McCafferty is Ed's cousin and he owns automotive dealerships. The 8 passenger van is a great gift to us and allows the girls and staff to get around town together safely. If you see the girls cruising around in their silver van with the Mae House decal, please say hello!



# THREE WHEELIN' FUN

We were overwhelmed by the number of offers to purchase bicycles for the girls after our first newsletter! Thank you to Cindy + Pat Hanrahan, Annie McCray and all who reached out to us. The girls love going for rides around the block and saying hi to their neighbors. Leaving the bike store, Ed enticed Liz to "Ride it like you stole it!" which you can see her doing in the left photo below....Too fun! The Slater family's 1954 Chevy 5-Window Truck was the perfect way to pick up the bikes and deliver them to the girls waiting excitedly at Mae House. Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of our donors, these bikes are just another way for us to bring smiles to our members' faces.



Dear Friends of Mae House,

I would like to begin this letter by thanking all of you for the wonderful feedback from our first newsletter. Wow! Not only are Jess and I humbled by your kind words and positive feedback on the newsletter itself, but the question I get asked almost every day is "What can I do to help?" There are many ways that we would love for you to be involved in Mae House. Besides general donations, we have created a Wish List of a few immediate wants and needs.

On February 28th, Ed and I hosted an Appreciation Tour and Dinner for a group of our influential Donors. The evening began with a visit to Mae House followed by a popular Mae House dinner of spaghetti squash with meatballs, a green salad, and a Mae House muffin prepared by Chef Mary, Ed, and me. The feedback from our guests was so positive and supportive, that we are inspired to keep doing more events like this.

We have some exciting events coming up. On Saturday May 18th, we will have a fundraising Yard Sale, so mark your calendars! Donations for the sale can be dropped off at Mae House the week prior to the event. Come by to shop or simply to say hello. On August 11th, we will host our first Neighborhood Party with food trucks, drinks, and hopefully sunshine! This will be a fun event where friends and neighbors can come over to meet the girls and take a tour of Mae House.

The next steps at Mae House are to accept the fourth and final member opening at our current residence on Fullerton Avenue and then to find the second home to grow our residential community to accommodate the prospective members on our wait list. As a non-profit organization, we rely on donations to supplement insufficient State funding in order to achieve the highest level of overall care for the young women under our supervision. We believe in providing for the physical, social, emotional, and mental well-being of every member. In order to achieve this, some of our biggest monthly expenditures include art + music therapy; speech therapy; fresh + healthy meals (the

#### Mae House Wish List:

- iPad for Member Use to take pictures, listen to music + face time with family members
- 3 Nest Surveillance Cameras
- New swing for front yard
- Window coverings throughout house
- Annual Disneyland passes
- San Diego Zoo passes
- Groceries
- Healthy dinners out
- Duffy boat ride
- Movie tickets
- Frozen yogurt vouchers
- House supplies
- Gardening tools and supplies

most requested meal is Chef Mary's salmon with cauliflower rice); movement sessions with a health coach to improve physical well-being; educational excursions (i.e. San Diego Zoo + Long Beach Aquarium); social outings (Disneyland being a group favorite); Summer day camps for further education and fun; and perhaps most importantly, our professional development and training to elevate the care provided to our members by our top-of-the-line staff. To achieve all of this, our fundraising goal is \$18,750 per month, which translates to \$225,000 yearly. We couldn't do what we do without our Donors, who are imperative to the success of every day at Mae House. We are extremely grateful.

Blessings! Love, Liz



## WHY WE CALL IT *THE SEASHELL*

We call this newsletter *The Seashell* for a couple of reasons. We are first inspired by being in beautiful Newport Beach, surrounded by the shimmering ocean and all the creatures within. Secondly and most importantly, because a shell is where a sea animal lives. It protects the creature from harm and keeps it safe and warm. We like to think of Mae House as an equally safe and warm abode for our members to grow and learn in a supportive and loving environment. *The Seashell* is one avenue for us to communicate the needs and news of Mae House to our community. We hope you love reading it as much as we love creating it.

## WHY WE CALL OURSELVES MAE HOUSE

We are called Mae House because Hannah's middle name is Mae and she is the inspiration that sparked the idea to start Mae House. Mae is a name often used as a reference to Mother Mary, who we believe has always watched over Hannah. We like to think of Mary as the Mother of Mae House, looking to her often as a guide and praying to her for the success of our future, health of our girls, and asking for her blessing on our home.



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