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"the essence of dignity—we care and we're here to help!"

Magnolia House Blog

"Rejoice in this day and be glad in it!"

--Psalm 118:24

"I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul."

--Psalm 31:7



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A Long Overdo Makeover

When Linda Stewart told me that someone had recently asked her if Magnolia House still existed because they went to the web site and it hadn't been updated for a loooooong time, I truly felt ashamed. Yes, I had been busy with other projects, one of which turned out to be an 8:00am til ? type of job that left me so drained there was no way I could muster the energy to do anything web-related. But seriously, I hadn't changed the site except to add a news event or two since 2006. That's a long damned time. A lot has changed in web development. We have a lot more tools than we used to have, allowing web designers and developers to do some marvelous things. So I set about making a plan and a commitment to redo the entire web site. I figured it would take me about three months, working part-time.

I tried to keep some of the old--the color scheme, the sepia-toned images--and add just enough pizazz to let people know that yes, Magnolia House is still here, and in fact there are two Magnolia Houses--the original one in Hayward, plus a new one in Oakland, and, an office for the executive staff. There was a lot of hiring done. They hired me for a while, which I really appreciated, and I wanted to show my appreciation by putting all the new web dev skills I've acquired in the past few years, plus what I learned in Grad school about social media, management, and psychology, to work. So I hope you all like the new site.

It's still a work in progress. I want to make the site adapt, no, be optimized, to support different viewport sizes for different computing instruments--smartphones, tablets, large screens and really large screens. It would be nice to have social media aspects of the site, such as a new Facebook page and Twitter feed, naturally, but then Google+ has been coming on strong. I also like Pinterest and Imgur for images. And I'd really like to see a monthly newsletter, so I hope that you will sign up to see all the updates, and there will be updates!

Please come back and visit us often. I hope that if you are pregnant or a mother in need of help, you call the phone number listed in

the contact area in the left menu and in the footer area and reach out and let the wonderful staff of Magnolia give you a hand. If you're interested in various scientific aspects of addiction, including the trauma that can be the environmental trigger, as well as other salient topics, you'll read the articles on the Pregnancy, Health and Addiction page.



Just as importantly, I hope that you might have something lying around your garage or attic that would help us on our Wishlist, or can spare a few dollars to donate so that the staff can keep doing the wonderful, blessed work they're doing and women with children who happened to have the misfortune of bad genetics and/or bad environment and/or just took a wrong turn somewhere, can find their way back to sobriety, health, a loving community, and peace of mind. Thank you. And more to come...



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