

Reflections

Acts of Grace Foundation • Small Deeds, Big Difference

A Note From The Founder

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On April 19, 2008, Acts of Grace Foundation (AoGF) hosted its first social activity at P/SL: *Bingo Night*. Since then *Bingo Night* has transformed to *Game Night*. Along with *Game Night*, AoGF hosts *Craft Night* (the 2nd Monday of each month) and *Spa Night* (the 3rd Monday of the month). We currently provide services at 5 Denver area hospitals.

As we track our progress, it is fun to share the following stats: in the

last 5 years we have served over 3500 ladies through our social activities at P/SL. In all 5 Denver area hospitals, we have given 4200 gifts to antepartum patients. We have delivered over 600 flower arrangements to hospital rooms all over the Denver area. The Summer ice cream

cart has served 170 scoops of ice cream treats to patients and families. We have played exactly 237 games on Thursday nights at P/SL. New this year, we have painted 60 sets of

nails.

And the numbers that allow all of this to happen? Over 100 volunteers have shared of their time and talents with us. 189 donors have generously supported us through monetary gifts and currently 25 are a part of AoGF \$7 on the Seventh campaign. How awesome is that?! And it all started with a baby girl her Daddy named Grace.

Please join us for our 5th anniversary celebration on April 19th from 6-8pm at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Long Peak Lounge on the 11th floor.

Thank you for 5 years of growth. We hope to see you there!



Acts of Grace Foundation proudly celebrates five fantastic years of serving pregnant women on hospital bedrest.



AoGF Presents: A Place of Grace

A Place of Grace is a room that the antepartum patients of P/SL will be able to use for socializing with other patients, visiting with family, connecting with loved ones, enjoying a baby shower or simply relaxing around a table for a meal with others. Thanks to our generous donors, patients will also have access to books, DVD's, computers, crafts, laundry machines and a few other comforts of home.

Want to be a part of this exciting chapter in AoGF history? Help us build A Place of Grace! The 3rd floor of Labor and Delivery is currently getting remodeled. We are excited to report that there will be a special room for us! In the past, we have hosted our social activities in a shared conference room and stored all our items in a locked cabinet. We are currently using a room with a shared locked closet on

the 11th floor of P/SL.

All of our volunteers are looking forward to when AoGF has a permanent place to call our own. In the meantime, we need your help to supply our precious moms and their families with a few comforts of home. We are currently asking for monetary gifts to help us achieve our goal of making *A Place of Grace* the true oasis we envision for our moms and their families. This will require a budget of about \$15,000. If you are able to help in any way, please contact MarlenaDiedrich at (303) 278-1362.

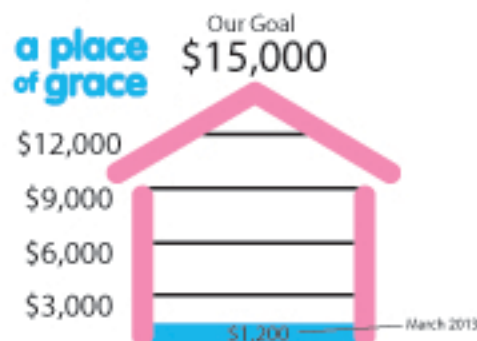
In addition to monetary support, the following items are still needed to help complete the room:

- * Home improvement store gift cards
- * New or gently used refrigerator
- * New or gently used laundry machines
- * Head sets for computer use
- * Touchscreen desktop computer
- * Gift cards to furniture stores to

assist in purchasing table, chairs, entertainment center, desk, book shelves, couch, storage/organization shelving

- * Gift card to a housewares store in the Denver area to assist in purchasing tableware, towels, décor, laundry soap, hampers
- * DVD player
- * VHS player

Additional items have already been generously donated. Thank you for helping us make *A Place of Grace* a reality for our moms.



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A Mom's Perspective: Cristy Hartman

Acts of Grace Foundation has blessed my life in so many ways, and it all started one Thursday night...

When I was first told that I'd be admitted to the hospital for observation of my pregnancy with monoamniotic twins, I was scared! I lived 3 hours from the hospital and knew I'd be away from my family and friends for a lengthy time.

Doctors and nurses checked me into the hospital and I said my good-byes to my sister and my 15 month old daughter. That Thursday night I got a visit from Joe and Marlena from *Acts of Grace Foundation* inviting me to go play bingo with other moms. It was good to get

out of my room and meet others in the ante-partum wing.



The P/SL therapy pool: a great place to relax and make new friends.

While going to the pool I met some more new people and told them all about bingo night and how they should go. It was fun to get together, tell stories, and eat a lot of candy. I made some incredible, lifelong friends while "living" at the hospital and Acts of Grace Foundation helped make it all possible. Each one of us tries to make it to the *Acts of Grace Foundation Carnival Night* each year. And every other year we meet up at the P/SL NICU reunion at the Denver zoo. It's such fun to get together each year, watching all our kids growing up "together".

AoGF: 5 Years of Cheers and Tears

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Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
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