

200 W. 20th St., Riviera Beach, FL 33404

*Providing a home and hope for homeless, pregnant and parenting young women and their children in Palm Beach County who are willing to make positive changes in their lives.*

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - FALL 2018 ISSUE

## New Board Members Join our Family

*We are happy to introduce three new board members to our Holy Ground family*



**ATHENA PIETANZA** is a teacher at Inlet Grove High School in Riviera Beach. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Barry University. Returning to Inlet Grove as a teacher is particularly significant to Athena because it is her high school alma mater. "As a teacher I realize how much impact someone's home life has on their school years. I am happy to join Holy Ground because it gives support to those who need it the most at such a critical time in their lives."

**LAURIE NUGENT** is a partner in the Sutter & Nugent real estate firm in Palm Beach Gardens. She has been in the local real estate business since 2000 and specializes in golf communities. Previously she worked for 10 years as a professional photographer for golf legend Gary Player and his annual Invitation Golf Tournament at the Floridian. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Art & Architecture from the University of Florida and was a professional classical ballet dancer for 23 years. She is married and has two sons.



**DR. ELSY OMS** is a Board-Certified Adult and Child Psychiatrist with more than 13 years experience in the treatment of mental health. She has focused most of her practice in the area of family and adolescent disorders after receiving her fellowship training at the University of Miami. Dr. Oms earned her Medical Doctorate in Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra in the Dominican Republic. She is bilingual in English and Spanish and maintains a private practice in West Palm Beach. She has enjoyed her community work as an attending of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit at Citrus Health Network in Miami. She has also served as the Vice Chair of Psychiatry at JFK Hospital in West Palm Beach and director of a Women's Unit at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola.

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We also are pleased to announce that **CAROL WRIGHT** has joined Holy Ground to handle media relations for us. She is retired from the Property Appraiser's Office as Public Information Officer, a position she held for 13 years. She was a front-page columnist for the Daily Business Review and previously was a news reporter and editorial columnist for the Palm Beach Daily News.





## MARIE DOES HOLY GROUND PROUD

Meet Marie, who is a wonderful example of our *Home and Hope* motto.

We first met Marie in 2013, when she was on the verge of being homeless with her three-year-old daughter, Sha'Niyah. She had already graduated from Palm Beach Lakes High School and was working part-time at McDonald's when a co-worker told her about Holy Ground's mission to help parenting young mothers.

While in our program, she developed an interest in child care and, with Holy Ground's help, earned her Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate from Florida's Department of Child and Family Services.

Marie, now 26, graduated from our program in 2016 and is now the resident advisor for our Lake Park campus, where she lives with her two children, daughter Sha'Niyah and son Elijah, 2.

Completely financially independent and leading a stable family life, Marie works full-time at a local day care center and is also working on her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at Palm Beach State College.

*You're Invited...*

**Alice's Table Event  
to benefit  
Holy Ground PBC  
Tues., Nov. 20, 2018**



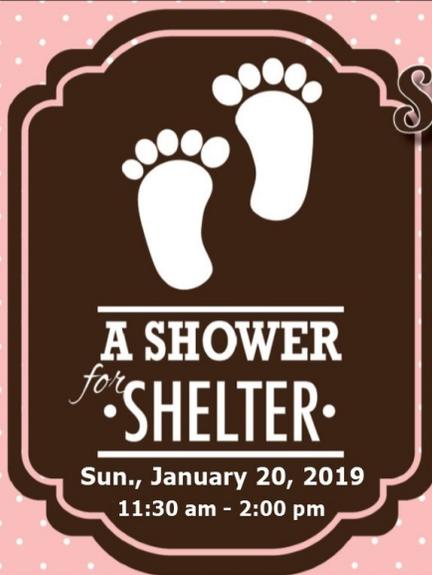
Learn the art of floral arranging from hostess, Myra Khan, enjoy refreshments and at the end of the evening, take home a beautiful Fall arrangement.

**When:** Tues., Nov. 20 (6:30—8:00 pm)

**Where:** St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 13592 Prosperity Farms Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL

**Cost:** \$65 per person

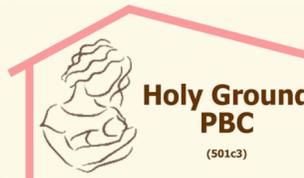
**For Tickets:** Email Myra for the link to register: myra@jupiterinletblooms.com



**Save the Date**

**Luncheon and Auction  
\$100 per person**

Cohen Pavilion, Kravis Center  
701 Okeechobee Blvd.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
to benefit



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- ◆ **To reserve your tickets now**, contact Holy Ground PBC's office at (561) 355-5040 or [homeandhope@holygroundpbc.org](mailto:homeandhope@holygroundpbc.org).
- ◆ **For information**, go to <https://holygroundpbc.org/events/>

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