



**H. O. W. Motto:**

One woman with \$10.<sup>00</sup> can buy another woman lunch.  
 Ten women with \$10.<sup>00</sup> can buy another woman's groceries.  
 One hundred women with \$10.<sup>00</sup> can make a real difference  
 in another woman's life.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The Fresno Chapter of H.O.W. is honoring our June recipient at 6:00pm on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at "Wassabi Off the Hook", located in Fig Garden Village in Fresno. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Please join us for H.O.W.'s June dinner honoring  
 KATHY PAPAGNI**

**Tuesday, June 21st, 2011 at 6:00pm**

**at "Wassabi Off The Hook", 752 W. Shaw Avenue, Fresno**

**Call today to make your reservation: (559) 226-2233**

*When you make your reservation for our June dinner, please advise them you're attending the H.O.W. dinner. H.O.W. is enjoying large turnouts to our dinners and seating may be limited. To guarantee seating, please make your reservation as soon as possible!*

In 2001, Kathy Papagni's husband Dominic became very ill and was eventually diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), a serious, destructive lung disease. Three years later, it was determined that Dominic did not have COPD; he was instead diagnosed with Pulmonary Hypertension, a critical and devastating lung and heart disease. His health slowly deteriorated, and in the final months of his life, Dominic relied on oxygen 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He was unable to walk or even bend over to tie his shoes. Dominic passed away the day after Easter in 2008.

The Monday following Dominic's death, his mother Evelyn fell and broke her hip. She was already exhibiting the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, and those symptoms escalated following her surgery and subsequent recovery process. Evelyn now resides in a nursing home and is struggling with the chronic impairments associated with this debilitating disease. Kathy is now Evelyn's primary care giver.

Then, in a cruel twist of fate, Dominic's father passed away of a heart attack just three weeks after Dominic's own death. Kathy believes her father in law's heart attack was directly caused by his broken heart. Mr. Papagni was severely depressed after losing his son Dominic, and the injury and hospitalization of his wife, Evelyn.

While Kathy was dealing with the devastating tragedies that overwhelmed her life, her

business began to struggle and she was soon in danger of losing her family home in Oakhurst. And in just a few short months, she lost both. She moved into the Fresno home of her mother and father-in-law only to discover that their home had a huge mortgage. Fortunately, Kathy was able to refinance the house. She began looking for employment and tried to start her life anew.

About 15 years ago, through business networking, Kathy met Dee, and they became a close friends. (Dee was then a sales representative, and Kathy was one of her customers.) Although they lost touch through job changes over the years, they reconnected again a little over a year ago. Kathy then shared with Dee that her current employer had reduced her schedule to only four hours per week, and that she was desperately looking for a stable, full-time job. Ironically, Dee was in the process of interviewing potential employees to fill a full-time position. Kathy was awarded the position and began work immediately. Dee remains amazed at how Kathy is constantly smiling and joyful; one would never know that her heart has been broken and is full of personal sadness and stress. She feels so blessed to have Kathy as a co-worker, but even more blessed to call Kathy her friend.

Kathy is incredibly grateful for the outreach and support that H.O.W. is offering and is humbled by the many gifts the program and its participants grant to their recipients.

For complete information about H. O. W. and details on upcoming events, visit our website at [www.helpingonewoman.com](http://www.helpingonewoman.com)

**...News about our June H. O. P. (Helping Other People) Breakfast!**

"H. O. P.", brings our kids together for a monthly breakfast event. The third Saturday of each month, our kids honor a recipient who is nominated and selected by them!

**Bring your kids to help honor  
 EMMA MILLER  
 our JUNE Recipient!**

**When: Sat., June 18th at 9:00am**

**Where: Bella Pasta Restaurant  
 7033 N. Cedar Avenue in Fresno  
 Call to make a reservation, 325-5525**

For full details, visit our website at [www.helpingonewoman.com](http://www.helpingonewoman.com) or email [hopfresno@yahoo.com](mailto:hopfresno@yahoo.com) or call Meegan Grant at (559) 240-1809

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**THE CLOVIS CHAPTER OF H.O.W. MEETS FOR DINNER THE THIRD MONDAY MONTHLY. JUNE'S DINNER HONORS SHANNON MOSELY MONDAY, JUNE 20TH AT 6:00PM BOBBY SALAZAR'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT 434 CLOVIS AVENUE, CLOVIS CALL 298-7898 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.**



"Occasionally in life there are those moments of unutterable fulfillment which cannot be completely explained by those symbols called words. Their meanings can only be articulated by the inaudible language of the heart."  
 -Martin Luther King, Jr.

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS NEWSLETTER TO THE WOMEN YOU KNOW. THE MORE WOMEN PARTICIPATING IN H.O.W., THE MORE WOMEN WE CAN HELP!**

**In addition to the monetary gift of money and the emotional support that H.O.W. provides our recipients, we also have a group of volunteers who provide our recipients with five meals and one dessert from our David Restovich Meal Program (D.R.M.P.)**

**If you would like to volunteer for our meal program, please call Brenda Critzer at (559) 285-3397. Your time and generosity is truly appreciated and extremely valuable to our recipients as well as to the H.O.W. organization.**

*Recipients of H.O.W. contributions are always a woman or member of a woman's family who is going through a time of irreplaceable loss, or who has been through a period of irreplaceable loss within the past 12 months. The recipient is randomly selected from nominations offered by attendees at the previous month's H.O.W. dinner. (Irreplaceable loss is defined as a catastrophic loss which cannot be recovered.)*