"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jeremiah 29:11 NIV



## Mission Statement

- To meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of young ladies facing a crisis pregnancy by walking beside them as they decide whether to parent or to place for adoption.
- To help them set career goals by instituting a plan of action.
- To commit to aftercare for those who are not ready or able to return to their former life.

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Lauren Grace's birthmom (a resident in 2011) made a family's dream

## A Dote From The Director

come true.

Since December of 2010, Heart of Hope has been a safe haven to over 60 young women that chose life for their children from unplanned pregnancies. As a residence for these brave young women, our commitment goes beyond providing shelter, food, and education. While these are foundational in creating a stable environment where they can focus on their goals as students and soon to be young mothers, we want so much more for them.

When a young woman chooses to leave her comfort zone, she faces a challenging transition moving into our Home. The reason is simple: we leave the world outside our front door. The environment we create for our young women is driven by our faith in God and His promise to "....give them a hope and a future." This atmosphere requires intentionality as we focus on impacting their emotional, physical, educational and spiritual wellbeing. When it all works, we have young women who discover the peace that Jesus Christ gives. This discovery is essential for them as they decide what is best for themselves and their children-- single parenting, adoption or marriage.

As we continue to shelter those God brings across our threshold, we remain committed and dedicated to this one thing: loving them as God loves them, with abandon and without condition. Thank you for sharing this journey with us as we help make a life worth living and a life worth giving!

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Joyfully serving, Jode Burns

### In 2016...

#### Ministry Milestones:

- Awarded Camping World Independence Bowl Grant Recipient – award in 2017
- Hired additional Educator Part-time, per Community Foundation of North LA/Northwest LA United Way Grant (Began working January 1)
- · Aftercare Resident received her Emergency Medical Technician Certificate (graduated HS December 2015 as a Heart of Hope Maternity Home Resident)
- Volunteers: 350
- Volunteer Hours: 969

#### 2016 Young Comen Served:

- Served 7 young women
- The average age of our resident was 16.5
- 100% School Success 9th, 10th, and 12th
- 20 y/o Resident studied and passed GED
- Transitional Apartment housed our 2nd adult mom and her toddler (past resident of 2012)
- \* Employed, and paying sliding scale rent for apartment
- Three moms chose to single parent, One mom married her child's father, One mom gifted her child in adoption second week of January

#### Physical development:

- Private Health Care provided by Dr. Fred Kinder (OB)
- Orthodontist Services provided by Dr. Christopher Cossee
- Dental Services provided by Dr. Ryan Walker, DDS
- Paid medical expenses not covered by insurance
- Provided a healthy lifestyle by promoting well-balanced meals and opportunities to become physically active.

#### Emotional development:

- Individual and group therapy provided by Sara Smith, Social Worker (provided 50 contact hours in 2016)
- Residents completed a series of self-evaluations through the My Baby and Me workbook; The Me I See, Basic Decision Making Skills, Is Parenting For Me Now, and What About Adoption.

#### Spiritual development:

- Opportunities are created for spiritual renewal in family devotions, personal Bible study, and corporate worship.
- Observation and development of spiritual gifts; encouragement, servant-hood, administration, leadership, etc.

#### Educational:

- On-site educational program supervised by Ms. Barbara Foulk, our certified educator
- Teaching and tutoring specific to grade level and career goals
- Life skill classes: parenting, meal planning, financial principals, sexual integrity, boundaries, child birth, sewing, and parenting options (over 200 hours of life skill training in 2016)
- BPCC College enrollment for High School Graduate

# Opportunities For Involvement

- Prayer the foundational need of a successful ministry.
- NOW HIRING: Houseparents
- Job Training for graduating residents
- Volunteer with upcoming events
- Volunteer in organization and upkeep of donation room
- Transportation to appointments for residents and past residents
- Administrative: Office, answering phones, assisting Executive Director
- Social Media: setting up a posting plan and help us stay current and relevant- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

#### Churches and Groups:

- Offer assistance with fundraisers, service days, promoting events
- Include young women in church outings such as concerts and conferences
- Host your own fundraiser or food/supply drive
- Help with property maintenance: mowing, brush clearing, weed eating, planting flowers, trimming bushes

#### **Opcoming** Quents:

- February 09, 2017 Annual Banquet, Shreveport Convention Center
- April 1, 2017 Shoot for Hope A Clay Shoot, Los Paloma, Benton LA
- June 3, 2017 Life Cycle Bike Benefit Ride Heart of Hope Campus, Keithville, LA
- September 18, 2017 Heart of Hope Golf Classic, Southern Trace Country Club, Shreveport, LA

## Aftercare:

- Prepared for return to home or alternate living environment; Safe Family, Providence House or family home
- Postpartum onsite for both parenting and adoption choices
- Paid Daycare for Resident who graduated from HofH in 2014
- Education Advocate for several past residents,
- transportation to various appointments, provided times of HofH family activities with past residents, continued counseling care for past residents









Home/Program: \$357,350 Administrative: \$89,015

\$446,365

# Annual Income Chart

Annual Expense Chart