

"Heart of Hope helped me to rediscover myself and helped me with parenting skills. I honestly do not know where I would be without Heart of Hope, they mean a lot to me."

- Jasmine

"Heart of Hope taught me in words and ACTION that I am not just another statistic of what the world says of me. They taught me to remember who God says I am."

- Destiny



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HEART OF HOPE ANNUAL REPORT
& INFORMATION PACKET FOR 2020



A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My Dear Friends,

Just when the caterpillar thought her world was over, she became a butterfly. – author unknown

When I saw that imprinted on a small canvas tote bag in April 2010, just days after being hired as the Executive Director of Heart of Hope, I knew this was the transformation that we would be a part of in our caring for young women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

It has been almost 11 years since I bought that little tote bag. I wanted to always remember the stage in which our young moms-to-be are in when they move into our Home. The caterpillar has no idea what is coming. They are accustomed to their slow moving but fast paced world, never knowing that they are about to be stopped in their tracks with whole new surroundings. Such is true of our young women.

We are celebrating 10 years of ministry this year, and when we look around at what God has done, we are awestruck. Our maternity home has expanded residential services for our new moms and babies up to six months after birth, which is much longer than the original state guidance of only two-weeks. In 2016 we renovated a building on our property into an efficiency that can house one mom/baby. God blessed that effort and we have celebrated four moms' transition from our aftercare home into independent living.

This year, during a global shutdown, our essential ministry remained open and served 11 young women. We also stepped out in faith and began renovation of another building on our property; Aftercare Home II. This home has 2 bedrooms and 2 baths and will serve our graduates who are not ready or are unable to return to their former lives. We have been saving for this project since 2014, and with support from our donors and local businesses, the Home is almost complete. We are committed to not go into debt on this project, and we hope to open its doors by early Summer.

Thank you for trusting in what God is doing in and through Heart of Hope. Your impactful support and encouragement this year helped sustain us through uncertain times. God's Word says it best, "For we (you and us) are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."



Ephesians 2:10

Joyfully serving,

Jodi

Jodi Burns, Executive Director



OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS:

PRAYER – Monday morning at 9:30am – 10:30 for our residents, home, staff and community

LIAISON – be an ambassador, present to small groups, help with mission fairs

VOLUNTEERS – assist in our Education Dept. with our residential and non-residential program; administrative tasks; craft activities; mentors

EVENT VOLUNTEERS – LifeCycle Bike Benefit 6-5-21; Golf Classic 9-21-21

HOST A SUPPLY DRIVE – office supplies, cleaning supplies, paper goods, groceries, or diapers

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – lawncare, provide work in vegetable and garden beds

Invite us to share with your Church, SS class or community group
Please contact Debbie Dodd at debbiem@heartofhopeministry.com

VOLUNTEER NUMBERS

Individual Volunteer Hours – 708

Student (Centenary College) Hours - 190

Total Number of Heart of Hope Volunteers – 89



2020 YOUNG WOMEN SERVED

- Maternity Home – 10
- Babies served in home – 3
- Provided 611 nights of housing care
- Hope Pregnancy Academy (Non-resident Program) – 11
- Resource Referrals – 32 young women (non-residential). Prayer and service to our community in choosing life.
- Provided 535 hours of Life Skill classes, counseling, and coaching; prenatal care, self-care, adoption education, pregnancy care, parenting, family healing, newborn care, sewing, anger management, breastfeeding, nutrition, meal planning and cooking, and home care AND MORE!

THAT'S OUR JAYNECIA!

Often, I am asked, what do you do as a housemom? After serving Heart of Hope Ministry for the past two years, I could keep a person busy with the privilege of what I get to do while walking alongside young women who are preparing for motherhood. For example, let me share about Jaynecia.

When Jaynecia moved into Heart of Hope she shared with me that she had a desire for natural childbirth, from onset of labor to final push. Even with pressure from others she stayed resolute in her decision. I was so proud of her for staying true to her desire.

Jaynecia's water "broke" on a Friday afternoon at about 1:30 while we were at the movies. However, Jaynecia did not say anything because she wanted to finish watching the movie. That's our Jaynecia!

We went to the hospital around 9:30 that night. Jaynecia alternated between sleeping and reading throughout

the night, all the while having steady contractions. Whenever I asked her how she was doing she always answered, "I'm hungry. Can I eat?" When I would answer "no" she would respond with, "Then I'm not good." That's our Jaynecia!

Jaynecia moved into the final stage of labor late Saturday morning. I was amazed and inspired by this 16-year-old momma and the courage and strength she displayed as she remained committed to herself and her daughter. Not once did Jaynecia ask for medication of any kind, and she never complained about labor. Her hand in my hand, her eyes locked into mine, Jaynecia focused on every breath. As her mom and medical team cheered her on, Jaynecia did it. Danielle was born. That's our Jaynecia!

Jaynecia is a strong, beautiful young woman and I am so blessed that I got to be with her to witness her miracle.

Laura, Housemom



2020 FINANCES

January 1 – December 31, 2020

Revenue: \$377,748.00
Expenses: \$370,963.00

