Heart of Hope - A Sanctuary for Women

"...and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:8

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Today, I greet you with joy and expectation for the things God is about to do in 2018! We are embarking on our 7th year in ministry, dedicated to protecting the life of the unborn by giving hope and safety to their young moms.

This past year God was faithful in gathering His team who will lead Heart of Hope Ministries in the vision He gave our founders over 12 years ago! Our commitment to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not wavered as we become a family to the young women we care for in our home. Our mission is achieved in a loving and environment as we come alongside young women who are deciding on whether to be a single parent or choose to gift their child in adoption.

"I am pregnant" are words no mom of a teenager expects or plans to hear. In fact, in that moment, despair, disappointment, shame, guilt, and hopelessness begin to attack the family and threaten the life and future of the unborn child and the young woman. But God.



God knows the end from the beginning, and His answer to these families was established long before the unplanned pregnancy. In the power of His grace and love, Heart of Hope – A Sanctuary for Women exists because she does. During the greatest challenge of their young lives, brokenness is left behind as they press towards a future full of hope and promise.

Thank you for partnering with us as we contend for life of the unborn and a future for their moms. The best is yet to come, and we invite you to come along!

Joyfully Serving,

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Iodi Burns **Executive Director**





STAFF:

Jodi Burns, Executive Director Beth and Oliver Page, House Parents Shawna Watkins, House Assistant Leanna Criswell, Director of Development Barbara Foulk, Certified Educator

2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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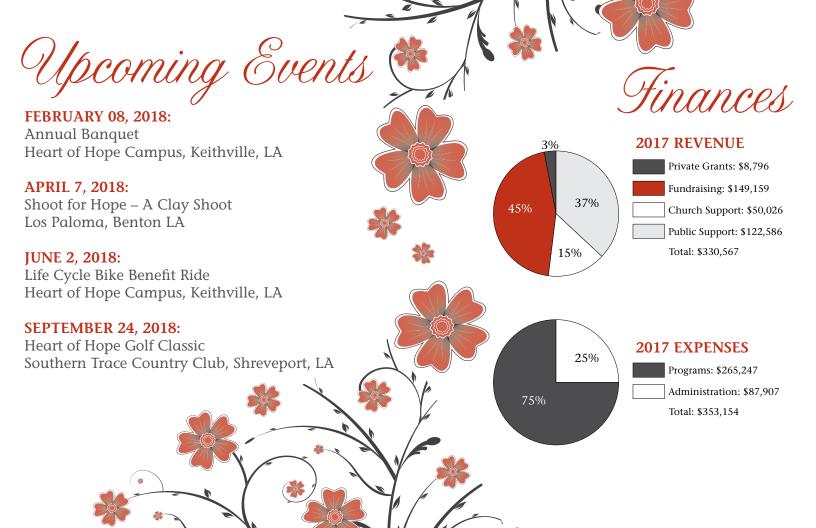
Sara Smith, Social Worker, LMSW Angela Lacey, Bookkeeper/Secretary Monica Lawrence, Educator and Communications Tom Eskew, Maintenance

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.

2017 MINISTRY MILESTONES

- Partnership with Bee Safe Driving School for Aftercare Residents
- Rotary Club of South Shreveport Fundraiser Donation of \$10,000
- Give for Good donations of \$21,000
- Blueprints for Mommy Baby Home
- Volunteers: 125
- Volunteer Hours: 1,218.75
- Hired Oliver and Beth Page, Houseparents
- New Sienna Van sponsored by Yokem Toyota





2017 YOUNG WOMEN SERVED

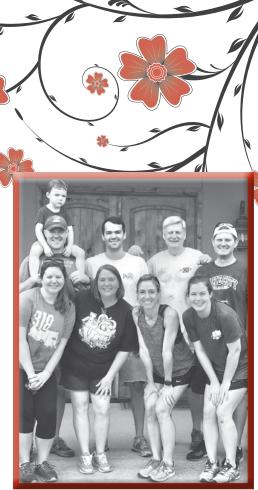
- Served 3 young women in the Maternity Home
- Served 5 in our Aftercare Program; housing, transportation, employment
- Two moms chose to single parent, one mom gifted her child in adoption
- 100% school success: 10th grade credit recovery courses
- 19 contact hours of Individual and group therapy provided by Sara Smith, LMSW
- Over 126 hours of Life Skills training including: parenting, meal planning, financial principals, sexual integrity, boundaries, child birth, sewing, and parenting options
- 18-year-old resident attended HiSet prep course at Community Renewal and passed English portion of the test
- 18-year-old attended Bee Safe Driving Academy and obtained Driver's License
- Residents completed a series of self-evaluations through the following courses: My Baby and Me, The Me I See, Basic Decision-Making Skills, Is Parenting For Me Now, and What About Adoption
- Private Health Care provided by Dr. Fred Kinder (OB)
- Transitional Apartment housed our 2nd adult mom and her child (past resident of 2012, she is employed and paying sliding scale rent for apartment)

Jet Involved

- Prayer: the foundational need of a successful ministry
- Tutors: Assist residents with school work, teach budgeting class
- Provide a meal: Breakfast – 8:00am, Lunch – 12:30am, Dinner – 5:30pm
- Host a party, movie night, craft activity, game night, or pizza party
- Host a Supply Drive: Office supplies and Equipment, cleaning supplies, paper goods, food
- Volunteer during one of our four annual fundraising events
- Teach a sewing, painting or music class
- Lead a Bible Study
- Administrative: answering phones, assisting Executive Director
- Maintenance activities: lawncare, providing seasonal flowers and maintaining flowerbeds

Please contact Leanna Criswell at leannac@heartofhopeministry.com or visit our website at www.heartofhopeministry.org





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Left to right: Brianna, 2014 resident graduated May 2017 and is a student at Southern University. Tiara, 2012 resident graduated May 2017 and joined the military.

