

***Heart of Hope** - A Sanctuary for Women*



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seeds
for
Life

2018 Annual Report

SAVING LIVES TWO AT A TIME

While others are celebrating the taking of babies' lives up until birth, Heart of Hope is giving young women a safe and loving option where they can give birth to their children and walk in the God-purposed life for which they were created!

We weren't just an idea God hoped would work out someday. We were one of His most creative expressions of love.¹

Has anybody ever expressed to you that "teenage pregnancy is normal" in today's culture? Well, we have NEVER met a pregnant teenager that felt normal. In a place of isolation, she is crowded with thoughts of shame, disappointment, and failure. She is wondering how she can still be a basketball player, cheerleader, or leader in her youth group at church and carry a baby in her womb for the next 9 months. Let alone be a teen mom.

This year we encountered 8 young women in different stages of pregnancy and motherhood, each dealing with different challenges. From homelessness, legal problems, family issues, or substance abuse, the same thing is true - facing motherhood while still in middle or high school is not the path they would have chosen for themselves.

Here is what we do know, as soon as God enters the scene, hope fills the air and the promise of a life better than what exists puts breath back in her lungs. Now she has a choice. Will she participate with this new-found hope? For some, this new reality is sometimes suffocating to her as she only knows how to survive. Whether she lives at Heart of Hope or decides to continue to couch hop with her momma and siblings, the goodness and mercy of God will not stop pursuing her.

In 2018, we saw three babies breathe outside their momma's womb for the first time. We celebrated one of our resident's graduate with her HiSet Diploma. We reunited one of our new moms and her daughter with her family in South Carolina. We celebrated birthdays in the home, and in the words of our brand new 18-year-old, "I'm grown!" Ahem. Last month, our 2014 graduate, now a 19-year-old mother to her 4-year-old son, was the third resident we have transitioned out of our Aftercare Apartment into independent living!

I hope you will be encouraged and inspired as you review our 2018 Annual Report. Each page will reveal how important your support is in our assignment to save lives, both the unborn and their mothers. As a refuge for our pregnant young women in our maternity home, an aftercare apartment to a mom/child, and our newest day program for non-residents – we are just beginning to touch the surface of all that God has prepared for us in advance to do.

We see you as God's most creative expression of love. His love looks like you! Your support has impacted over 60 young women and saved generations! Yes, you did!

Thank you,
Jodi Burns
Executive Director

¹Everybody Always – Bob Goff





STAFF

Shown Above, From Left to Right

Jodi Burns, Executive Director
Laura and Jon Crain, House Parents
Barbara Foulk, Certified Educator
Angela Lacey, Bookkeeper/Secretary
Monica Lawrence, Certified Educator/Admin/Grants
Debbie McElveen, Case Manager/Community Liaison
Cynthia Miller, Parenting/Life Coach
Tom Eskew, Maintenance

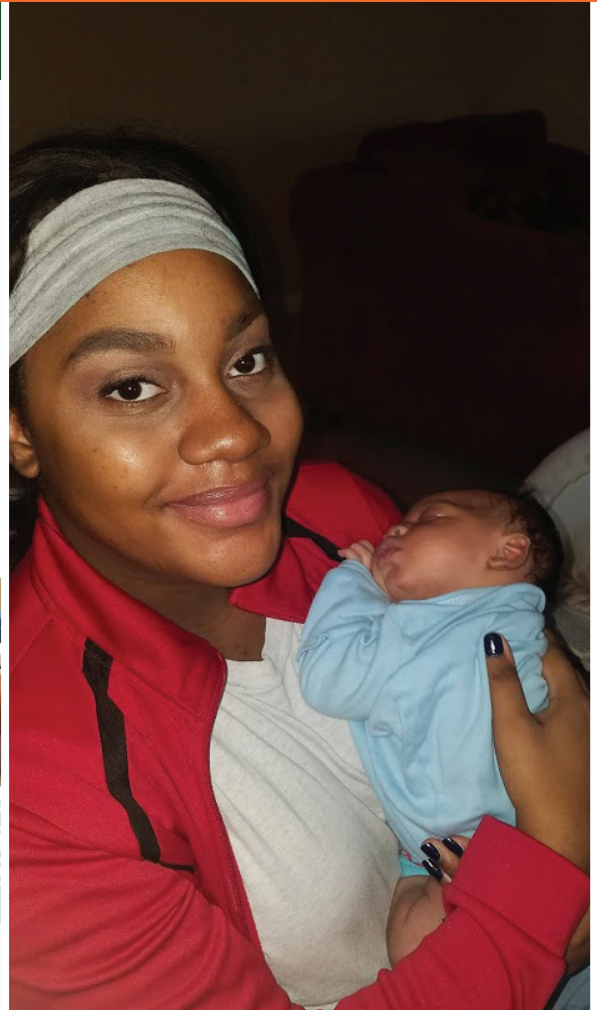
2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Annual Banquet
Word of God Campus Gym, Shreveport LA

APRIL 7, 2019

Shoot for Hope – A Clay Shoot
Los Paloma, Benton LA

JUNE 1, 2019

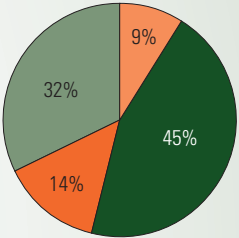
LifeCycle Bike Benefit Ride
Heart of Hope Campus, Keithville LA

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

Heart of Hope Golf Classic
Southern Trace Country Club, Shreveport LA

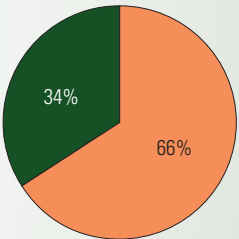
FINANCES

2018 Revenue (\$375,722)



- Public Support
- Church Support
- Fundraising
- Private Grants

2018 Expenses (\$378,601) (Unaudited at time of print)



- Administration
- Programs

2018 Young Women Served

Residents completed over 200 hours of Life Skill training and counseling. Residents participated in a series of self-evaluations through the following courses: Reality Baby, My Baby and Me, The Me I See, Basic Decision-Making Skills, Is Parenting for Me Now?, and What About Adoption?

20-year-old provided 79 nights

Serenity born January 24, 2018 7lbs 14 oz 19.5 in
Family relationships in South Carolina were restored and she was reunited with her family after Serenity was three weeks old.

16-year-old provided 121 nights

Paisleigh born April 30, 2018 7lbs 9 oz 20 in
Continued her Jr. year of high school and later received her HiSet Diploma
Obtained her Driver's License

17-year-old provided 167 nights

Braylin born August 12, 2018 7lbs 4 oz 19in
Completed HiSet and received Diploma
Completed applications for admission and financial aid for Kilgore College
Cosmetology, Longview, TX and will begin in January 2019
Certified Teacher assisted with the required Texas tests for admission in TX colleges
First Parenting Commission Service

19-year-old provided 341 nights in Aftercare Apartment

Since moving into the transitional apartment, she has obtained a better paying job, saved to buy a used car and moved into independent living January 11, 2019.

Partnered with The Renesting Project to furnish apartment.

Also Served:

14-year-old provided 7 nights of care

17-year-old provided 18 nights of care

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Non-resident Program opened enrollment December 2018

For pregnant students attending school on a traditional campus, classrooms can be challenging. Reality is setting in with the life changing challenges and decisions. By the time pregnant girls reach that point, grades are declining and absenteeism increases. Heart of Hope's Nonresident Program is able to provide these girls an alternative to the traditional campus. The Nonresident Program coexists with our Residential Program. The staff meets the educational and emotional needs of the young women in a holistic environment by supporting, training and equipping them with necessary life skills for competent and successful living.

Get Involved!

- Volunteer Training and Activation March
- Prayer: meets Monday morning from 8:30-9:30am
- Outreach: be an ambassador, presentations, small groups w/ teenage pregnant community
- Tutors: assist in our Education Department to our Resident and Non-Resident Programs
- Host a party, movie night, craft activity, game night or pizza party
- Host a Supply Drive: office supplies, cleaning supplies, paper goods, groceries
- Volunteer during one of our four annual fundraising events
- Teach a sewing, painting or music class
- Administration: answering phones, mail outs, admin office
- Maintenance activities: lawn care, provide seasonal flowers, work in flowerbeds, chicken coop
- Please contact Debbie McElveen at debbiem@heartofhopeministry.com

2018 Community Partners

AccuTemp Cooling and Heating
Adult Three Sunday School - Grawood
Beard Foundation
Bethel Assembly of God
Broadmoor Baptist Church WMU
Brookwood Baptist Church
Buckner Family Pathways
Calvary Baptist Church
Care Pregnancy and Parenting Center
Celebration Church
Christian Center
Church at Red River

Community Foundation of NWLA
Community Response Team
Cypress Baptist Church
Embrace Grace – Brookwood Baptist, First Bossier
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Emmanuel Baptist Church
First Baptist Keithville Jewel Class
First United Methodist Church
Gateway Church
Grace Place Ministries
Grand Cane Baptist Church

Grawood Baptist Church
Guardian Alarm
Mary's House
Nurse Family Partnership
Permatox Pest Control
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Choudrant
Providence Road Baptist Church
Redeemer Community Fellowship
Rotary Club of Shreveport
Shreveport Bible Church
Shreveport Fix-it
Spine Institute

St. Luke Methodist Church
Summer Grove Baptist Church
The Hub/Purchased Not For Sale
Trinity Heights Church
United Methodist of Keithville
United Way of NW Louisiana
Webb Roofing
Woodridge Baptist Church
Word of God Ministries
Word of Life





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