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The Father's Heart for His Girls

Sitting here in Dad's corner I feel so blessed and grateful for the year we have had at Heart of Hope. A total of 9 young women have lived in our home this year and 7 babies will have been born by the end of November. Each of our brave young women has come with their own individual needs and challenges. I am grateful to God for affording me the opportunity to help them through this difficult time in their lives.

Dad's Corner is an area set aside in the home that allows me as House dad to sit and talk with our girls about what a godly father and husband is and other issues of life. It is also a time when I can share with them a Father's heart. I pray that my role in their lives will help shape their future in a positive way, and give them tools that will help them form godly relationships. I hope that I will have an impact on the fathers of their babies (if they are involved), and hopefully see a few marriages, too! In the 5 years Heart of Hope has been opened, not one of the babies' fathers has shown a significant interest to support their child – UNTIL NOW. I am thankful that we have one young lady who has

a man who is walking beside her and their son. It is a blessing to watch them grow as they move towards a healthy and godly relationship. They allow us to speak into their lives and it is heartwarming to watch them make good decisions and be patient for the future that God has for them.

The lives that have been touched and changed this year are a direct result of the support that we receive from our financial partners as well as our volunteers. We are very grateful for the support that we receive, and we are blessed to live in a community that has a heart for the unborn and for the lives of our young ladies! Thank you for your continued prayers for our ministry. God is glorified!



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On September 21, 2015, Heart of Hope held our seventh annual Golf Classic. For the third year in a row, Kevin Murphy and Laveer Wealth Management was our Event Sponsor making it possible for Southern Trace Golf Course to host our golf. This day also celebrated our Executive Director's birthday. She loved spending it serving 172 dedicated supporters of the ministry. With 43 teams and generous hole sponsors, Heart of Hope raised \$35,000! This included a silent auction raising \$1,750 and a chipping contest, provided by Bayou Belle Waste Services, raising \$1,200. Each participant received fun gifts, including a brand new Calloway club. Johnny's Catfish provided a delicious fish lunch with all the fix-

ins', along with hole stops offering more options from Shane's Seafood, Delicious sliders from Doug Moran and Rose Park Baptist Church, Keithville's own Down-home Sausage, and sweets from volunteer, Jessica Temple. The tournament featured a morning and afternoon round with first and second place teams receiving trophies. Special participant, PGA Tour athlete, David Toms, along with his team, clinched first place in the morning round! The Heart of Hope staff and Board of Directors want to thank each volunteer, participant, and sponsor for your support of our life-giving ministry. We could not provide for our brave residents without your generosity and participation!

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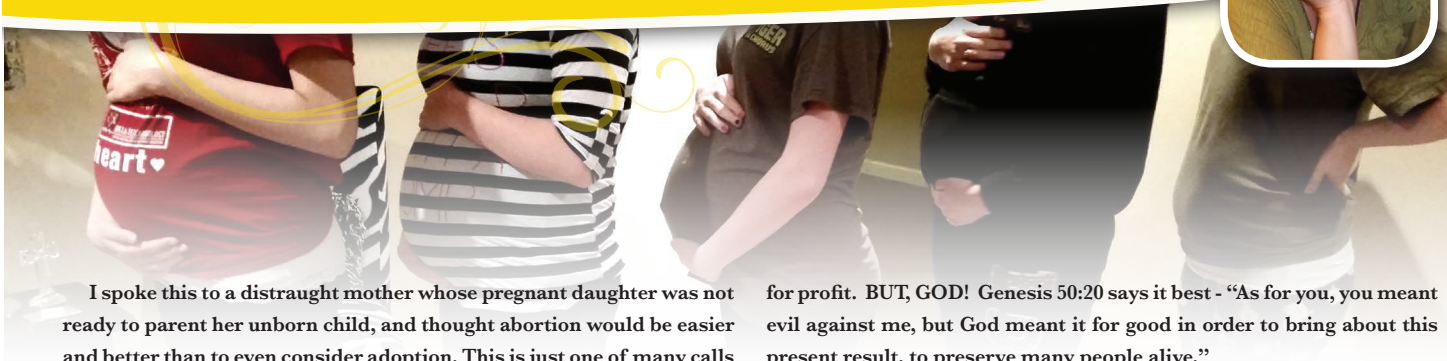


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“I know this, your daughter will never regret giving life, but will always regret ending it.”



I spoke this to a distraught mother whose pregnant daughter was not ready to parent her unborn child, and thought abortion would be easier and better than to even consider adoption. This is just one of many calls we receive when someone is given our contact information when facing an unplanned pregnancy. In fact, this year has been an historical year for the Pro-life Movement! For decades those of us, who believe life is a gift from God, at any stage in its development, have felt like ours was an uphill battle. This year, videos were streaming across the world exposing the atrocity of abortion and the monetary motive to end a baby's life

for profit. BUT, GOD! Genesis 50:20 says it best - “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.”

In 2015, we have had the opportunity to serve more girls than ever before. We have counseled and prayed with families who experienced the shock of their teenager becoming pregnant and we were able to speak words of hope and life instead of hopelessness and death. Please use this newsletter to pass onto someone whose teenager is pregnant. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions. I hope it helps!

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can live at Heart of Hope? Young women in need of a maternity home between the ages of 11-23

Why choose Heart of Hope? We provide a loving, family atmosphere that includes activities and outings, church attendance and Bible studies, healthy meals and prenatal care, information about parenting and adoption, life/employment skills and household skills training, continued education courses and goal-setting and counseling.

How much does it cost to live at Heart of Hope? Our services are free and covered by the support of our community and fund-raising. Families are encouraged to help cover costs according to their ability to pay, but no one is ever turned away due to their inability to pay.

Do I have to choose adoption for my baby? Residents are guided through each option, single parenting and adoption, and given wisdom and support on each option. The final decision is completely up to the young woman.

Can I be forced to live at Heart of Hope? No – it must be your decision to live at the maternity home. I already have a child – can I bring him/her with me? No – we are not able to provide a care for children.

Where is Heart of Hope located? Heart of Hope is located just outside of Shreveport in the peaceful rural neighborhood of Keithville. If you know someone who needs a life-giving answer to an unplanned pregnancy, and she needs a safe haven where she can rest, focus, and be surrounded by the love of God, please share this information with them! We would love to meet her and pray with her and her family. Thank you for praying, serving and supporting our life saving ministry!

Joyfully serving,
Jodi Burns, Executive Director

Community Cares



In our last newsletter, we indicated our needs for the ministry! The response was overwhelming! When God instructed Moses to build Him a sanctuary, he told Moses to speak to the children of Israel, and everyone who gives willingly with his heart, he should take the offering. Thank you First Baptist Bossier ladies for hosting your Party with a Purpose benefiting Heart of Hope! God provided abundantly through you!

Honors and Memorials:



You can give the gift that keeps on giving... for generations!

In Memory of: • Rita Simon - *Darryl and Claudia Reed*; • Ginny Spitale - *Blake and Megan Mayo*

In Honor of: • Barbara Beadle - *Monette Holler*

Heart of Hope - A Sanctuary for Women Annual Fundraising Banquet

February 11, 2016 · 6:30pm · Bossier City Civic Center · Bossier City, LA

We are thankful that the Lord has given Heart of Hope the assignment to partner with the church community in providing a safe haven for young women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. It is in our home where hope is found and they begin living a life on purpose.

Would you prayerfully consider how you would like to support your maternity home in Shreveport-Bossier by being a Banquet Sponsor this year?

This year we are honored to have Amy Ford as our Keynote Speaker. Amy is now the Cofounder and President of Embrace Grace, a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of inspiring the church and providing the tools necessary to be an emotional, practical, and spiritual support for single your girls that find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy.

Amy has been a guest on several news shows such as Glenn Beck, Focus on the Family, Life Today with James & Betty Rovison, Joni Table Talk and others. She lives in Arlington, TX with her husband and four children and actively serves in her local church, Gateway in Dallas.



Banquet Sponsor Levels:

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Banquet Sponsors Receive the following:

- A table of 8 with your church name displayed on your table
- Your church name listed in the banquet program
- A special invitation to our VIP Reception prior to meet our keynote speaker, Amy Ford and other dignitaries
- Banquet Sponsors of \$1,000 or above will also receive a table of 8 at Embrace Grace Luncheon on Friday, February 12, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier City.

ALSO, A special informational luncheon with our speaker, Amy Ford, will be given the next day, February 12th from 11:30-1:30 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier City. A delicious lunch will be served. Amy will be sharing how our local churches can be a place for grace and support for our local young unmarried pregnant women by facilitating the Embrace Grace Curriculum. Tickets are \$10 each.

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