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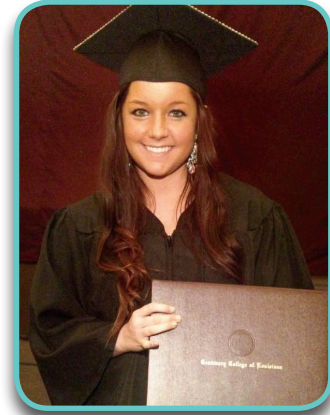
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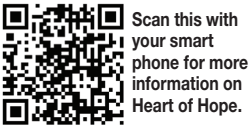
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• Mr. & Mrs. Will McFarland & baby - *Kay Asher* • 2 Heart of Hope graduates - *Kay Asher*



Our needs list can be found on our website at:
www.heartofhopeministry.com/get-involved/ways-to-give

Rhonda Martin, 2012 HofH
Graduate and 2015
Centenary College Graduate –
WAY TO GO, RHONDA!



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Words from the Heart

History Made!

How do you have two babies in one day and they not be twins?
Answer: Two different mothers. On June 24th, we had two beautiful baby girls born to 13 and 14 year old moms. If it wasn't for your help, they would not have passed the eighth grade, have taken 27 hours of parenting classes, created and cooked healthy meal plans, received quality health care, received weekly individual and group counseling in developing a successful parenting plan, and benefited from a home away from home with Jesus Christ as the center of it ALL!

I am going to let you in on a little secret. Even with the blessing of living at Heart of Hope – it's not easy for a young woman to jump right into the benefits of what is described above! She is leaving all that she knows as normal to live with complete strangers – houseparents, house assistant and other young ladies, who may not have chosen each other as friends. You throw hormones into the mix and, well, it is a party, but without the cake!!

Just when we think they may throw in the towel, something unexpected happens. They begin to do family; eating meals at the big dining room table, playing board games, supporting and comforting each other.

In the words of one of our recent moms: *"I liked being with other girls going through the same thing as me"* -L

Now that everyone is settled in, decisions have to be made. Is single-parenting for her now or is adoption the best parenting choice for her child? Both of our newest young mommas decided to parent with the support of their families. When our young women choose to be teen parents, our staff works diligently with their family and other community resources to surround them with the support they need to be successful parents. However, our support doesn't end when they leave Heart of Hope. We make home visits and see some of our girls often to take them to appointments. Sometimes we even get to celebrate a child's 1st Birthday! After all, that is what family does!

Pictured on front page is our three newest babies born in June and July.

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Beating the Odds!

In today's economy, graduating from high school and obtaining a postsecondary degree can mean the difference between a lifetime of poverty and a secure future. This year, one of our pregnant moms had only attended 2 weeks of high school when she moved into our Home in February.

Another one of our young women who moved into HofH in January had only a handful of credits to complete before she would earn her certificate.

In May of this year, with family looking on, both young women walked our Heart of Hope stage to receive their hard-earned high school diploma. Ms. Barbara Foulk, our certified teacher, prepared special comments for our graduates as well as for our other residents who also promoted to their next grade level. These accomplishments demolish the national odds that tell us over 60% of teen moms drop out of school and do not earn their HS diploma.

During the interview process at Heart of Hope, we discover our young women's desire to both continue her education and improve in their studies. Additionally, our educational program is one of the deciding factors for our families when considering Heart of Hope as a home away from home for their daughters. Our onsite school gives our young women a classroom where they can focus and meet their academic goals free from distraction.



Members of Community Foundation of North La and United Way of NW LA

Even with our educational program's success, we believe we could enhance the classroom experience for our young women by strengthening our academics with hands-on learning in some courses. We researched how we could accomplish this and realized it would require several thousand dollars. At the end of 2014, we submitted a grant proposal locally in order to gain the funds needed for our onsite school.

We are excited to say this project is being supported by a \$14,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation of North Louisiana and the United Way of Northwest Louisiana Grant Fund of the Community Foundation. We are so grateful to those who made this possible!

At Heart of Hope, our young women's unplanned pregnancies become an opportunity for God to interrupt life as these young women know it. We give God place in every area of their lives to reveal His plan of success for them and their children. Simply, **"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

Joyfully Serving,

Jodi Burns, Executive Director

Community Cares

Each year for National Paint Week, Sherwin-Williams employees across the U.S. and Canada dedicate their time, effort and Sherwin-Williams products to refresh non-profits, churches, schools and other deserving organizations that help make a difference. Stuart Terry, the manager of the Bert Kouns location, asked our housedad to submit a request to be considered a recipient for this year's project. And guess what? WE WERE CHOSEN! Employees from

both Shreveport and Bossier came out to paint our efficiency as well as give our maternity home a face lift. Sherwin-Williams' commitment through the National Paint Week is to help beautify the space where young people most in need start on the path to a bright future. Well, we can certainly identify with that mission! Thank you Sherwin-Williams for being the difference to our home and showing our girls that their community cares!



Aftercare Apartment

It is a life event to be a pregnant teen. It is quite another to be a parenting teen. As a sanctuary for women, we believe we are called to every stage of an unplanned pregnancy; pregnancy, single-parenting and adoption. Our home has helped over 30 young women and their families. We believe God has assigned Heart of Hope to be a refuge for these young women even after their

pregnancy. This includes a mother/child home for minors, adults and even transitional independent living. Our first step towards this plan is our 720 square foot efficiency. With the help of donors and business partners, we are able to offer continued support for an adult mom and her child. Please join us for our Grand Opening September 4th from 2pm-4pm!



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Monday, September 21, 2015

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Jason and Kelli Weinland



Let's Ride!

On June 6th, 385 cyclists and close to 100 volunteers braved the heat to participate in our 4th annual LifeCycle Bike Benefit Ride. We raised \$35,000, and this was made possible by the incredible support of our Title Sponsor, Advanced Cardiovascular Specialists, and the sponsors listed below.

In a recent Shreveport Times article, Sarabeth Rivers, a member of the Shreveport Bicycle Club, rode again this year because, "It's a well-coordinated route and it has a variety of people coming from all around to ride." She also said "Heart of Hope's LifeCycle Bike Tour is something cyclists can count on every year." Our event is not only for the Lycra loving and hardcore cyclists, but also offers a fun and non-intimidating event for leisure cyclists and families. This

year, Louisiana artist, Candace Alexander, designed our one-of-a-kind Jersey! This exclusive artwork was available on mugs, prints and towels.

We also make a way for our cyclists to raise funds by inviting their friends and family to sponsor their ride. This year, Ian Webb and River City Cycling, gave our fundraising cyclists a chance to win an Emonda S5 (Valued at \$2,100). Jason Weinland held the winning ticket and he graciously gave it to his wife, Kelli. Sponsors, cyclists, volunteers and supporters – thank you for making your mark on our LifeCycle road! Together, we are providing a refuge for young teens so they can focus on being the best mom they can be for their child.

Thanks to Our Great Sponsors!



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