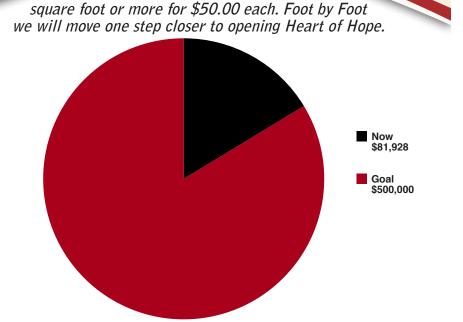


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•Gilbert & Deb Little in memory of Reagan Little

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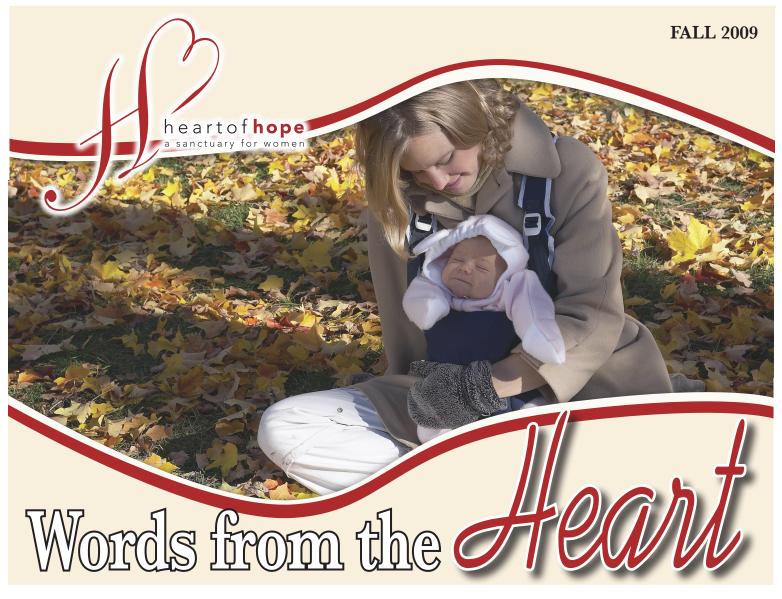


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Heart of Hope Attends National Christian Housing Conference

Raleigh, North Carolina was the site of the 2009 National Christian Housing Conference and Heart of Hope was there. Each year Christian maternity homes from across the country gather to identify and share best practices.

The conference covered many key aspects of operating a maternity home. Sessions were organized in three tracks: counselors, house parents, and Directors and Board members. The keynote speaker was Anne Pierson, who is in her 38th year of rescuing young moms with unplanned, crisis pregnancies

In summarizing the conference and its impact, Frank Kelly, who represented Heart of Hope's board said "As Heart of Hope nears completion of our home's construction and we undertake several critical tasks associated with the beginning of operations, it's very important for us to leverage the experience of successfully operating maternity homes. One of the best things about the conference was the opportunity to meet those that are experienced at what we're just about to do."

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however they could.

uled for August 5-7

Kelly went on to say the conference was more like a retreat in many ways. "We spent up to 45 and each evening in praise and worship. We also spent up to an hour each day in prayer groups."

Kelly said the worship and prayer had a powerful way of focusing conference attendees on the difcrence between operating Christian maternity homes and secular homes. Of course, the differ-

most, Heart of Hope is a ministry. Kelly said, "Heart of Hope seeks to a time-by meeting the physical, spiritual, emotional, and educational needs to-be in a setting that models a Christian family."

much," Kelly said about the conference. "The challenge is placing it into fully, everyone I met at the conference offered to help Heart of Hope I know we'll be reaching out to them." Next year's conference is sched-Heart of Hope plans to be there.

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Carolyn's Note's Carolyn Hammond - President

One of my favorite passages is **Prov**erbs 3:5-6"Trust in the LORD with

all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." When I find myself at a crossroad, I think about these words and remind myself that He is faithful to make straight the paths He wants me to follow. This year He has definitely done that for the ministry of Heart of Hope as the board tries to anticipate what our next step should be on the path to opening the doors of the maternity home.

The direction He has taken us has been filled with surprises and new relationships. We met with consultants from Loving and Caring in the spring, who gave us insight from their 25 years of experience and they have worked diligently with us on the administrative aspects of running the ministry.

As we have sought ways to increase funding, we have been

blessed with faithful and generous donors, an opportunity to generate revenue with our newly renovated gym facility and creative fundraising ideas of our own and from various ministry partners.

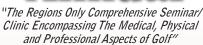
We have eagerly anticipated the remodel of the building we will use to house the girls and that project is well underway. We expect to see it completed very soon!

Along the way, we have seen detours, roadblocks and speed bumps in the form of storm damage, vandals, architectural changes, and property issues that could have really slowed us down. We would scratch our heads and wonder what to do. In every instance He went before us and not only smoothed the path but brought blessings to the ministry that will benefit it now and in years to come. Because of this, we eagerly anticipate the next step on the pathway leading to Heart of Hope- A Sanctuary for Women. As you read this newsletter, if you would like to join us, pray for ways that God may be directing you to partner with us.



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As some of you may have heard through news reports, Heart of Hope's gymnasium was broken into and vandalized a few weeks ago. The damage was not as significant as it could have been, and we are so thankful. As upset as we all were about it, God has a way of taking the bad and turning it into good. A num-

ber of people saw the news, and we have since received several donations because of the publicity. Wow! As I write this report, work is progressing rapidly on the gym. We will have an entirely brand new roof over the gym within the week. All interior work is

scheduled to be completed within the month. And all of this through our insurance company. Praise God!

The maternity home roof is being raised as we speak. The entire roof, weather per-



mitting, will be completely finished within the next two weeks. So many folks are com-

ing together to make this phenomenal project happen. Doug Randolph of Kingdom Builders, Jimmy Feazel of Feazel



Electric, and Parker Perot of Perot Plumbing are just a few of the many who have stepped up tremendously to help bring this dream to fruition.

A special thanks is owed to Henry Hunsicker of Buckelew's Food Service Equipment Co. He has graciously donat-

ed a significant amount of equipment to Heart of Hope to be used in our kitchen. God

bless vou Henry!

Please continue to pray that things fall into place during the course of construction over the next few months. By the way, if you get a chance, please drive by and take a look at the progress!

Thanks so much, Stephen Leone



Praise God!







Hands of Hope Spotlight: ~HANK GROLL~

Hank Groll was born in Nacogdoches, TX, one of six children. Later, his family moved to Mooringsport, LA where he lived throughout his childhood and young adulthood. He and his wife, Sherry, moved to Shreveport in 1966. Since that time, Hank has coached youth football for over 40 years. Not only has he been a coach but has also served as a father figure to many of the boys, as well. In addition,

many days, his daughter, Stacey, remembers going to the grocery store to buy baskets of groceries to deliver to his players and their families who were less fortunate, exemplifying his big heart. Hank and Sherry, have three children and four grandchildren. Passionate about his love for football and coaching, he is especially proud to coach the Broncos and his grandson, Abram. He is a devoted father and grandfather and loves watching his grandsons, Jordan and Abram, play ball, and his granddaughter, Landree, cheer. Hank has owned and operated many different businesses throughout his career, including a sporting goods store, an oil company, and an insurance company. For the past few years, Hank has thoroughly enjoyed working at the Broncos field, on the Heart of Hope campus. At 72 years old, most days Hank can be found taking great care of the grounds at Heart of Hope. Congratulations, Hank, for all you have done to touch the hearts of young people.