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a sanctuary for women

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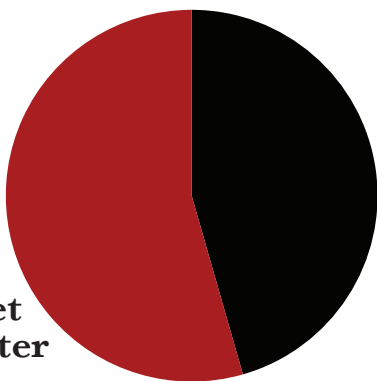
You can be a partner in this legacy of **HOPE** by purchasing one square foot or more for \$50.00 each to help cancel our construction debt.

Square Feet Contributors

•Grawood Baptist Church •Randy & Nan Magness •B.R. & Lela Speight
•Sandra Hayward •Dave & Stacey Mieding •Gerald & Brenda Allred
•Sammie Craft's SS Class(Cypress Baptist) •Kathleen Hill Circle(First UMC)

■ Now
\$206,814

■ Goal
\$500,000



113 Total Square Feet This Quarter

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4136 GRAND TOTAL SQUARE FEET

♥ ♥ ♥ WAYS YOU CAN HELP! ♥ ♥ ♥

Ministry Needs

1. Group Projects
2. Help with Fundraisers
3. Donated Prizes for Events

Home Needs

1. Paper Products
2. Gas Card
3. Cleaning Supplies
4. Liquid Laundry Detergent (HE)

Places We Have Visited or Who Have Visited Us...

•Calvary Ladies Ministries - Donations received •Cypress Baptist – Monetary donation received
•Broadmoor Women's Night Out – Donations, gift cards & Money received
•Providence Road Baptist – Food donations received •Journey of Sisters
•Brookwood Global Influence Mission Weekend •Bellair Baptist Ladies Group – Donations received
•CPCs – visited in Ruston, Minden and Monroe •First UMC Bossier – Donations received

Thank You to Our Monthly Church/Class Sponsors

Jewel SS Class • The Healing Place @ GT * Radiant Life • Just For Ladies
Asbury UMC • Cypress Baptist • Christian Center • Providence Rd Baptist
Grawood Baptist • Trinity Heights Baptist • Calvary Baptist • Church at Red River
North Keithville Baptist • Living Water Worship Center
First UMC Bossier Adult III(Grawood Baptist)

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Words from the Heart

SUMMER 2011

“Please add Heart of Hope to your prayer list”



is seen in Psalm 139:13 God himself “knitted me together in my mother’s womb” in His image. We are indeed His unique and special creation. Also, I am excited about the opportunity to pour my life into those who need the gospel. This seems too good to be true! Please add Heart of Hope to your church’s and your own personal prayer list. Pray that God would use my wife and me to spread the fame of God through this ministry.

My name is Stephanie Jessup and I am married to the love of my life and best friend. I’m extremely grateful to the Lord for uniting my heart with Jerod’s. I strongly feel that Jesus has prepared us for this time in our lives and we are truly on an exciting journey together. I am a Shreveport native. A huge part of my life has been influenced by my Nana, the late Penny Lee. She faithfully took me to church as a child and it was there that I learned about who Jesus really was. It wasn’t until Middle School, however, that the Lord impressed the truth of His Word on my heart and I believed that Jesus was who He said He was in His Word. Since then, God has used many various trials in my life to draw me closer to His Father’s heart.

I am very excited about pouring truth, love, and grace into the lives of the young ladies who will be coming to live with us in this home. All throughout Scripture we see God’s special care and concern for the needy. This home is a safe haven for those who are needy of grace. I am looking forward to see how God will strengthen, grow, and use me here in this ministry for His glory.

My name is Jerod Jessup and I am a member and ministry intern at Redeemer Community Church in Keithville. I was born and raised in northwest Louisiana and I moved to Shreveport from Haughton in 2008. I was saved by Christ in the summer of 2006 and immediately I felt called to be involved in ministry in some capacity. I love to preach and minister to those who need Jesus. I am especially burdened for those who have never heard the gospel. J. Oswald Sanders says “we talk a lot of the second coming of Christ when half the world has never heard of the first coming of Christ”. After seeing a similar calling in my wife, who was then a coworker, I pursued her and wooed her into marrying me.

What excites me about Heart of Hope is the value on human life that this ministry holds. This is why this ministry is close to God’s heart, because He values life; this

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upcoming events



10th Annual Golf Clinic/Tournament...

Benefiting Heart of Hope Maternity Home

Monday, September 26, 2011

PALMETTO COUNTRY CLUB • Benton, LA



SEMINAR, INTERACTIVE CLINIC AND 18 HOLES OF GOLF

Morning Round • 7:15AM - 1:30PM Afternoon Round • 11:00AM - 5:30PM

Breakfast * Lunch * Snacks * Beverages and Incredible Prizes!

SPEAKERS:

William S. Whyte, II, MD • Michael E. Jones, P.T.
Stephen Wheat, MD • Reg Adams, PGA Pro

Anyone interested in donating a raffle item please contact Jodi at the office.
Heart of Hope is a 501c 3 and all donations are tax deductible.

Four-Man Scramble

Hole Sponsors \$1,500 | Individuals \$150 | Team Sponsors \$600

**To Register contact www.heartofhopeministry.com
or Call (318) 925-HOME (4663)**

Journey of Sisters Ministry presents

an evening with **Lisa Harper**

(Author of Nine Books • Featured on the Women of Faith Tour • Speaker for focus on the Family Conference)

about **“Stumbling into Grace”**

11.07.11 6PM doors open **7PM** program begins

Summer Grove Banquet Hall \$20 (a seat)

*first seated, no assigned seating

Mission Highlighted at this event will be

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This ministry is striving 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. Please join us in supporting them by bringing a gift card of any amount from target or walmart to be given to Heart of Hope Ministry in benefit of these young women.

Brought to you by Journey of Sisters Ministry.

For any additional information contact Debbie Covington at 318.423.9000 or debbiecovington@gmail.com

Please call Jodi for your ticket today! Buy five tickets & get the 6th FREE.

(this deal is not available anywhere else, but through Jodi or calling Journey of Sisters @ 318.423.9000)



Heart of Hope Family Grieves the Loss of a Good Friend...

The Heart of Hope family lost a dear friend May, 24, 2011. Coach Hank's life was characterized by his compassion for others. Heart of Hope sits on the property that was carefully and lovingly maintained by Coach Hank while it was being used for football practice and tournaments. His love of football and the kids he coached remained his passion and through his volunteer efforts, he and his wife made annual Jamborees a reality. Last summer, Heart of Hope benefited from the Jamboree, and the Grolls raised over \$5000.00 for the ministry. Coach Hank loved Heart of Hope and believed in our mission. We are so happy that he was here to welcome our first young ladies into the home on December 14, 2010.

The following Gifts Were Received in Thoughtful Tribute to the Memory or Honor of a Relative, Loved One or Friend

In Memory of... •MARGARET HALLMAN - Community Bible Church •MARGARET HALLMAN - BR & Lela Speight
•KEITH JACKSON - Darryl & Claudia Reed •EARLENE KELLER - Robert & Melba Williams •BOB HARDWICK - Betty Sorrels
•HANK GROLL - Pearly Zivahlen, Anne Burnley, Robert & Melba Williams, Mike & Marsha Stringer and Scott & Carolyn Hammond

In Honor of... •ANN INABNET's BIRTHDAY - David & Kathy Lewis



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forever family

Emily's Story



There are days I say, "I'm keeping her, I'm keeping her", but then I think, "Is that really the best decision for my baby?" Emily reported these words to Mr. Rick Rowe when he visited Heart of Hope last January. At that time, Emily was pouring everything she had into making one of the most important decisions of her young life. Will she choose to be a single parent or complete a family through the gift of adoption? She quickly learned that the choices she now makes affect two lives instead of one.

"I can be a parent in five or six years, but a baby can't wait five or six years for me to parent it"

Living at Heart of Hope allowed Emily to concentrate on herself and the future she was going to provide for her daughter. Through life skill classes and a curriculum written by Anne Pierson called Baby and Me, Emily had an opportunity to search within herself and answer some very hard questions about what her future as a parent. Some of the workbooks are entitled The Me I See, Basic-Decision Making, and Am I Ready to Parent, Now?. We knew the difficult decision she was contemplating so the staff and our prayer team saturated Emily in prayer.

"It's hard being a teenager and pregnant. This place definitely prepares you for it"

There came a turning point within Emily when she decided adoption was the best decision for herself and her baby. With a loving family already waiting, she shared the exciting news that they were going to be parents of a baby girl. Emily and the new parents of Lauren Grace wanted to share with you the joy and pain of their



special day as they became a forever family.

At Heart of Hope we do not know the end from the beginning, but God does. Nothing is a surprise to Him. Helping our young ladies see a good future beyond what they are experiencing today is a difficult challenge. For them, today is either the worst or best day of their life.

God says, **"I will instruct you and**

teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." (Psalm 32:8). Our prayer at Heart of Hope is for each young lady who has bravely chosen life for her child to also

surrender herself and her baby to God's plan for their lives. It is very difficult to hear what His path is when everyone around you is telling you their ideas. Friends, family, billboards and TV are just a few distractions that can lead one astray from God's plan. Heart of Hope is a sanctuary away from this chaos and confusion. We are intentional with everything we do – helping our young ladies hear the most important voice of all, God's voice. This is manifested in many ways, but is confirmed only one way – with peace. Jesus says in John 14:27, **"My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful"**.

Our relationship with our young ladies does not end once they leave Heart of Hope. We recently enjoyed Emily's company for dinner, catching up on what she is doing now. Emily's journey has only just begun. Today she is finishing her senior year so she can go onto college and fulfill the goals she has set for herself. Emily is very generous with her life-giving story and we are certain you will hear more from her in the months ahead.



A Lot Accomplished In Six Months!



Heart of Hope's mission is to provide a safe place where pregnant girls ages 11-20 can live while deciding what is best for themselves and their baby. Meeting her physical, emotional, spiritual and educational needs is made possible with the help of our devoted volunteers.

Represented below are documented hours spent by Hands of Hope, our volunteer base.

21 volunteers provided services directly to our residents in teaching life skills, sewing/crafts/activities, devotions and scholastic teaching totaling 422 ½ hours.

109 volunteers provided support to our home and property needs such as the donation room, cleaning, helping to mow and weed-eat the property, landscaping, technology and networking, clerical support, and washing and organizing donations for our maternity closet and Hope Chest. These hours totaled 257 ½.

In addition to these 130 volunteers, 21 additional volunteers provided 81 hours in indirect support (board and special events).

With just 6 months into the year, we have had 151 volunteers donate 761 hours! Thank you for making Heart of Hope a home away from home!

Calvary Baptists Ladies welcomed HofH into the home of Dinah Grisham for GNO (Girls Night Out) in April. They collected and donated 64 pounds of food as well as gift cards and a TV. In June, GNO came to HofH and we enjoyed a picnic potluck and spent the evening doing projects. Thanks to the ladies, the kitchen was re-organized, donations were sorted, and they prayed and wrote blessings and encouragements to our residents. HofH also benefited from



a fundraiser Calvary did with decorating and selling cupcakes! Thank you so much for partnering with us! If you want to be a part of this exciting life-giving ministry, please call Jodi.