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- 1.Home Improvement (Home Depot, Lowes, etc.) 2.Gas Cards 3.Job Skill Training Opportunities  
We would like to thank Don Toppett for donation of lawn mower and edger.

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

- Tricia LaBarre, Scentsy Night - Financial Donation
- Booker T.Washington High School
- Praise Temple Community Awareness
- Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church
- Journey of Sisters - An Evening with Lisa Harper - Gift Cards Given
- Brookwood Baptist Church – Service Project
- Grawood Baptist Church – Food Donation
- St. James Episcopal Church – Donations Given
- Norris Ferry Community Church – Christmas Dinner & Gifts
- Nurse Family Partnership
- North Louisiana Social Worker Association – Christmas Party

Thank You to Our Monthly Church/Class/Business Sponsors

- National Mail It • Adult III SS Class Grawood Baptist Church
- Calvary Baptist Church • Gateway Church • Christian Center of Shreveport
- Cypress Baptist Church • Emmanuel Baptist Church • Church at Red River
- Grawood Baptist Church • Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- Jewell SS Class • Just for Ladies Radiant Life Church • Radiant Life Church
- Living Word Worship Center • Providence Road Baptist Church
- The Healing Place at Glad Tidings • Trinity Heights Baptist Church
- Middle Single Adult SS Class @ Broadmoor Baptist Church

Michael Kelley...  
Voices That Change

Friday, March 16, 2012



Entertainment of comedic proportions interspersed with a personal testimony of Michaels’ faith in Christ.

**Voices that Change** is a blend of nostalgia mixed with biblical thoughts and concepts guaranteed to be a night to remember!

**Tickets will go on sale soon!**

**\$10.00** per person



More information can be found on our website at [www.heartofhopeministry.com](http://www.heartofhopeministry.com)

Also, visit Michael’s website at [www.michaelkelleyproductions.com](http://www.michaelkelleyproductions.com)

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Words from the Heart

“Pregnant at 15, What Would You Do?”

*“I was never the type to wind up pregnant at such a young age. Never. My friend since pre-school can’t count the number of guys she’s slept with on her ten fingers and ten toes. She’s fourteen. Everyone always figured she’d be the first one to get pregnant out of everyone, but nope. I filled that spot without meaning to. Everyone was in shock when they found out I was pregnant. I went to the doctor. I got an ultra sound. I got the pictures. I put them on facebook and the caption was “8 weeks.”*

*When I first heard the words “maternity home” I saw flashing lights that said “skanky and stanky girls.” I thought that if I go then I’d have to give my baby up for adoption. I was wrong though, about both things.*

*Heart of Hope is what it is called still, I believe. It’s not like it’s a prison. I guess to some girls without their cell phones for nine months or for even one month it is. They have house parents and a house assistant. So it’s like a home away from home. The beds look like little dorm rooms, but with two bathrooms for four girls to share.*

*When I first thought about abortion, I thought it was murder. Then I thought about the girls who got raped, and could completely understand if they didn’t want their baby. The girls that got pregnant at 11, 12, 13, and 14. I thought about that for a long time and decided that God still has a plan for all babies. It doesn’t matter how they got formed or who formed them, he has a plan for them. It’s not right to mess up God’s plan, that’s my opinion.*

*That’s what a maternity home is for, the ones who chose life; to decide what they think is best for their own flesh and blood. It’s a good place to come think and talk about what you decide is best for you and your baby.”*

At Heart of Hope, we often wonder, “What is she really thinking?” Well, we got our answer. She wrote this just a few weeks into her stay here.

You may also wonder, “What is Heart of Hope doing for her?” Our answer is we are giving her room to breathe and a quiet place to unpack her thoughts as she begins her journey of unplanned pregnancy. As a residential home, we are sustained by your support so when she “fills that spot”, we are here for her and her baby.

Serving Christ with You,  
Jodi Burns, Executive Director

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## “I am pregnant, Mom”

I remember it like it was yesterday. “I am pregnant, mom”. Somewhere deep inside of me already knew. But, to actually hear her say it, well, it took my breath away.

All at once I saw her walking away from me on her first day of school, cheering as a 5th grader, joining the pep squad in high school, and discovering her dream car waiting in the parking lot outside her first job. Of course, it took her 12 years to experience these milestones. With tears in her eyes, she searched my face for acceptance. With tears in mine, I suddenly accepted she was not a little girl anymore.

What must she have been going through the past several weeks? Isolation, fear, anxiety, hopelessness all comes to mind.

These feelings are the same for every young woman who discovers the un-

timely reality of her teenage pregnancy. Heart of Hope is ready to help her find the answer to her question, “What do I do now?”

For eight young women, Heart of Hope has been and continues today to be a home away from home; a beautiful and safe place to discover who she is, who she wants to be and to plan for a future that now includes a baby.

Through acceptance, love and forgiveness she will discover that her heavenly Father’s promise to never leave her nor forsake her is also a reality – just like my daughter.

*Serving Christ with You,*  
*Jodi Burns*

## blessings & fundraisers

### Infant Simulators & Willis Knighton Contribution



As a contribution from Willis-Knighton Health System’s “Tithe the Bottom Line”, Heart of Hope was given a \$5,000 donation to purchase infant simulators as part of our Life Skill

Training Program. These babies help create a realistic experience in caring for an infant in a safe environment with meaningful evaluation and feedback. They provide hands-on education in infant care skills to help ensure proper care and handling

and reduce the incidence of child abuse. The simulation increases awareness of the time commitment and constant, caring attention a baby needs, and the importance of having these skills before bringing their baby into the world. Thank you Willis-Knighton Health System for your support and this gift to Heart of Hope’s young mothers. Our



RealCare babies will not only save lives but will create a safer and more nurturing environment for both baby and mom.

## upcoming events

### “CHOSEN” Our 5th Annual Banquet

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012

Summer Grove Baptist Event Center

*Come expecting a touch from the Father’s heart  
as we hear personal testimonies from our home.*

Please register to attend or be a **Host a Table** (fill a table of 8 with interested guests) by calling 318-925-4663 or go online at [www.heartofhopeministry.com/events](http://www.heartofhopeministry.com/events). There is no cost to the attendees or the table hosts. There are also opportunities to help underwrite the expense of the banquet, if you would like to help in this way, please mail sponsor donations to Heart of Hope.

#### Sponsor Levels:

**Platinum \$2,000 • Gold \$1,000**  
**Silver \$500 • Bronze \$250**

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last-and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.” -- John 15:16 (NIV)



### LifeCycle 2012



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**Benefit Bike Tour**  
**Saturday, June 2**  
**8:00am**  
**Heart of Hope Campus**

LifeCycle 2012 is a community friendly bike tour for cyclists of every skill-level. Multiple routes are offered with beautiful country scenery including Caddo and Desoto Parish and dipping into portions of East Texas. Pre-ride breakfast snacks, great rest stops, and an after-ride party with fully furnished lunch, music, raffle, and sponsor booths will be provided. A carb-load dinner is also on tap for Friday night at Heart of Hope. Our goal is to make this one of the premier bike tours of the region while raising funds for a wonderful cause. Please see website for detailed information at [www.heartofhopeministry.com](http://www.heartofhopeministry.com).

### Christmas Blessings

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.” (ISA 9:6)



At Heart of Hope, it feels like Christmas all year! In every season, we are the recipient of such generosity through donors, volunteers giving of their time and talents, and churches and organizations doing service projects. As we celebrated our 2nd Christmas at Heart of Hope we were humbled by the stirring of God’s people to even more acts of kindness and sacrifice. We would like to thank all of you who put Heart of Hope on your Christmas List. Our home was blessed with holiday food, baked goods, candies and paper products. Our young women were overwhelmed with gifts given to them and their babies as well as all of you who came to dinner or spent time cooking, baking, and praying with them. Truly, the Lord made a personal visit to Heart of Hope and we did experience the fullness of His Name – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace! Thank You!

## What’s Cooking?

### Eat OUT for Heart of Hope Maternity Home

**Monday, February 27th from 5:00 – 8:30**

*Take a break from the kitchen on the last Monday of each month and eat out for Heart of Hope!*

**Our first dining experience is  
“Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers”**



THREE Locations

Mansfield Location: 8998 Mansfield Road (for our South Shreveport Friends)

Youree Drive: 7241 Youree Drive (for our Central Shreveport Friends)

Airline Drive: 2395 Airline Drive (for our Bossier Friends)

**Thank you for your support!**

**The following Gifts Were Received in Thoughtful Tribute to the Memory or Honor of a Relative, Loved One or Friend**  
In Memory of... •RAMONA SEGREST - Frank & Terry Shinn •RACHEL DYER - Robert & Sherry Christy •PATRICIA SCHOLLING - David & Pam Hamrick  
•HANK GROLL - Marion Muse •CLAUDE & IRMA CRAIG - Darryl & Claudia Reed

In Honor of... •DEB LITTLE - Chaparral Foundation •ANN INABNET, TERRI MARSHALL, TERRI WELLANDER, KAK STINSON, DARYL LAFITTE, MARY LYNN STUART & KATHY LEWIS - Camille Dent •SHIRLEY HARDWICK - Larry & Sandra Hardwick •SHIRLEY HARDWICK - Dr. Cynthia Hardwick •STEPHANIE JESSUP - Amy Jones  
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