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1. Job Skill Training Opportunities
  2. Discount Cards (Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowe's, Gas)
  3. Aerobics/Exercise Volunteer
- Thank you to Andy & Barbara Lloyd for donating the Trailer!!

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

- Grawood Baptist Church – Food Donation
- New Creation Family Church
- Louisiana AG Center
- Mentor Training Day - Goodwill of North LA
- Baptist Church – Donations
- Schumpert In-School Health Clinic
- Broadmoor Ladies Ministry – Service Project & Donations
- Health Awareness @ Linwood Middle/Woodlawn High
- Brookwood Global Influence Weekend – February 25th-26th
- Raising Cane's (Shreveport/Bossier) – Raised \$220.00 for HofH
- Cheri Norwood Small Group (Church at Red River) - Showers of Blessings Tour
- Broadmoor Mission's Board
- Word of God Ministries – Ladies Conference – March 10th



Thank You Brookwood Baptist Church for Your Recent BLESSING - WOW!

### Thank You to Our Monthly Church/Class/Business Sponsors

Adult III SS Class Grawood Baptist Church • Calvary Baptist Church  
Gateway Church Christian Center of Shreveport • Cypress Baptist Church  
Living Water Worship Center • Emmanuel Baptist Church (**Church Budget/Food Pantry**)  
Trinity Heights Baptist Church • Grawood Baptist Church (**Church Budget/Food Pantry**)  
Jewell SS Class-First Baptist Haughton • Providence Road Baptist Church  
Radiant Life Church • The Healing Place at Glad Tidings • New Creation Family Church  
Middle Single Adult SS Class @ Broadmoor Baptist Church (**Food/Pantry**)  
Church at Red River • Eagle Creek Recovery Center • Woodridge Baptist Church  
Grand Cane Baptist Church • Bethel Assembly of God • National Mail It (**Quarterly Newsletter**)

## Job Opportunity at Heart of Hope..... HOUSEPARENT ASSISTANT



The Houseparent Assistant shall be called of God; committed to serve under the direction of the Houseparents to create a Godly christian home atmosphere, realizing many women will come with problems associated with authority figures, and deep hurts.

Those single females who are interested in applying please visit our website at [www.heartofhopeministry.com](http://www.heartofhopeministry.com)



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# Words from the Heart

## Thank you, “Chosen” Ones

On February 9th, we gathered to celebrate the choices of our brave young women who gave life to their children and shared their lives by living at Heart of Hope during their unplanned pregnancy. It was so good to see our young momma, Lagerria and her son again! She is blazing ahead with her goals to finish school and be the best mommy she can be to her baby boy, who celebrated his 1st Birthday March 31st!

Our commitment to our young women is to give God room to reveal His desires and plans to give them a hope and a future. At our recent Fundraising Banquet, our special speaker and mother of one of our past residents shared her heart when she said, “What my daughter needed most was to be bathed in God’s Word and Heart of Hope did that for Emily”. Your gifts allow us to be a daily expression of the Living Word of God and this is a powerful tool in the Hands of our Creator!

I would like to share with you what God did through you and the faithful supporters who attended our 5th Annual Heart of Hope Fundraising Banquet, “Chosen” on February 9th at Summer Grove Event Center:

One Time Gift:	\$54,419.00
Monthly Pledges:	\$40,080.00 (\$3340.00 monthly)
Sponsors:	\$9,500.00
To Be Paid in 90 days:	\$4,255.00
<b>TOTAL GIVING:</b>	<b>\$108,254.00</b>

**Churches Represented: 77**

Today, we thank God for you and your willingness to be a vessel of God’s love and provision! We look forward to a fruitful year as God accomplishes His desires through you and for His daughters at Heart of Hope. Thank you for your support!

Thank you to our Underwriters for your sponsorship and help with our Banquet’s expenses:

**Platinum** – Metro Aviation, Inc, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Hammond Distributing

**Gold** – Senator Sherri Smith Buffington,

**Silver** – Kenneth & Charlotte Williams, Gateway Church, Bethel Assembly of God,

**Bronze** – The Healing Place @ Glad Tidings, Broadmoor Baptist WMU, Mike & Kay Asher, Anonymous

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## God takes notice!

One of my favorite people in the Bible is Cornelius. Now, you may be wondering what on earth Cornelius has to do with being pregnant and living in a maternity home.

Cornelius desired God. God noticed Cornelius and answered his prayer for more of Him.

God reminds us in this one story how nothing goes unnoticed by Him, and He will take extraordinary measures to reveal the truth of His Son whom He sent to bring salvation to whosoever will believe! Through this story, we learn God knows our names and where we live. God hears our prayers and notices the compassionate deeds we do for those whom He loves.

Each young woman who has lived at Heart of Hope has expressed her desire to know more of God. Our ninth young woman is living with us now, with a roommate on the way. God continues to notice each one, as prayers of protection, provision, wisdom, grace, peace, and the unveiling of God's perfect plan of salvation through Jesus Christ swirl around God's throne room like a wonderful fragrance.

Answered prayers come like this: a safe place to live, a constant expression of acceptance through God-loving houseparents, God-centered counseling, forgiveness, and a residing peace that passes all understanding.

Do they still struggle making good decisions? Yep. But with God all things are possible. So we continue to pray for their surrender to God's plan for their lives. Some are new mommies trying to figure out how to manage school, a job and night feedings. As birthmothers, some are continuing life's goals of finishing high school, going to college and starting a career. Right now, she is just wanting to know that a few bad choices did not leave her hopeless and without a good future.

That, my friends, has everything to do with Heart of Hope – A Sanctuary for Women! Your support is a constant reminder of God's unfailing love to her as you give of yourselves in prayer and acts of compassion. God notices you and so do we!

*Serving Christ with You,  
Jodi Burns, Executive Director*

## upcoming events

### What's Cooking? Eat OUT for Heart of Hope

The Last Monday of the Month



**Raising Cane's**- Monday February 27th  
(3 Locations) (5:00 to 8:00pm) *THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!! \$220.00 RAISED.*



**Bistro Byronz**- Monday March 26th  
(5:00 to 9:00pm) **Reservations Are Required.**



**Counter Culture**- Monday April 30th  
(2 Locations) (All Day) Check our web-site for Shreveport & Bossier City location.



**Cantina Laredo**- Monday May 21st (5:00 to 10:00pm) Check our web-site for location (This is the third Monday due to Memorial Day).



**Smashburger**- Monday June 25th (3:00 to 10:00pm) Check our web-site for Shreveport location.



**Johnny's Catfish**- Monday July 30th  
(All Day) Check our web-site for Shreveport Locations.

## blessings & achievements

### Volunteer Highlight... You MAKE the Difference!



Charlotte, on the right, sharing with Jodie, a nurse in our community.

"Sugaroni, Gran?" asked my three-year-old grandson. 'Oh yes,' I said, as I turned my cheek for a kiss. You see, he coined that word after I had made his favorite Mac 'n Cheese and asked for sugars. His story of coming into our family is miraculous and special. His birthmom found herself sitting all alone in an abortion clinic, waiting her turn when she heard cries from the next room and fled the facility. She chose instead to find a loving family with both a Mommy and Daddy in the picture. How she found this family, my daughter and her husband, is another miracle. These events prepared my heart for the mission God had in mind for me at Heart of Hope – A Sanctuary for Women. My initial interest in Heart of Hope was volunteering in the school program, giving special tutoring as needed. I began on a part-time basis to work with the girls. The more involved and informed I became, the

more it became clear to me just how encompassing this ministry is, and how dedicated each staff member and volunteer is to living out God's love. Their dedication, generosity, and goals for these young ladies revealed the hand and heart of God imprinted on Heart of Hope. Their fervor was contagious, and at this point in my life, I became passionate to share that vision.

God gave me urgency in my heart to become an "informational resource person." It became imperative that I share with as many people as possible in our community as well as surrounding communities about this facility and its ministries. People in positions of leadership or those who are employed in medical or academic fields need this information. I have been astonished that so many with whom I shared about Heart of Hope had not known there was a maternity home so close to home. A habit of mine is to keep Heart of Hope newsletters and brochures in my car. My doctor's appointments, dentist's appointments, or any group meetings provide opportunities for me to casually tell where I volunteer and why. Family members who work in other parishes as teachers and nurses have been eager to take brochures about Heart of Hope to distribute.

It is very important to have information when faced with a life-changing decision. Families need to be aware of a loving, safe place where options of parenting and adoption are explored, education is continued, and all life is held in the highest regard. I tell them about that place. Serving at Heart of Hope is also my way of saying "thank you" to God for two incredible precious grandsons brought into our lives through the gift of adoption. Because two very brave and unselfish young women chose to put their life on hold for nine months and give the blessing of a child to a loving couple who desperately wanted children, our lives have been forever changed. Sugaroni, anyone? You bet! I want to be in on a ministry promoting life and kisses. Don't you?

*By Charlotte Williams - Volunteer Ambassador for Heart of Hope*



### She Did It!

"I want to be a 2nd Grade Teacher!" Tracey knew to work towards the goal of being a teacher; she would need to complete her high school education. After living at Heart of Hope for about two weeks, Tracey began her studies at the Adult Education Center where she went three days a week in preparation to take the GED test in December. The other two days, Tracey spent her morning hours in one on one tutoring at Heart of Hope. After a lot of hard work, Tracey was ready! On December 16th, Tracey received her High School Equivalency Diploma! We are so proud of you, Tracey. We are... **confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.** (Philippians 1:6)

The following Gifts Were Received in Thoughtful Tribute to the Memory or Honor of Someone Cherished

In Memory of... •SUE COZART - Cheryl Procell •PATRICIA SCHOLLING - David & Deborah Shafer •LISA PATE - Thomas & Joyce Norris

In Honor of... •The STUERMANN'S, The MORROW'S, The DAVIS', The RUCKER'S, The ANDREWS', The GULETT'S, The BLANCHER'S, The HALE'S, The JORDAN'S, AND The SUILOVICH'S - Todd & Michaela Stanberry •The BURNETT'S, The BAIRD'S, The HANNIGAN'S, The GULLEY'S, The KLEINE'S, The MACKEY'S, The POWELL'S, The RAWSON'S, The VESTAL'S AND The WATSON'S - Jim & Dorothy Milam •SHANNON BABINGTON - Sara Tully •JOHN MARSHALL GREER JR. - Cheryl Procell



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Look for Heart of Hope, A Sanctuary for Women

### LifeCycle 2012 ~~Saturday June 2, 2012~~



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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.

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<b>Routes:</b> •5 Mile Fun Ride Route •28 Mile Route •53 Mile Route •67 Mile Route	<b>Schedule:</b> 7:00am 28, 53, & 67 mile registration/check-in 8:00am 28, 53, & 67 mile start 8:30am 5 mile fun ride registration/check-in 10:45am post-ride party/lunch	<b>Entry fees:</b> \$30 early-bird registration (post-marked by May 1st) \$35 registration after May 1st (includes day of tour) \$15 T-shirt only (threads without the sweat) *Cyclists under 12 ride free with adult registration

Register and Volunteer online: [www.heartofhopeministry.com/events](http://www.heartofhopeministry.com/events)

#### Rest Stops/SAG Vehicles:

Various sponsors will provide friendly, fully stocked rest stops and SAG vehicles for all routes.

**Carb-load Dinner:** Friday, June 1st @ 6pm @ Heart of Hope - \$5.00

Find the LifeCycle on facebook @  
<http://www.facebook.com/LifeCycle2012>