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1. Newborn and #1 Diapers
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4. Citrus Trees
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Places We Have Visited or Who Have Visited Us...

- BPCC Live @ Noon
- North Louisiana Baptist Association Annual Meeting
- National Christian Housing Conference @ Heart of Hope
- Bethel Assembly of God – Presentation in Morning Service
- Crossfire on 90.7FM with Ed Baswell
- Shreveport Community Church Life Group – Donations
- Oakmont Church
- Norris Ferry Community Groups – Dinner & Donations
- Keithville's Sheriff's Station
- Calvary Baptist
- Eric LeBlanc, DDS Office

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Christian Center of Shreveport • Cross Point Baptist • Calvary Baptist
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A Fun Contest That Our Young Women Have Centered On Every Birth!



There is a fun contest that our young women have centered on every birth. Kay, our Social Worker, has the girls write on a piece of paper how much they think the next baby who is going to be born will weigh.

Recently, we had sisters who lived with us and they were due one week a part. It was a lot fun guessing this time because they were growing so differently. Statistically, Teen mothers are more at risk for low birth weight deliveries. However, most of our young ladies are having babies that average 7 1/2 pounds! That is what three square meals will do for you!

Some other interesting Heart of Hope facts since opening in 2010:

- 18 young ladies served
- 10 boys; 6 girls; one set of twins
- 11 parenting; 5 gifted in adoption

“Behold, I make all things new” Revelation 21:5



Do you remember that part in the movie, “The Passion”, when Jesus fell under the weight of His cross, right in the view of His broken mother? Jesus looked at Mary, through blood soaked eyes, and assured her with these life-giving words, ...“ Behold, I make all things new”... Glory to God!

This was the banner of which our National Christian Housing Conference met under this past October when Heart of Hope hosted the 26th annual event. What better way to introduce strangers to Louisiana than to give them three days out at the beautiful campus of Camp Bethany! Twenty-seven housing ministries from 15 states and Greece gathered together to be inspired through worship (led by Gregg Guber, Youth Pastor at Cypress Baptist Church) and relevant

teaching, while networking with others dedicated to serving both young pregnant women, young mothers and their children. In addition to our time at Camp Bethany, we also hosted these 63 attendees to a night out at Heart of Hope for a tour, Johnny's delicious fried catfish, and a Keynote Message by Dr. Richard Exley, Sr. Pastor of Gateway Church in Shreveport.

All of those who attended the conference observed a common theme in our ministries. Desperation looks the same no matter where you live. We are all desperate! Desperate for God! We are desperate for the brave young women we serve to know that she has a God in heaven who not only loves her but has a plan for her and it involves a hope and a future! We were all amazed how He allows us to be a part of the unveiling of His master plan unto His daughters! Some of our stories recanted victories: God entered into that place where the darkness dwelled, turned the Light of Glory on, and filled every corner of a heart with His love and purpose. Some of our stories were laced with hope. Hopeful that the time we were allowed was enough to make a difference and fully persuaded God is still making all things new!



We know that the three days we were able to connect with houseparents, directors, counselors and those who have gone before us have enriched our lives and secured a better tomorrow for our ministry at Heart of Hope.

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Congratulations everyone!

would have such an excuse so they wouldn't have to tell their parents they are going to be young grandparents!

As the New Year begins, I am reminded of the goal so many individuals make to start anew in various areas of their lives. Whether you are trying to cut calories, or watch less television, there is a natural desire at the beginning of each year that involves commitment and often increased discipline. At Heart of Hope, 2013 continues to celebrate new beginnings. We see new lives through the birth of new born babies. We also see new births through the salvation of sweet young women who desire a relationship with their Heavenly Father. Evermore, Heart of Hope is moving forward with desires to further our mission in serving pregnant young women. We are seeing an increase of different ways she is reaching us, and that is exciting. From our Pregnancy Centers across the Ark-La-Tex, our churches and friends, our homeless agency and our website, parents, families and young women are finding their way to Heart of Hope Way.

We pray that God will highlight Heart of Hope to her and her family as soon as she discovers she is pregnant. There is so much to do and our window of opportunity to make a difference won't really begin until after about 30 days of her coming to live at

Heart of Hope. Why? It takes that long to detox from the connectedness that this world and its appendages of negative influence offer through t.v., computer, and smart phones. Soon after, she accepts the peace and quiet offered to her and settles into a routine of a good night's rest, a healthy diet, school, and intentional life skill curriculum designed to get her to a place of confidence in her parenting decision.

We have served 18 young ladies since we opened in December of 2010. We relive that reality every time we meet in our Prayer Room. Painted on the walls are the names of these ladies and the birth date of their baby. With each glance, we remember them. We remember the testimony of faith that was lived out in them while they lived at Heart of Hope. We remember their challenges and their victories. And, we pray for them today. We thank God for them and celebrate the good news that He finishes what He starts.

If you are holding this newsletter and you have never heard of Heart of Hope, or you have never visited our home and campus, we would love to give you a tour and share the beauty of how God reveals Himself through the prayers and support of so many!

Serving Christ with You, Jodi Burns



volunteer highlight

It's No Time for a Siesta!



Thank you to all who came out to our 1st Annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration!

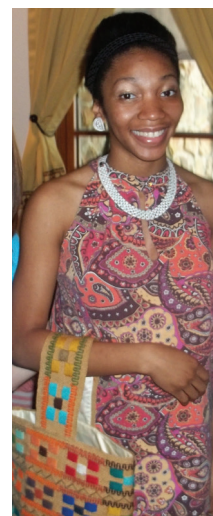
It was exciting to finally get a chance to serve you who are so eager to serve Heart of Hope! Our guests entered through our decorated gym doors and were serenaded with Mariachi blaring in the background! We wanted to make sure there was fun had by all, so our house family set up a craft table where kids of all ages could make maracas and flowers! It is amazing what you can do with toilet paper rolls! We also packed a piñata full of sweets for our little ones to take a swing at! The first



batter-up had a pretty hefty swing, too, because the poor paper star flew across the room with the first whack. It was a free for all after that! We learned something new, too! Johnny's Catfish cooks ups some fabulous fajitas, beans, rice and homemade salsa! After some of Bobby's peach cobbler, well, now it's time for a siesta! We really can't thank all of you enough for the love, passion and time you give to our young ladies in our home and the events you volunteer for all year long. We are already planning our next Volunteer Appreciation Celebration this fall! Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive, and **WE WANT A CHANCE TO GIVE!**



Sixteen Candles!



We Love Birthdays!

We love birthdays! Around here, our birthday parties begin at breakfast and don't end until our heads hit the pillow!

Recently, we celebrated Regina's Sweet 16! There is no doubt that she will remember this birthday and we pray that memory will be full of joy! Regina is a spectacular young lady with a great dream

for the future! As a junior in High School, right now she aspires to be a dental hygienist. Oops, wait a minute. Now she says that she may even be a physical therapist, "but that will take a long time." We know whatever Regina sets her mind to, she will accomplish it. Right now, the one thing she is absolutely sure of is, "I am going to be the best mom to my little boy." We know you will, Regina!



upcoming events



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**Saturday,
June 1, 2013**
**Heart of Hope
Campus**

This is our second year to present Heart of Hope LifeCycle. LifeCycle is for cyclists of every age and skill-level. Five routes ranging from 5-63 miles are offered with pre-ride breakfast snacks, door prizes, youth bike safety clinic, great rest stops, and an after-ride party with fully furnished lunch, music, and an after ride expo for sponsors will be provided.

Register online beginning February 1st! The first 250 adult registrants get an event t-shirt and goody bag. The first 50 youth registrants (14 and under) will receive an event t-shirt and goody bag. A finish-line medal will be given to all youth (14 and under) who both ride and complete the free Youth Bike Safety Clinic. Mail in registration is also available.

Registration: <http://www.active.com/cycling/keithville-la/heart-of-hope-lifecycle-2013>

LIFECYCLE 2013 FUNDRAISING REWARD PROGRAM

Please register as a fundraiser & earn chances at multiple fundraising rewards:

- 1) A pair of LifeCycle socks for raising \$50 in donations.
- 2) A dry-fit T-shirt for raising \$150 in donations.
- 3) A LifeCycle 2013 event jersey for raising \$250 in donations.
- 4) A pair of LifeCycle 2013 event shorts for raising \$500 in donations.

Special fundraising tools will be available on the Active.com Fundraising site including Facebook and e-mail tools. We also have fundraising packets available upon request. Please call Heart of Hope at 925-4663.

Fundraising Bicycle Give-a-Way

For every \$25 raised in donations,
you have a chance at winning a bicycle!

***Check out our Heart of Hope event page and our FB page for updates, schedules, registration, and added sponsors!



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

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EVERYBODY IS A WINNER!



Back In Swing 2012 was the golf tournament that almost didn't happen, but at the end of the day, everyone had a great time and left feeling like a winner.

I can tell you **WE SURE DID!** Our event, which was held on September 17th and The Palmetto Country Club, was certainly day to remember! Thanks to our sponsors listed below, we raised **\$40,051.75!**

"This is by far the most memorable golf tournament I have ever played in!" was a quote exclaimed from several folks at this year's event. The Lord saw fit to pour the much needed rain down on us from early morning until mid-afternoon, but it did not dampen the spirit of those who were out on the course for a reason that was far greater than just playing a round of golf. As the men and women played throughout the day, they also encountered the Heart of Hope ladies on the course joining in the fun at the gimmick holes. Thanks to the girls, we enjoyed homemade cookies and brownies as well as snow cones! In addition, informative health information, great food, entertainment, and custom YES putters were given away to each participant, contributing to a successful and exciting event!

First, we would like to thank Reg Adams and his team for hosting Heart of Hope and providing great service! Many thanks go out to all of our hole and clinic sponsors and the businesses who gave generous raffle items! We also would like to thank our food vendors - Johnny's Catfish, Cajun Tex (Marshall, TX), El Chico, and John Roden with Chick-fil-A for making sure we consumed way more than Weight Watchers would approve. We appreciate you so much and thank you for coming out and serving our players and volunteers each year!

A special thanks to Kevin Murphy of Ameriprise Financial for sponsoring our putter giveaway this year and supplying us with an endless array of goodies for the gift bags including monogrammed golf towels and golf balls! Our gratitude also goes out to Adams Golf and YES Putters for their dedication and continued support each year. Adams Golf's, Stephen Gillum, spends tireless hours and works hard each and every year to make this tournament a success. Thanks Stephen!

A huge thanks to Dr. William Whyte of Louisiana Pain Physicians and Mike Jones of Ashley Ridge Imaging for delivering an excellent and informative program these past three years. And for those golfers who try to turn their 250 yard drive into 425 yards, Dr. Suzanne Tinsley and her team of therapists did an outstanding job educating the golfers with safety tips for their physical well-being with on-site assessments of their swing.

As with all of the many events that support Heart of Hope throughout the year, we could never accomplish any of our goals without the diligent efforts of our INCREDIBLE volunteers!! Thank you for braving the storm and serving our community, the girls at Heart of Hope, and most importantly our Lord.

We are already beginning to plan for next year's Heart of Hope Golf Classic to be held at Southern Trace Country Club on September 23, 2013. Invite your friends and begin praying for beautiful weather NOW!!!!

God Bless, Stephen Leone



Thank You 2012 Golf Sponsors!

- Putter Sponsor: Kevin Murphy
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