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We need help twice a month to mow up to 6 acres.
Please contact Jodi at **318-925-4663** if you feel
God tugging at your heart!

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Calvary Baptist • Cypress Baptist • Church at Red River • Eagle Creek Recovery Center
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NW Louisiana Baptist Association • Genru Properties • New Creation Family
Webb Roofing Charity Program • Word of God Ministries • Latec Rental Properties

Thank You!



In addition to what you see, we also received \$560 in cash and gift cards!! WOWZA!

St Luke Missionary Baptist Church called us early in the year to tell us they had a fundraiser idea! They wanted to stand outside Walmart and give shoppers our Needs List. How awesome is that?! Ms. Henrietta came out and picked up our banner, brochures and our Home's Needs List! On May 5th, Ms. Jean, Ms. Henrietta, Ms. Crystal and Miss Macy "set up shop" outside Walmart on Bert Kouns and shared about Heart of Hope with its shoppers. They encountered unspeakable generosity as our picture indicates. Our ladies got more than what they bargained for as people opened up about their own experiences with unplanned pregnancy. One said, "I wish a place like this existed when I was pregnant!" Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Thank you Shreveport Shoppers and Walmart for the opportunity to experience God's provision through you!

Heart of Hope LifeCycle 2013 was amazing!

Heart of Hope LifeCycle 2013 was amazing! Thank you for coming out to ride with us and supporting a wonderful cause. This year our ride attracted **278** cyclists from our local area as well as folks from all over Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi and Virginia! We have been put on the map as one of the best, cyclist-friendly events North Louisiana has to offer. Also, this year we teamed up with director and producer, Stephen Auerbach, and offered a premier screening of his film Bicycle Dreams during our carb-load dinner Friday Night.

We appreciate all of our Sponsors who made this event possible, with special recognition to Ark-La-Tex Cardiology for being our Event Sponsor and Bike's Etc. for providing onsite bike assistance and donating our MAIN PRIZE, a Specialized Roubaix worth \$2300.00. As a volunteer or a cyclist, opportunity to be a fundraiser gave a person a chance to win one of three donated bikes by way of a drawing. Pastor Ray Holman of Bethel Assembly of God, who raised \$2,052, won the Roubaix; Adam Lynch raised \$1740 and won a girl's Specialized Hotrock; and Carolyn Salter raised \$750 and won a boy's Specialized Hotrock. This year our sponsors, volunteers, and cyclists raised \$26,800 for Heart of Hope! More than anyone, our girls thank you! If you have ever had the opportunity to be a participant at one of our events, you experienced the BEST VOLUNTEERS ever! There really is no better way to express the success of our LifeCycle 2013 than to share with you the following reviews:

"Excellent ride. I really enjoyed it and brought several friends from Texas and Arkansas. I plan to be back next year with more folks. Again you did an excellent job. Very surprised this was only your second year!" Bruce H.

"Just to let you know that **Lifecycle 2013** yesterday was a great event – one of the best Organized + Managed Cycling Events I have participated in! Congratulations to you all – I am sure I speak on behalf of our Piney Hills Cyclists who rode yesterday, and all other cyclists. The route we rode – 28 miles – was super, well marked, fantastically policed and a great Rest Stop at the 12.5 mile stage of the ride. The check in, scanning of all finishers, the set up in the Gym Hall and Food Service – all top notch!!!" Ian M.

Over the next few months we'll be reviewing what we can do better next year and start planning for Heart of Hope LifeCycle 2014, to be held on Saturday, June 7th, 2014 (first Saturday in June). Put us on your ride calendar for next year and tell all of your friends:

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God's Word Just Seems to Breathe!

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

God's Word just seems to breathe when I open up the Bible to seek encouragement, direction, and a purpose under the heaven for which to describe what we are experiencing at any given moment. Today is one of those times as God is doing so much at 10420 Heart of Hope Way, we are just hanging on and saying YES, Lord!

If you are one of our fans on Facebook, you already know that Jerod and Stephanie Jessup are now associate houseparents for the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home in Owasso. Also, Kay Asher, our Social Worker, retired after giving us a year's notice! For her grandchildren's sake, we reluctantly accepted her retirement, but not before she committed to being on our Advisory Board!

On June 1st, Rick and Rhonda Adams from Haughton, LA joined the Heart of Hope family as our houseparents. To say they are a gift from the Father is an understatement! We will be highlighting Rick and Rhonda in our next newsletter; but for now, mark your calendars

for Monday, August 5th to meet them personally at Johnny's Catfish located on Bert Kouns Industrial Loop.

As we prepare for our young women to move in on June 24th, the Home is filled with a great expectation for the wonderful encounters each one will have with their heavenly Father.

Thank you for partnering with these young ladies by supporting them in one of the most challenging times of their lives. While there may be times of mourning and weeping, let me assure you, the laughter and dancing carries them through as God confirms His purpose and plan to them through you!

*Joyfully Serving,
Jodi Burns*



upcoming events

"Let's Get Ready to Scramble!"

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 5TH ANNUAL
HEART OF HOPE GOLF CLASSIC!!!**

presented by Kevin Murphy and Ameriprise
Financial
Southern Trace Country Club in Shreveport, LA

Monday, September 23, 2013
Two Shotgun Starts: 7:30AM and 1:00PM

Over the past five years we averaged 130 golfers and this year we believe 72 teams will be scrambling for their best game!

Hole Sponsors | **Individuals** | **Team Sponsors**
\$1600 | **\$175** | **\$700**

Mulligans and Gimmicks included!

Don't Miss This Extravaganza of Food, Gifts and Great Prizes!

To Help Sponsor This Fundraiser, Please Contact Jodi at
318-925-4663 to reserve your round today!

To register for this event, please go to www.heartofhopeministry.com/events

EAT OUT FOR HEART OF HOPE Monday, August 5th ALL DAY

JOHNNY'S
Catfish & Seafood
A Covington Family Restaurant
Bert Kouns Industrial Loop

*Come join the Staff & Board &
help raise funds for Heart of Hope!*

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

In Memory of... •MIZI ZENO - Terry & Alicia Lambert •PEGGY WOOD - Terry & Alicia Lambert •JAMES BURT - Marilyn Burt •BILL MCCOLLUM'S MOTHER - Lynne Henderson

In Honor of... •FRANK KELLY "Happy Father's Day" - Benjamin Kelly

volunteer highlight

Jim & Deb Are Such A Blessing To Our Ministry!



Jim and Deb can be found throughout the week serving Heart of Hope in a multitude of ways! Deb starts our week every Monday morning in the Prayer Room. She will go to our classroom and ask the girls if they have any prayer requests because she is "going to take them to the Lord on their behalf"! She has often given the girls an encouraging note as a result of God taking her to a particular scripture that speaks to how much He loves them.

Jim and Deb are such a blessing to our ministry! They have taken leadership roles in helping with our LifeCycle Fundraiser, service projects on our campus, property improvement and maintenance, office help, cleaning, and loving on the staff. Jim has now taken on a much needed role in helping to maintain our property.

Recently, we asked Jim and Deb why they have chosen to serve Heart of Hope; here is what they said: "Just a few short years ago we moved here from Vermont. Since retiring, we desired to volunteer at a Christ centered ministry together, and found that we are neighbors with Heart of Hope. After participating in Lifecycle 2012 we were hooked! We loved the event and how it conveyed the excellence of God and His joy (People said of Jesus: He does all things with excellence). We are grieved by abortion practices in the earth. We love being part of a solution to help remove obstacles-of-lies and obstacles-of-need, to give loving and healthy support to young moms. We believe Heart of Hope is sent and called by God to impact generations, communities, states, nations, and the world, with His life transforming gospel. We are very thankful to be a part of Heart of Hope's family! Thank you for loving us."

Thank you, Jim and Deb, for loving Heart of Hope and sharing your passion, prayers and gigantic servants' heart with the young women we serve and the many different needs of this ministry!

IT'S A BOY!



Two thirds of our young women have chosen the life of a single parent. This March, our sixth young lady to make the choice of adoption was blessed with a healthy beautiful baby boy. We could see that this young woman was ready to soak up all that we could pour into her during the short period of time we had,

for she came to live with us almost 8 months pregnant. We began to check everything off the list: doctor's care, emotional support through counseling, adoption agency, tender loving care morning, noon and night, educational plan, friendship, and lots of encouragement! This week, she sent pictures of her little boy in the arms of his forever family. Seeing him, his room and the love that surrounds him confirmed for her the choice to accept the destiny God had for her in this circumstance: to give life to a child and a give the gift of a child to a loving, Christian couple destined to complete their family through adoption.

LifeCycle 2013 Sponsors



In Loving Memory of Paula Marie Cochran

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