



Hope House Highlights

- Making a difference...
- We need your good used car...
- Hope House Needs List...
- Mackenzie Patten, serves at Hope House...
- A "feel good story" in our community...

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"GOD IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE THAN WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE" EPH 3:20

Hope House News

What a difference a year makes...

Susan came to us a year ago in July... She has worked hard at Hope House and is doing fantastic. Hard work has allowed Susan to pay off some past debt and invest in her future. She is currently working, and will begin attending Northeast State College at the end of August. Susan didn't even have her GED when she came to Hope House. With the support of staff and volunteers, and a lot of encouragement, Susan is ready to go to college... the other day she said to me, "I NEVER thought I would be able to go to College..."



Congratulations Susan on a wonderful year... May the next year be full of Hope and opportunity.

Hope House Needs

- Diapers and wipes
 - Cribs, Playpens, Swings
 - Baby monitors
 - Stage 1 nipples for Advent bottles
 - Infant Tylenol
 - Diaper rash cream
 - Gas Drops
 - Infant car seats
 - Hair conditioner
 - Toilet Paper and Paper Towels
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Dish Soap
 - Pillows
- ### Wants
- 1 Full Size futon cover
 - 3 DVD players

Call Wes if you can help!
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Cars 4 Hope... Not "Cash for Clunkers"...

So the stimulus money ran out for the "Cash for Clunkers" program before you got down to trade yours in... Now What? Our "stimulus program" may not give you cash for your clunker, but we can certainly promise we will put it to good use at Hope House. We can also assure you a good tax deduction at the end of the year... One of our steps in helping a young lady in her program at Hope House is assisting her with transportation after she has shown that she is prepared to help herself by saving her money.

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Please Help Us...

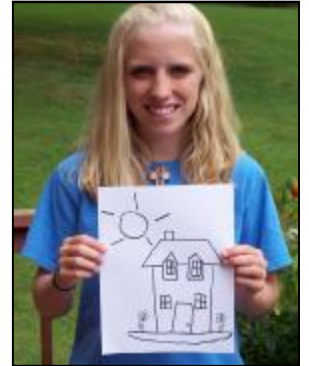
Every day we are helping change lives through the ministry of Hope House. We have wonderful monthly supporters who are faithfully and sacrificially giving to make a difference.

But We Need You!

Please consider becoming a monthly supporter. I can assure you that your gift will make a difference in the lives of real people. Just like the two stories told in this newsletter... You will be a part of their stories... and many more.

8 Years Ago... *Wow!*

Eight years ago I looked at my eight-year-old daughter, Mackenzie and said, "I need you to draw me a house". She asked, "what kind of house". I said, "just a simple house". She drew the house that she holds in this picture... the house that has been the Hope House logo for the last eight years. I am pleased to share with you that Mackenzie has begun helping me with some of the office work with Hope House. She has always had a heart for the work that goes on at Hope House and now she is able to help just a little bit more. I could not be more proud of my daughter and her heart of love. *Wes*



Hope House... Supporting Moms, Babies, and Families in our Community!

"The two best experiences I have had since coming to Kingsport has been finding Hope House and second, my new church family at Promise Church," says 25-year-old Stefanie. It is always a pleasure to link Hope House clients with a supporting area church. Promise Ministries Church, with a small, but loving, congregation, extended outstretched hands towards Stefanie by encouraging her to bring her children to VBS. They fell in love with this family immediately. It was church members who took care of 5-year-old, Kayla, 2-year-old, Summer, and 1-year-old, Blake when Stefanie went into the hospital on July 10th to deliver baby Jesse James.

"I don't know where I would be without Hope House," she continues as we talk. "Just to have a place to come and talk to other people who have the same issues-- and to find so much support, has been wonderful."

Stefanie recently moved to Kingsport from Knoxville so that she could be closer to her mother. Even with a supportive family, resources are very limited. Stefanie's mom accompanied her to the annual Hope House Give-Away and cried as she expressed her gratitude over what Hope House has been able to do for her daughter and grandchildren. "Helping them has helped me, as well", she said.

"Someday I want to finish school," says Stefanie wistfully. "I finished high school six months early and went straight to college while working. Then I found myself pregnant and it changed everything. I had always hoped to be married, but it has taken me all these years to finally realize that you can't fix another person (referring to the father of her children)." That is why Stefanie left Knoxville in hopes to get back on track and do the best she can for her children. She is now looking forward to a Hope House class being offered this month to moms who are considering continuing their education. She said that if she could do things over, she would set her goals and stick to them before making some of the other choices she made. "I also think keeping a positive attitude makes a big difference", she concludes. Maybe that's why there is always a smile on Stefanie's face when she comes to the center. It rubs off on her children, too; as they are clearly happy and cheerful gifts from God. *Angie, CFW Director*

