

Hope House Highlights

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

HOPE HOUSE NEWS

We Give Thanks...

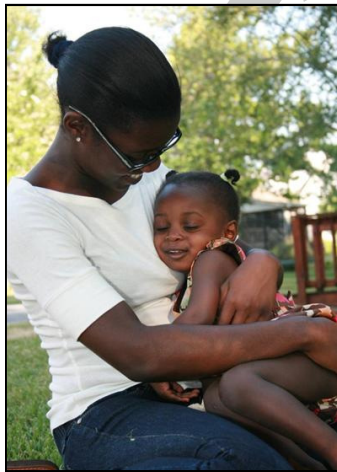
To God... For You... For Hope and Life...

We have been blessed at Hope House this year and we pause to give thanks to God for His good gifts and to each of you for your prayers... and your gifts. Thank you!



The Stories you will read in this newsletter today are simply amazing... They would not be possible if it weren't for people like you. People who are willing to give to Hope House and make a difference. Will you please use the enclosed envelope and mail a financial gift to Hope House between now and the end of the year?

Thank you for helping us make these stories!



Finding Hope...

When we first met Jorane Thomas she felt alone, despondent, and in need of guidance for her future. That's exactly why Hope House exists... To offer Support, Hope and Direction for the future. Jorane is an amazing Mom to three year old JáLeah. Jorane is in her final year of undergrad and also serves on staff with Hope House, giving back what she has received. Our hearts are overwhelmed with love for this young lady that caught the dream and stayed focused on what God has offered her through Hope House.

Recently we asked Jorane this question, **"having been through the program at Hope House what do you have to offer the girls as a mentor and staff member?"**... She responded, *"I think that being a part of the program and completing it, I serve basically as a living testimony that it is possible for them to complete the program and they can accomplish so much at the end of it. Sometimes it's hard for them to believe when a staff tells them that they can do anything just because they don't think that the staff can relate to them. But, when they have someone who's been in their exact situation, the idea that they can make it through the program and accomplish whatever they set their mind to is more tangible to them."* We do love you Jorane!

Hope Found...

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Truly Thankful...



Holli is 24 years old and the mother of three beautiful children. She's been involved with the Fresh Start program at the Hope House Center for Women for over a year now. She'll be the first to tell you that the past year has marked some significant changes for her. Recently, during a "sharing session", Holli reported that she's been drug free for over a year now. She says that she loves coming to the Center and can't begin to express what Hope

House has meant to her. Each month she looks forward to receiving our class schedule and is always one of the first to reserve her seat. Active participants need to attend at least one class session per month... Holli signs up for *all* of them. For the past two months she has been part of a group of ladies who meet at the center for Bible study. In this particular study Holli is learning that our lives—broken, tarnished, ragged, or torn—can still become a beautiful offering to God. How wonderful that Hope House can be a place to learn about second chances! ***God bless you Holli!***

Dreams Restored...

Recently I asked one of our ladies to share her thoughts about those who support Hope House. This message is from Terri... She is pictured here with her adorable son Nathan.

"I would like to say thank you for supporting and believing in Hope House. Hope House has helped me achieve things that I would have never dreamed of and has helped me get my life back on track. Sometimes people just need a little help and love to get them going again and that is what Hope House has done for me. Hope House has helped me 'find myself' and believe in myself once again.

Since coming to Hope House my life has completely turned around. I have enrolled in school at Northeast State and also work there in the financial aid office. I am in my fourth semester at Northeast; I am a nursing major, and I will be applying to the nursing and surgical tech program this coming Spring. My GPA is high enough that I have been invited to join Phi Theta Kappa (The NE State honor society). The reason I am able to achieve my goals is because of Hope House. I am able to focus on school and study and being a better mom. Having a place like Hope House to call home makes me feel more confident and secure in everyday life. It helps knowing that I have people who are holding high expectations of me and they are willing to help me along the way... it makes me feel like I can accomplish anything.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to be able to concentrate on my studies and be a good mom to my son. Without Hope House I can honestly say I don't know where I would be. Thank you to Hope House and to everyone who is involved with Hope House for their generosity and love."

Thank you, Terri

Hope House Christmas Wish List



Diapers (larger sizes)

Diaper wipes

Baby food (all stages)

Baby shampoo and Baby wash

(*Johnson's, Huggies, Parents Choice*)

Infant Tylenol

Diaper rash cream

Gas Drops

Infant car seats

Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

Laundry Detergent

Dish Soap

Call Wes if you can help!

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