

Hello from everyone at Hope Home! We hope you're all doing great and that God is blessing you this year. It's been a while since we sent a newsletter, so we wanted to update you on how we ended last year, as well as the new things God has been doing here this year.

2011 was a busy year for us! We are so thankful for the work God did in the lives of our young ladies, and for your prayer and support that made it possible. We faced some spiritual battles last year, and **we are so grateful for your prayers that carried us through and impacted the lives of our residents.** Pictured are some of the girls we had the privilege of serving during 2011.

A few highlights from 2011:

We had 11 girls and 1 baby in the home throughout the year.

One of our residents gave her life to Christ.

Two residents attended college and four attended high school.

One of our girls got to go to youth camp for the first time.

We had the opportunity to provide short term care for two girls in crisis.

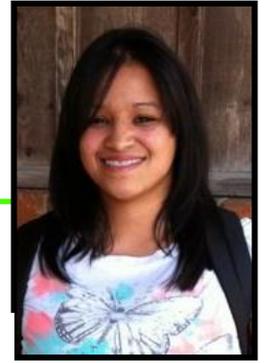
We were able to provide consistent aftercare services for several previous residents.

All of our residents participated in trauma counseling, mentoring, and/or faith-based anger management.

We were blessed to have Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations at the home with our girls, friends and family.

Beautiful...

Loved...



Worthy...

Strong...



Talented...

Valuable...

Restored...

Hopeful...

Precious...

Forgiven...

Free...

**they're
learning
who they
are in
Christ.**



“He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives.... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.” Isaiah 61:3



Thank you to everyone who gave food for our holiday meals and helped provide Christmas gifts for our girls! We had a great holiday and were so grateful to get to share the love and joy of Christ with our residents during that special time of the year. We appreciate your gifts of love that so tangibly reflected the love of Christ.



God has taught us over the past few months that it is critical for us to stay connected with our girls and remain involved in their lives after they leave our home. Many of them don't have family they can fall back on, and they need a place they can call "home," even when they are no longer living here. Over the years, several girls have left our home before they were spiritually or emotionally ready. Although it was hard to see them go, and we have become discouraged at times because we saw them return to their old lifestyles, **we are beginning to see firsthand the beautiful truth that God never lets us go**, and he never stops working out his purposes in our lives. Some of our old residents have come back to our home after being gone for months, and have made wonderful progress their second time here. Others have remained in contact by writing and calling regularly. One young lady who broke our hearts by walking down the hard road of addiction for about two years after leaving our home is now married, has regained custody of her child, has become a wonderful mother, and is seeking God's will for her life and the future of her family. She calls several times a week and we have the joy of seeing how God is slowly but surely transforming her life. She encourages us not to give up, even when people seem hopeless, because God never gives up on us!

So far in 2012, we have had 12 applicants for our program. We currently have 3 residents here, and have accepted 3 more who will be joining us by this summer. We recently renovated our office, turning it into a bedroom, so we can now care for 6 girls on a regular basis. Our current residents are all working full time, one is attending Howard Payne University this semester, and the other two will start back to school next semester. They are also all making great progress in counseling and have completed classes here at the home. We are very proud of them and are praying God continues to mold them into the young women he created them to be.

Thank you so much to our incredible volunteers and faithful donors who invest in the lives of our girls. Your love and contributions are making an eternal difference.

Needs/Wishlist

We are in need of more mentors and mentor families to work with our girls. If you have a heart to serve and can give just a few hours a month to help a young lady, let us know and we will plug you in.

We are also in need of more monthly support to meet the needs of our program and the purchase of our home. If you would consider making a monthly donation, you may send a check or contact us to set up a direct payment plan. Small contributions go a long way when we have many faithful donors working together!

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Philippians 1:6



Residents Megan and Samantha with Chassidy at Megan's birthday party