



# AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2012

A CHRIST-CENTERED NON-DENOMINATIONAL MATERNITY HOME FOR HOMELESS WOMEN

# Hannah's House

THE LITTLE HOUSE WITH THE BIG HEART

*The number one need in all people is the need for acceptance, the need to experience a sense of belonging to something and someone.*

*PHIL McGRAW, FAMILY FIRST*

Family. Unconditional love. These two concepts should be synonymous. But for many of the women who enter Hannah's House, this is furthest from the truth. I see it reflected in their expectations of others, their desires, their shattered dreams and worst of all, in their eyes.

It is my heart's desire to instill a sense of family and unconditional love in these women so that they can begin to heal past wounds and move towards a healthy future with their own children and further generations. This is not an easy task as their trust is low and their need is high. Often times they find themselves falling into old habits and hard to break-off relationships. But that is where God steps in and takes hold of each of the women in the way they need, we see softening. We see healing. We see new lives and new hopes. We see family and unconditional love becoming concepts they understand as reality, not fairy-tale or romantic notions. We see them as daughters of the Most High, the pinnacles of God's creation.

To illustrate this truth to me personally, God gave me a great gift. I received a call from an counselor in the area, stating that Hannah's House should know that we had a *major* impact on the young women she was working with. Although she couldn't name specifically who, she said that this woman felt more like a family at Hannah's House than she ever did at her "real home." She felt loved. I knew that God had moved in this young lady's heart in a way she had never experienced--she felt His unconditional love.

Thank you to all who make this ministry possible. The impact that is made may not be immediately seen, but the fruit from this "heart harvest" is plentiful.

*Cody M Mathis*

A Baby Boy!



**JAYDEN XAVIER**  
**AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**  
**7 LBS 11 OZS**  
**20 1/2 "**



**GAGE ROBERT**  
**AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2012**  
**7 LBS 8 OZS**  
**20 1/2 "**

Hannah's House is currently seeking a part-time House Manager who can act as a "mother" and mentor to the women who live at Hannah's House. It is imperative that she has a wealth of compassion for vulnerable pregnant women and small babies, while maintaining a spirit of accountability. It is preferred she have her own car and insurance with a good driving record. This position is ministerial in nature, so a "mission-heart" is essential. Please send a cover letter and resume to [hannahshouselansing@gmail.com](mailto:hannahshouselansing@gmail.com).



Ongoing needs:

- Financial Support
- Diapers (sizes 1-5)
- Cleaning supplies
- Dressers
- Paper products
- Kitchen size trash bags
- Gift cards for use with budgeting program



Thank you for what you have sown into my life. Someone asked me who my heroes are and I could only think of you. I could never repay the kindness that you have shown me, but some day I will figure out a way to bless you and Hannah's house . . . I was actually prompted to go back to school and pursue social work because of my experience with the former director who was there in 2002 (Virginia Taylor). I have to admit that she tried to help me and I don't know if she realizes that the seed that she sowed helped me in the face of some really hard times. I am in a bachelors program for human services and I often find myself thinking of her and thanking God for allowing people like her to be in my life.

T.P., Former Resident's e-mail

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