

HANNAH'S HOUSE

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A Christ-centered non-denominational maternity home for homeless women

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IT'S WALKIN' TIME!

Help Celebrate Hannah's House 10th Annual Walkathon

Each spring Hannah's House hosts a walkathon fund-raiser to help keep Hannah's House in the business of helping homeless pregnant women. Each year we make a heartfelt plea for *you* to come out and help us. Each year we are left wishing that *you* had attended our event. It's time to do more than just think about helping homeless mothers and babies. It's walkin' time!



We call our event "The Path of Life" because we walk or run in honor of the babies born at Hannah's House. We're celebrating their lives, and raising funds to support the mothers who chose life when faced with a desperate situation.

Hannah's House supporters will be participating in "The Path of Life" walk/run on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The event will be held at Hawk Island Park located in Lansing at 1601 E. Cavanaugh Rd. Participants can sign in beginning at 9:30 a.m. There is no registration fee for this event. This year we have plans to accommodate serious runners by tracking the fastest finishing times.

There will be prize drawings and a few lucky walkers or runners will have the opportunity to win some great gifts.

Make this the year that you walk or run with Hannah's House. It's easy to do. Just send an e-mail or give us a phone call to let us know you want to walk or run with us. We'll give you all the information you need to help raise funds for this life-saving ministry.

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MAKE 2011 THE YEAR...

I sometimes wonder if the people who receive our newsletter grow weary of our appeals for funds. There is nothing I would like more than to fill the newsletter with more information about what happens at Hannah's House as we serve our residents and the larger community (through Hannah's Attic). However, it is my job as the executive director to run the daily operations of the house. So, I am always painfully aware of what our needs are, and what we receive in donations. I am sorry to say that one does not equal the other. This year

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THE LITTLE HOUSE WITH A BIG HEART !

HANNAH'S HOUSE UPDATE

Becca, our resident who has been with us the longest, gave birth to baby girl Jocelyn two days after Christmas. The baby, who is now almost four months old, is still keeping her mom up most nights. Please pray for Becca as she will soon return to work and needs to get some rest.

Breanne, who is due in June, found out that she is carrying a baby boy. She has decided to name him Preston. Breanne continues to take classes at Lansing Community College as her pregnancy progresses.



Becca, Baby Jocelyn, and Breanne

Carol, who we introduced in our last issue, didn't stay with us long. However, while she

was here she gave birth to a baby boy whom she named Gabriel Elijah because she likes Bible names. Gabriel was less than three weeks old when Carol moved out. She and Gabriel are in need of our prayers.

We also solicit your prayers for our next resident whoever she may be. Pray that she will be receptive to things that we'd like to teach her, and especially to the Gospel.

PART-TIME HOUSEMOTHER WANTED

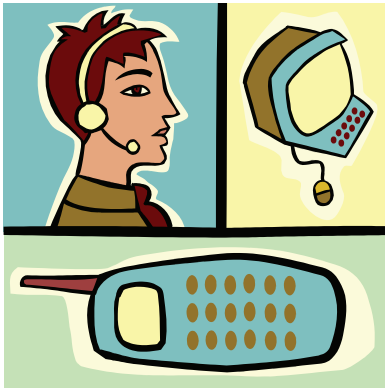


Well, we had a new part-time housemother for about six weeks, but she had to leave us to accept a full-time position. So we need to hire a replacement for her.

The part-time housemother would work every other week, from 3 p.m. on Monday until 6 p.m. on Wednesday. She would be required to spend the night on Monday and Tuesday. Her duties would include preparing a meal for the residents one evening, doing light cleaning as needed, and doing daily devotions with the residents. She is basically required to run the house in place of the full-time housemother.

We require a dedicated Christian woman who has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a heart to help hurting women. She must be able to take charge with strength and compassion. She should be mission minded and realize that the job is first of all a ministry.

If you or anyone you know meets the qualifications, please contact executive director Stephanie K. Johnson at (517) 482-5856 or e-mail her at hannahshouselansing@gmail.com



PLEASE TAKE ACTION!

Dear Faithful Partner,

Our newsletter recipient list has grown significantly over the years. The process of printing the required number of newsletters, not to mention folding, stuffing and stamping them has gotten to be quite a feat. We are asking you to help us make better use of today's technology, and in the long run help us be more efficient, by choosing to receive future newsletters electronically.

Many of you enjoy reading the newsletter simply to find out what is going on at Hannah's House. Others of you use what you read in the newsletter to faithfully pray for us. We enjoy keeping you informed about the happenings at Hannah's House by providing you with regular updates. We will continue to keep you informed, but we need to hear from you if you wish to continue having a printed newsletter mailed to you. Whether you are a casual reader of the newsletter or one of our faithful prayer warriors, we don't want to lose you. Please let us know if you want us to continue sending you a printed newsletter, OR if you would like us to send the newsletter to you electronically through your e-mail account, OR if you will be going to our website to read the newsletter.

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Please let us know how you would like to receive future editions of the newsletter by using one of the following methods:

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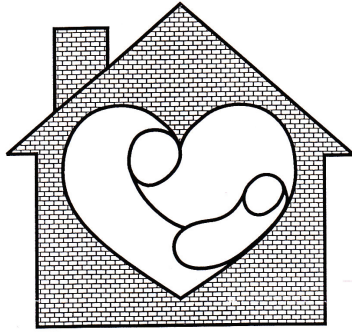
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2. E-mail us at hannahshouselansing@gmail.com with the subject line, Hannah's House Newsletter, and include your name, address and how you would like to receive future newsletters.

3. Call us at (517) 482-5856 and tell us how you would like to receive future newsletters.

We look forward to hearing from you.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: If we do not hear from you before June 30th we will assume that you will read the newsletter on our website and do not wish to receive a printed or electronic copy of the newsletter.



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we have had to cut our bare bones budget by almost \$6,000. That is going to hurt. We will still do our best to take care of the women that come into Hannah's House, but some vital things will have to fall by the wayside. We have all of the expenses of running a household and a business, but we don't have a breadwinner to foot the costs. The income that we need to run Hannah's House must come from donors and fund-raisers. We do apply for grants, but because of the Christian message that we teach unashamedly, we aren't eligible to get help from many sources.

We are asking for your help. Make 2011 the year that you donate to the only homeless shelter in the Greater Lansing Area that specifically helps homeless pregnant women. If you cannot do this, please attend one of our fund-raisers this year. How about joining us for the walkathon that we mention on page 1? If you cannot donate money or participate in a fund-raiser, perhaps you could help us with in-kind donations of household goods like bath tissue, paper towel, laundry soap or cleaning supplies.

If you truly have a heart for the homeless women and babies that we serve, please find a way to help us this year. You will have our prayers and gratitude, and you will be helping to save and renew lives. That's quite a return for your money!

Sincerely,

Stephanie K. Johnson
Executive Director
Hannah's House



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