

A photograph of a pregnant woman with blonde hair, seen from the side. She is wearing a black top and a grey and brown striped cardigan. She is gently holding her pregnant belly with both hands. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green grass and pink flowers.

Annual Report

2013

Hannah's House, Inc.

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Executive Director

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PROGRAM

RESIDENTS

Hannah's House served ten (10) women and six (6) babies in 2013. The women are named below along with the length of time they resided in the house and the name of their baby (if delivered while at Hannah's House).

Elizabeth	April 9, 2012 – April 8, 2013	Jayden
Denise	September 26, 2012 – April 17, 2013	Mariah
MaryAnn	October 2, 2012 – May 11, 2013	Jurnee
Sophia	April 20, 2013 – Present	Astor
Makayla	May 6, 2013 – May 11, 2013	Unknown
Amanda	May 10, 2013 – May 11, 2013	Unknown
La'Kharmin	May 13, 2013 - Present	Kay'den and Khy'ren
Raven	May 24, 2013 – October 4, 2013	Due Jan 2014- Carter
Genevieve	August 23, 2013 - Present	Due Feb 2014- Benjamin
Elizabeth	October 25, 2013 - Present	Due Jan 2014- Jackson

Elizabeth was able to secure low-income housing and a full-time job. She also continued to work on her high school diploma and associates degree. She recently moved down south to be with her fiancé and is planning to get married in the near future. Her son, Jayden, is now 16 months old and doing wonderfully!

Denise moved back to the Detroit area to be with family, where she was able to work full-time and live with family members. She recently moved back to the Lansing area and has secured full-time employment and permanent housing. Her daughter, Mariah, is now 12 months old and is a happy toddler!

MaryAnn was able to secure housing with her husband near the Houghton Lake area. She and her husband went through some challenging times and the relationship ended in MaryAnn filing for divorce. She moved back home with her mother and is trying to get back on her feet again. Her daughter, Jurnee, is now 9 months old and is developing right on track!

Sophia continues to attend classes at Lansing Community College, working toward her degree in graphic design. She is also searching for full-time employment. She is planning to move out soon and is searching for an apartment. She gave birth to her son, Astor, on September 26, 2013.

Makayla was asked to leave Hananh's House after only being with us for a short period of time. Though we do not have information about the birth of her baby, we were able to maintain some contact with her. She is living with a friend and working to gain full-time employment and a residence of her own.

Amanda came to Hannah's House late one evening and once arriving it was apparent that she was going through drug withdrawals. We were able to arrange for Amanda to get into a drug treatment facility that specifically dealt with pregnant women. After completion of treatment, Amanda sought to come to Hannah's House, but unfortunately, we were at capacity at the time.

La'Kharmin has been able to secure employment, but is working to secure a more stable job. She is working toward the completion of her GED and is also looking into other educational opportunities. She has been in contact with a couple different apartment complexes and is planning to move out in April of 2014. She gave birth to twin boys, Kay'den and Khy'ren, on September 10, 2013.

Raven was asked to leave Hannah's House. Though she left on uncertain terms, we have been able to maintain a wonderful relationship with Raven. She has completed the requirements for her GED, obtained full-time employment, and is living with a relative. Her baby boy, Carter, is due in January of 2014.

Genevieve came to us during a period of time when we were at capacity. We were able to arrange a home for her and maintained a relationship with Genevieve and the family that she resides with. Genevieve is working two part-time jobs and is looking into Lansing Community College for the fall of 2014. She is due with a baby boy, Benjamin, in February of 2014.

Elizabeth is due in January 2014 with a baby boy, Jackson. She has been able to work with Michigan Works and the PATH program and works as a floater daycare provider. She is also working on getting enrolled with Career Quest to complete their CNA and PCT programs. She has also obtained her driver's permit and is practicing and studying for her written and road tests.

Bible Studies

Residents continued to attend Bible study on Tuesday evenings at Church in the City until June 2013. After that time, it was decided that it would be easier to do an in-house Bible study, which our house manager leads, due to the busy schedules of the residents and transportation issues.

Waiting List and Turnover

In order to be added to the waiting list, a completed application must be submitted. There were a total of 5 women on the waiting list during 2013, with the ability to house 2 women from this list.

Telephone Calls-Requests for Housing

There were 84 calls from pregnant women seeking housing. That is down from 2012 by 50 calls. There were 139 calls for housing from those who were not pregnant and/or ineligible for our program. This is 26 calls less than we received in 2012 in this category. This was anticipated due to a director changeover in the spring of 2013. In total, there were 223 calls to Hannah's House for housing needs in 2013.

Telephone Call Statistics-Total Calls per Category

Hannah's Attic	198
Diapers	193
Referrals	61
Pregnant Housing	84
Other Housing	139
Misc. business calls	675
Total Calls	1,067

Program Rules and Guidelines

We are currently working on revamping our program to ensure that the women that come to Hannah's House are getting the best services possible. Our goal is to ensure they are leaving with a firm Christian foundation and are self-sufficient, caring for themselves and their child.



PERSONNEL

Turnover

There were several personnel changes in 2013. In January, Executive Director, Cody Mathis resigned from her position. At the end of March, Jessica Leese was hired to fill the role. Weekend house manager, Gail Walker, resigned in March and was replaced by Jessica Leadbetter. Part-time house manager, Lorraine Fata, resigned in July, because she moved to Florida, and was replaced by our weekend house manager, Saturn Lewis. Saturn's position was replaced by Mariah Burd, who took over the part-time house manager position for Rena Bailey when she resigned from her position in October in order to focus on other obligations. Priscila Mickel was hired to fill the open weekend position in October.

Staff Meetings

Full staff meetings were conducted by Jessica Leese and held on a monthly basis beginning in May. Individual staff meetings/supervision were also held on a monthly basis but also on an as needed basis and conducted by Jessica Leese.

Training

We are currently working on developing some training opportunities for our staff. Topics of training will include how to deal with confrontation, an overview of Child Protective Service and how to use them, safety training, and more.



VOLUNTEERS

There are a total of 24 volunteers on our volunteer roster. Of these, 13 are active in helping our ministry when they are called upon to do so in various capacities. The others have not been active lately due to job commitments, family commitments, health issues,

etc. We have other volunteers that are in the process of being background checked, interviewed, and placed appropriately.

We needed and used the services of volunteers for the following events in 2013. The number of volunteers is listed along with the approximate number of hours worked in that capacity. Hours are calculated by multiplying the number of volunteers by the number of hours worked during an event. If an “event” took place multiple times, each volunteer is counted for the number of times they appeared for work.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Number of volunteers</u>	<u>Hours worked</u>
Lansing Women’s Expo	10	48
Hike for Hannah’s House	10	34
Sunday Night Respite	5	676**
Monday Night Budgeting Classes	4	240
Bowl for Babies	4	20
Daytime Respite	2	370
Silent Auction	27	191***
Hannah’s Attic	4	135****

*Board members and staff who work these events are counted as volunteers.

**Numbers are based on 52 weeks.

***This number includes the event itself, as well as the time it took to solicit auction items.

****Numbers are based on a guesstimated 45 weeks @ 3 hours per week.

There was a total of 1,714 volunteer hours worked for Hannah’s House in 2013. This does not include people who have donated their time to do crafts with residents, do outside lawn care and snow removal, help to revamp our website and update our social media pages, provide residents with birthing education, or provide residents with cosmetology services.

Volunteer Groups

Hannah’s House had several groups come to the house to do work in 2013. They include: Alternative Break (Roscommon, Michigan), Students from Michigan State University with the MSU Global Service Day, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Riverview Church, First Baptist Church of DeWitt, Pottersville High School, Impact of Lansing, Graduate Professionals Group with St. Johns Catholic Church, and Cutter’s Point.



NEWSLETTER AND MAILING LIST

Seven newsletters went out in 2013—January, April, May, Summer, September, November, and December. Of these seven, five went out as e-newsletters and two went out in hard copy versions. We also sent out an end of the year letter in a hard copy version in December.

Our hard copy mailing list is at 430 recipients and our e-newsletter list is at 162.



SOCIAL MEDIA

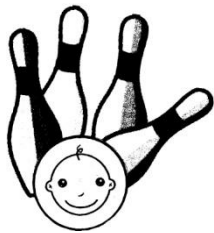
In 2013 we were able to better utilize our Facebook page and Facebook group, increasing the number of followers to 122 and 177, respectively. We were also able to utilize two other social media sites, LinkedIn and Twitter, and are working to increase the number of followers with both pages.



HANNAH'S ATTIC

Hannah's Attic was not utilized as much in 2013 as it was in 2012. This was due to the fact that there were several staff changeovers, as well as clothing and diaper donations being down in the second half of 2013. In 2013, we served the community 391 times through the distribution of diapers, maternity clothing, baby formula and food, baby/toddler clothing, and various baby items. In 2012, we served the community 514 times.

We were able to reorganize the process in which we give out donations. We now have a log book to keep track of items that have gone out and when recipients would be eligible to receive donations again. Currently, we give out 12 diapers per month per child, clothing once per season per child (spring/summer/fall/winter), and maternity clothes and other baby items on an as needed basis.



FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

In 2013, Hannah's House held three major fundraising events: Bowl for Babies Bowl-A-Thon (February 23, 2013), Hike for Hannah's House 5K (May 4, 2013), and the International Dessert Night and Silent Auction (October 26, 2013).

The Bowl for Babies Bowl-A-Thon had approximately 30 volunteers and participants. Combined with a few other small fundraisers throughout the year, such as the Olga's fundraiser and Community Days through Younkers, \$2,234.43 was raised for Hannah's House.

The Hike for Hannah's House 5K had a total of 55 volunteers and participants and raised \$2,723.00.

The International Dessert Night and Silent Auction had approximately 150 volunteers and participants. \$5,815.75 was raised in support of Hannah's House.

The Baby Bottle Fundraisers was a year-long project and went well with \$3,639.45 raised by local church campaigns and individuals. This amount is down from previous years and can be attributed to the Executive Director change over.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUMMARY

We continue to improve our program and services in order to better meet the needs of the women and babies that we serve.

Goals for 2014 include:

- improving our website and ways in which we communicate with our supporters and reaching out to those we have been unable to connect with at this point;
- seeking further funding options;
- improving our volunteer base and the process in which we screen, train, and utilize volunteers;
- increasing the amount of speaking engagements and focusing on church and community outreach;
- implementing a training curriculum for staff;
- implementing a stronger structure for residents; and
- increasing participation in fundraising events.

We thank all of our supporters for the prayer, financial, in-kind, and volunteer support. We look forward to a wonderful 2014!

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