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## Hannah's House December 2013

A Christ-centered transitional shelter for homeless expectant women

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of

Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

The sound of laughter filled the air. There was a calmness that could be felt throughout the house. I sat back and enjoyed the moment of fellowship and smiled as I watched residents and staff interact with the volunteers that were blessing us with a homemade meal and Christmas gifts for our residents and their babies. What was more to me that evening, however, was the feeling of family and togetherness, and an overwhelming sense of thankfulness came over me. I am blessed to be a part of such an incredible ministry that not only provides shelter for pregnant women, but becomes a home for them, as well. With that, comes a new family that they can confide in and rely on to support them in times of need and celebrate in times of joy. Further, a new sense of hope can be found. Christmas is a time when hope is renewed, and that is certainly true for the residents of Hannah's House. However, we cannot continue to support women and babies without your support. Please take this opportunity to pray whether God would lead you to give financially at this time to Hannah's House so that the current and future women of Hannah's House will have available the services and spiritual development they need to become healthy, successful parents now and into the future. Each donation that we receive directly benefits the homeless, pregnant women that we serve. Each gift is a promise of better days ahead for our residents. May you be blessed this Christmas season, and may you be a blessing to those in need. Thank you for your continued prayers and support, and we wish you all a very Merry God Bless.

> Jessica Leese Executive Director







Liz moved into Hannah's House on October 25th and is due with a baby boy on January 29th! She tries to pick up as many hours as she can at the childcare center and is still seeking full-time employment. She has a plan set in place to further her education after the birth of her son, who she has decided to name Jackson! She spends her time preparing for her driving test, volunteering with Hannah's House, and spending as much time as she can with her two older children. Please continue to keep her, Jackson, and her two older children in your prayers!

Sophia joined the Hannah's House family on April 20th.

She just finished up her semester at LCC and is seeking full-time employment. She is also making plans to find her own apartment! Astor is now eleven weeks old and continues to grow and impress us every day with how fast he is learning! Please keep them both in your prayers as they continue this new life together!



Kelly\* came to us on May 13th. Her and the twins continue to move forward! Kelly continues working as many hours as she can and is also looking for other full-time employment opportunities. She is also planning to work towards her GED beginning in January. She has secured an apartment of her own and is planning to move out in March! The twins are now fourteen weeks old and each have their own, unique personality! Please continue to keep Kelly and the boys in your prayers as they prepare to move to the next chapter of their lives!

\*Name has been changed to protect the confidentiality of our resident



# Welcome Priscila!



Please join us in welcoming Priscila Mickel, our new weekend house manager! Priscila is pictured above with her three children Sergio (10), Maressa (8), and Renato (4) and husband, Dennis. Priscila comes to us from Jackson, loves spending time with her family (both biological and church), and has an incredible relationship with our Lord and Savior. She is excited to start this journey with Hannah's House, getting to know everyone, and have the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving others.



Hannah's House is now a partner of the Mid-Michigan Diaper Bank! This partnership will assure that we are able to provide diapers to others in the community and will also supply diapers to our residents! We are incredibly excited about this new opportunity! The Mid-Michigan Diaper Bank works to provide a reliable and adequate supply of free disposable diapers and incontinent supplies to families in crisis with babies, seniors and individuals with disabilities in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties. To achieve their mission, the Diaper Bank raises awareness about diapers being a vital unmet basic need, encourages community support through diaper drives and volunteerism, and distributes diapers to their partner agencies that support families in need. If you would like to donate diapers to the Diaper Bank, visit their website at www.midmichigandiaperbank.org!

## Volunteers Still Needed

Handy Man Needed!
Are you interested in helping us do small repairs and jobs around the house?
Give us a call! We are in need of a volunteer who would be willing to help in this capacity! Thank you!



There are many volunteer opportunities available at Hannah's House! Visit our website for a complete listing or give us a call! All it takes is an application and a phone call to get started!

We are also looking for someone who would be willing to provide overnight respite care! This woman would be a presence in the home on Sunday at 6:00 PM until work, or other commitments, Monday morning. Can volunteer once or twice a month or as your schedule allows! Contact us for more information or to fill out a volunteer application today!

## Wish List

Extension Cords
Laundry Detergent (unscented)
Toilet Paper
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Plastic Storage Bins
Shelving Units
Body Lotion (unscented)
Cordless Drill
Tool Set
Flashlights with Batteries

If there are other items you would like to donate, please give us a call! We would love to chat with you!

Merry Christmas from our family to yours!



Picture above drawn by our very own, Sophia!