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# HANNAH'S HOUSE FEBRUARY 2014

A CHRIST-CENTERED TRANSITIONAL SHELTER FOR HOMELESS EXPECTANT WOMEN

*"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." -Abraham Lincoln*

Hannah's House is more than a place offering shelter to women in need. Hannah's House is about creating a support system that will last for years to come. I have seen women come in and be blessed and women leave with their lives changed. It has been amazing to see how far these women are able to come. I have seen women who have little education complete their G.E.D and then move onto college. I have seen women with no parenting experience bond with their babies and become fabulous mothers. I have seen women with no hope leave with a clear plan for their future. I have seen women struggle and persevere. I have seen God work in so many wonderful ways. I can go home at the end of each day knowing that something positive and wonderful happened that day. Hannah's House is a ministry to help mothers become the best they can be and, in turn, raise their children to be the best they can be. We thank you for your continued prayers, financial support, time, energy, and dedication to this ministry. It is because of people like you that we are able to continue serving homeless, pregnant women and their babies. We are sincerely grateful for all the love that has been poured out on this ministry. It provides us with the opportunity to do something incredibly special- create a chain reaction of blessings. I have seen women come through Hannah's House and then want to give back. I have seen previous residents come back to encourage current residents. I have seen previous house managers train and give direction to new staff. All of these women- staff, residents, and volunteers- have something in common. The passion and desire to give back and pay it forward. Help us to spread the love of Christ by serving one another. You can volunteer, make a financial donation, join the board of directors, and much more. Thank you again for your support and helping us be a blessing to others.

God Bless,

Jessica Leese, Executive Director



Kelly\* came to us on May 13th. Her and the twins continue to move forward! Kelly is back to work and is diligently moving towards independence. Though obtaining her GED has been put on hold, it is still a goal to have her GED completed before the summertime. She also continues preparing for her move in March, as well as trying to find a car! Time is going by quickly for Kelly, as the twins are already 21 weeks old! 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

Liz moved into Hannah's House on October 25th. She gave birth to a baby boy, Jackson Abram, on January 19th. Jackson was born weighing 8.06 pounds and measuring 22 inches long! He is doing wonderful and has brought great joy for his momma! Liz is recovering well, too. She is looking forward to being able to start school and obtain full-time employment in the coming weeks. She is also in the process of securing permanent housing. She spends her time caring for her newborn baby and visiting with her two older children who are in love with their new baby brother! Please keep Liz, Jackson, and the two older children in your prayers as they adjust to this new life together!



Genevieve moved into Hannah's House on January 28th. Genevieve is not new to our Hannah's House crew, as she has been involved in many of our Hannah's House activities already. She is due with a baby boy, Benjamin, on February 23rd. Genevieve is currently out of work as she prepares for the birth of her son. We welcome Genevieve to our family and ask that you keep her and her unborn baby in your prayers as Genevieve adjusts to living at Hannah's House.



**Updates!**



Sophia joined the Hannah's House family on April 20th and moved out on January 26th. We wish Sophia the best of luck as she continues school at LCC, prepares to work as many hours as she is able, and cares for her now 19 week old baby, Astor. Please keep them both in your prayers as they continue this new phase of their lives together!

Updates!

## Meet Our Staff



### Executive Director- Jessica Leese

Jessica is a graduate of Spring Arbor University with her Bachelor's degree in Social Work. She is also currently pursuing a Master's degree in Counseling. Jessica has been married for four and a half years to her husband, David. They have an 18-month old son, Tyler, who is their pride and joy! In her free time, Jessica enjoys singing, scrapbooking, spending time with friends and family, and volunteering with other non-profit organizations in the area.

### House Manager- Lisa Barker

Lisa Barker is the newest member of the Hannah's House team. She is 47 years old and has been married for 21 years to a wonderful man. She is the proud mother of three boys ages 27, 20, and 18. Her oldest son is married and has blessed her with two beautiful granddaughters who are five and three years of age. She is also a stepmom to a beautiful 25 year old daughter. Lisa feels this job opportunity has come as a blessing to her. She was once a young mom, and the pastor of the church she attended learned of her dream to one day open a house just like Hannah's House. Unfortunately, they were never able to find out how to receive funding for such an endeavor. She believes it just was not God's timing for her yet. Along with working at Hannah's House, Lisa will continue to work at a local hospital in the labor and delivery department where she has been for 15 ½ years. She considers the opportunity working with Hannah's House as her dream job and hopes to touch the lives she comes in contact with. Please join us in welcoming Lisa!



### House Manager- Mariah Burd



Mariah has a BA from Western Michigan University in Spanish and English and is currently finishing her secondary education certificate. She is a person with many passions including art, theater, dance, and education, as well as working and serving with people. She has a passion for working with both teenagers and young adults, helping those that struggle in a variety of aspects of life to become confident, strong, self-sufficient people. Through her own struggles, she has learned to become a stronger person but would not be able to without learning to lean on God. He has taught her many things through her struggles and has given her a heart to share that with others. Hannah's House has given her the opportunity to start to share what God has taught her with others. Through this ministry, those she serves, and those that serve with her, God continues to teach her new lessons and steps for growth.

### House Manager- Jessica Leadbetter



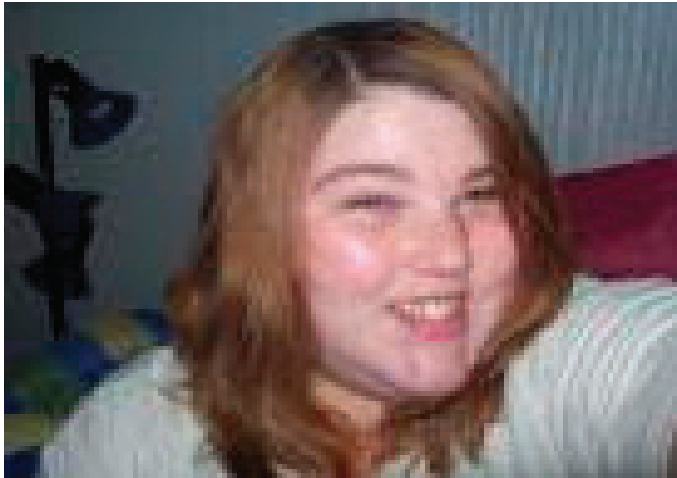
Jess is originally from Richmond, came to East Lansing in 2010, and plans on staying around the area. She has fallen in love with Riverview Church, the hustle and bustle of the city, and the many opportunities to grow and serve. Jess is a student at Michigan State University, graduating in May with a Bachelors degree in Psychology. She plans on furthering her education, obtaining a Masters degree in Sport Psychology and a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Working with sports is her passion, but she plans on having her own practice to focus on children, as well. Jess began working at Hannah's House in May 2013 and has absolutely loved her experience. She has been lucky enough to make lasting relationships with the women she serves. She never knew how much they were going to teach her in such a short amount of time. She has been able to learn from the women that you can't measure a mother's love towards their children. No one is perfect, and sometimes we all need a little help. With the right support group, anything is possible.

### House Manager- Priscila Mickel



Priscila is married to Dennis. They have three children, Sergio (10), Maressa (8), and Renato (4). Priscila lives with her family in 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 be a part of Hannah's House and have the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving others.

Monica March



Monica is a part-time student at Baker College and attends classes at the Jackson campus. She is currently working on her Associates degree in human services and will then continue with her Bachelors degree. She currently works full-time as a residential technician and enjoys every minute of it. Monica will be with Hannah's House as an intern for a total of ten weeks where she is helping to provide respite care on Sunday evenings, meeting with other area shelters to create a shelter resource manual, and helping with other various jobs. At this time, she is still unsure what job she wants to do when she completes her degrees. After researching Hannah's House, she chose to intern with Hannah's House, because she was curious about the services provided and wanted to know more and be a part of the services provided.



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# M E E T O U R I N T E R N S

Marisol Rocha



Marisol is a student of Spring Arbor University's Social Work program. She is excited to have begun her last semester of college before graduating! She is a native of Lansing, graduate of Waverly High School, and happy to be interning in her hometown community. She has three sisters, three cats, and one always-growing passion for serving Jesus. Marisol will be creating a resource manual for incoming residents, helping with administrative tasks, doing community outreach and event planning, and various other tasks that come along.





# Thank You Saturn!

Saturn Lewis has served as a house manager with Hannah's House for about a year and a half. While Saturn has agreed to volunteer once a week and lead Bible study at Hannah's House, she served her last, official day as a house manager on January 29th, due to having multiple job responsibilities, attending school, and needing to spend more time with her children. Saturn has been a blessing to Hannah's House, sharing her faith with the residents, staff, volunteers, and community. Please join us as we thank Saturn for her time of service and keep her in your prayers!

## Respite Volunteers Needed

We are looking for female volunteers who would be willing to provide overnight respite care! This person 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!



The Mid-Michigan Women's Expo was held February 7-9 and was a huge success! Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped us to manage our booth! Thank you to everyone who was able to stop by and say hello, too! We are so thankful for all of the support, and we look forward to working with those who signed up to get more involved with Hannah's House!



On January 20th volunteers from Journey Life Church blessed Hannah's House with a day of service! Volunteers of all ages came in the morning and stayed throughout the day to transform our attic space into a workable station and so much more! Volunteers sorted through donations, reorganized the attic and our blanket room, built shelves in the attic and blanket room, made more storage space in our Executive Director's office, helped to move furniture, and repurposed one of the bedrooms so we have space to house another resident! Through volunteering, this group of people from Journey Life Church made our work stations safer and more efficient to work in and helped us to expand our ministry! The love of Christ certainly has shown through with their acts of service. We thank all the volunteers that gave of their time, energy, and resources. We are very grateful for all that you were able to accomplish! If you would like to see what Journey Life Church was able to do, check us out on Facebook. There is a video posted from the day that shows the before and after! You could also schedule a visit to Hannah's House!



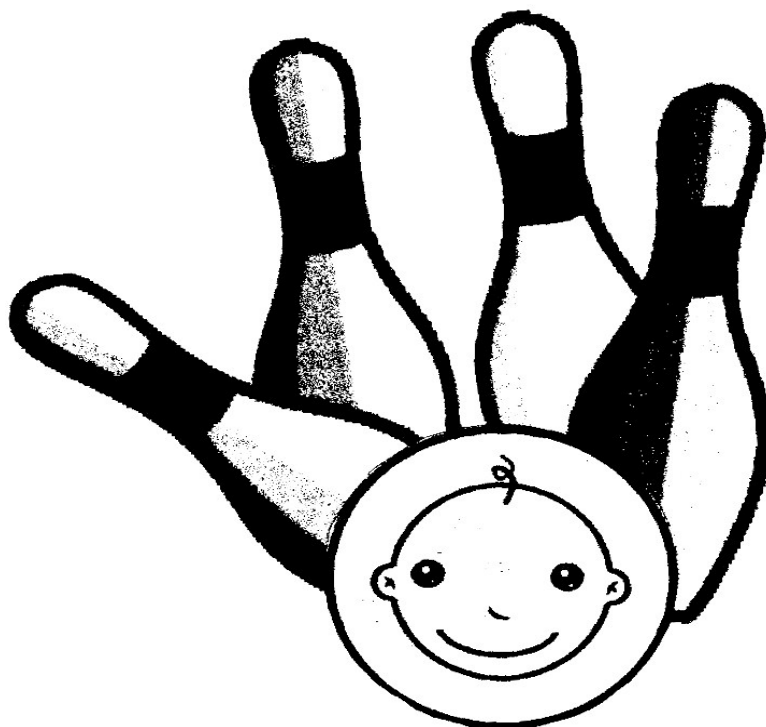
Hannah's House was recently featured on the Fox 47 Morning Blend show! Check out the segment by visiting the link below!

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# Bowl for Babies



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# Hannah's House Bowl-A-Thon Registration

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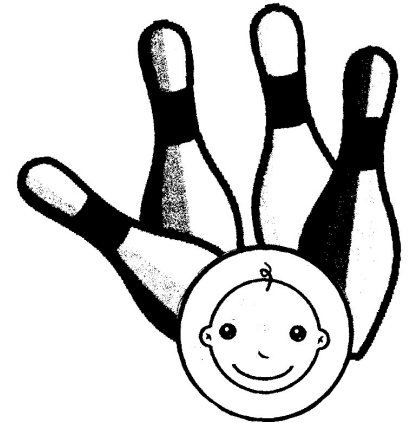
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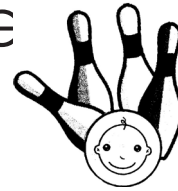
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# Hannah's House Bowl-A-Thon Pledge Sheet



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Game #1

Game #2

Game #3

Total

**Bowl-A-Thon sponsors may pledge per pin or a straight dollar pledge for three games of bowling. A minimum of \$30 in pledges per bowler is suggested, but more is encouraged. The bowler who collects the most pledges will win a prize!**

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In consideration of the furtherance of your purposes, objectives and work, and in consideration of your permitting to participate in your Bowl-A-Thon, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. I hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against you, the bowling establishment in which the Bowl-A-thon will take place, as well as any other person connected with the Bowl-A-Thon, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries which I may suffer while taking part in the Bowl-A-Thon or as a result thereof.

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Bowler's Signature  
(Parent/Guardian required for those under 18)