



HANNAH'S HOUSE MARCH 2015

A CHRIST-CENTERED TRANSITIONAL SHELTER FOR HOMELESS EXPECTANT MOTHERS

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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phillipians 4:13)

As I write this, I am three weeks away from my scheduled C-section where I will give birth to my second child. I am so incredibly thankful I have the support that I do in my life and that I have a job that supports the life I am bringing into the world. I am confident in my ability to parent a second child, and I know that God will be there to direct my every move. However, I can't help but feel scared and helpless at the same time. The last few weeks have been a great challenge for me in that my emotions tend to get the best of me, and my physical body is starting to give out on me. I am ready to have this baby. BUT...am I truly prepared and strong enough to handle it all? That question runs through my mind constantly.

Lucky for me, I don't have to be strong. God tells us time and time again that He will be our strength if we just cry out to Him. Psalm 138:3 says, "In the day when I cried out, you answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul." God doesn't want us to suffer and to do things on our own. He wants us to reach out to Him and to rely on Him for guidance and strength. In my weakness, He is strong.

It is my prayer that the women of Hannah's House hear that very message. It is my prayer that they reach out and hold onto Him, relying on Him to provide their strength as they encounter such challenging times in their lives. Won't you pray with me?

Thank you for your prayers and incredible support! Please continue to ask God how you can be a part of this ministry and serve homeless, pregnant women and their babies!

God bless!

Jessica Leese
Executive Director

Resident Updates!



Talea is due with a baby boy on June 16th! She continues to work part-time at a fast food restaurant, as well as complying with the Michigan Works PATH program. She is also working to achieve her G.E.D. She has had some minor health issues lately, but is working through them with her doctor. Please keep Talea and her unborn son in your prayers!



Rebecca continues to work towards her high school diploma, having only a few more credits to go! She has also been able to secure two part-time jobs! While she is feeling a bit overwhelmed with all that she has to accomplish, she is doing quite well. Ava is just over five months old now and has the most beautiful smile ever! She loves exploring and is developing well! Please keep Rebecca and Ava in your prayers!

We currently have one opening at Hannah's House. If you know of a woman who would benefit from our program, please have her visit our website at www.hannahshouselansing.org or give us a call at 517-482-5856.

Makenzie is doing well as she comes to the end of her pregnancy. She is due with a baby girl on March 17th! She is currently off of work, but will be seeking full-time employment after the birth of her daughter. For now, she is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her little peanut! Please keep Makenzie and her unborn daughter in your prayers!



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We Need Your Votes!



Help us win a \$10,000 credit towards a fundraising event at the fabulous University Club by voting for us in the Big Bang-quet Community Charity Challenge! Each "vote" is cast with a \$5 tax-deductible donation to the Capital Region Community Foundation. We'll receive the funds* raised from our votes, plus with your help, we'd like to win the \$10,000 Grand Prize! Cast Your Votes at:

www.universityclubofmsu.org/theclubwithaheart

Voting Open: February 9 - March 24

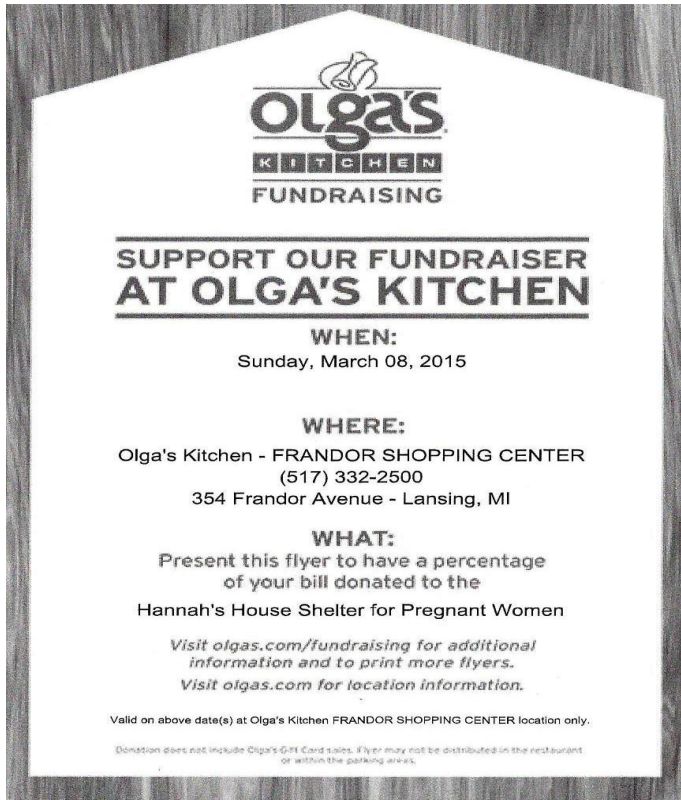
* The CRCF will retain a small percentage of the donations to cover processing fees.

The Big Bang-quet is sponsored by the University Club, MSU Federal Credit Union, & the Capital Region Community Foundation.

Upcoming Events

March 8 (11a-9p): Olga's
Fundraiser in Frandor

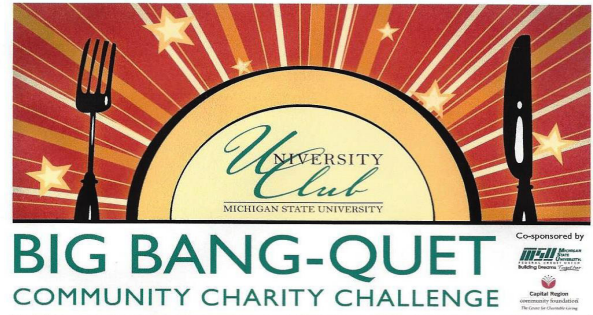
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May 2 (8:15a registration, 9a
start time): Hike for Hannah's
House 5K Walk/Run at Sharp Park
(located behind the Lansing Mall)



March 25 (5:30p-7:30p): Big
Bang-quet Reveal Reception
at the University Club



COME CAST YOUR FINAL VOTES!

The Big Bang-quet Challenge is wrapping up & we need your final votes to help us win the \$10,000 grand prize! Attend the Reveal Reception on Wednesday, March 25 and place your final votes while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. We hope you'll vote for us! The event is \$10 per person and includes two \$5 votes!

Final Voting & Reveal Reception
Wednesday, March 25 • 5:30 - 7:30pm
University Club of MSU

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April 18 (Time TBA): Willow
Tree Family Center Lansing
Baby Fair at the MAC



October 10
(6:30p-8:30p):
International Dessert
Night and Silent
Auction at St. Michael
Parish in Grand Ledge



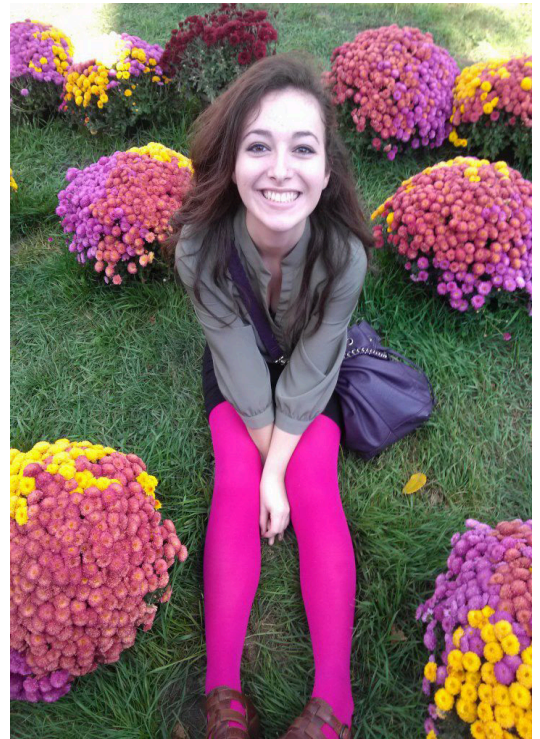
Meet Our New Staff!



Meet our our new Weekend House Manager, Annette Myleski (pictured on the right)! Annette is the youngest of 6, mother to 6, 'other' mother to 17, Godmother to 4, aunt to 10, great aunt to 23, and great-great aunt to 3! She serves as a hospice chaplain and is an active community and church volunteer. In addition, Annette is a storyteller (string stories are one of her favorites), scrapbooker, crafter, and avid reader. In her spare time, Annette likes to be outside enjoying the stars, and has discovered a love of hiking and camping (ok, she uses a small camper not a tent!). Most recently, she has been approved as a nominee in the process toward Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church. "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you to bear fruit which would remain; that whatsoever you ask the Father in my name will be given to you." (John 15:16) Please join us in welcoming Annette to our Hannah's House family!

Marisol Rocha is excited to serve as the first Fundraising Assistant at Hannah's House!

She grew up in Lansing, attending Waverly Community Schools and singing her way through high school as a member of choir. Following high school, she decided to pursue the Lord wholeheartedly at Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, MI. She has been blessed with opportunities to travel the world, learn about life and culture, and serve his people in places like Missouri, Ecuador, and Zambia. She interned at Hannah's House from January of 2014 until May of 2014, and graduated with a Bachelor's of Social Work in 2014. Since then, she has been seeking the Lord's purpose in her life. She is currently engaged to a really cool guy who loves Jesus, and they plan to be married in August! She is glad to have the Lord with her as she embarks on a new season of life lived for His purpose.



Thank you for visiting us at the 2015 Mid-Michigan Women's Expo! We had a great time!

How can you help Hannah's House in 2015?

- Become a regular donor!
- Host a baby bottle fundraiser!
- Host a donation or diaper drive!
- Like us or follow us on our social media pages - share our events and posts!
- Participate in our fundraising events and invite others to join you!
- Shop Amazon.com and designate us as your charity of choice!
 - Enroll for Meijer Community Rewards!
 - Invite Hannah's House to speak at your next group meeting or an event you are hosting!
- Host a change war (great for youth groups and schools)!
 - Become a volunteer!

Please Support Us by Joining Meijer Community Rewards!

Organization Name Hannah's House - 6 digit code 428396
Sign up, shop at Meijer and pay with your linked Meijer Credit Card OR pay with cash or your PIN-based debit card with your Meijer 1 CardSM, and earn cash back for our organization!



Two ways to sign up:



1. Apply online for a Meijer Credit Card* at Meijer.com/creditcard or at your local Meijer store. Include our 6 digit code on the application.

2. Apply online for Meijer Community Rewards at Meijer.com/rewards or with an enrollment form from your Meijer store or our organization. You will receive a Meijer 1 CardSM to be used with cash or a PIN-based debit card for Meijer Rewards.

*Excludes purchases made with checks and non-Meijer Credit Cards.

Wish List:

- Size 3, 4, and 5 Diapers
- Wipes
- Unscented Laundry Soap
- Gift Cards to Menards
- Gas Cards
- Printer Paper
- Fire Extinguisher
- No. 10 White Envelopes

