



# HANNAH'S HOUSE NOVEMBER 2013

A CHRIST-CENTERED TRANSITIONAL SHELTER FOR HOMELESS EXPECTANT WOMEN

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*"He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. 'Is that not what it means to know me?' declares the Lord."*

*Jeremiah 22:16*

I recently attended a conference with The Church of Greater Lansing (COGL), in which organizations from around Lansing, churches, business leaders, and others came together to talk about how we can collaborate to serve those in need. It was a fantastic meeting that I walked away from feeling motivated and inspired to do more and to connect with those that I had not had the opportunity to yet make contact. It was a phenomenal example of how we can work together to impact the lives of so many people and to utilize the resources we already have in our community. As I came away from the meeting, I had so many ideas and thoughts that were running through my mind. How could we reach a greater audience so that people know about the work that we are doing? How do we utilize the resources in our community to expand on the programming that we already have? How do we tap into the resources that are available in order to better serve the pregnant women and babies that come through Hannah's House? These, among other questions, have been at the forefront of my mind. As we go into this holiday season, I ask that you please keep Hannah's House in your prayers. Please pray for guidance for our ministry and ask God to show us where He would like us to go. Please pray that God helps us to connect with the programs and resources that are already available in our community that could benefit the women and children that we serve. Finally, please ask God how He is calling you to serve. Thank you for your time, dedication, prayers, and service. We greatly appreciate all that you do to help keep this ministry strong.

God Bless.

Jessica Leese  
Executive Director



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# Updates!



Liz moved into Hannah's House on October 25th and is due with a baby boy on January 29th! She has a job working with a local childcare center, but is not able to get many hours. She is currently seeking full-time employment. She is also looking into several options to further her education. Liz recently took her written driver's education test and passed with flying colors! She will be eligible for a drivers license in less than a month! Please help us in welcoming Liz! Please keep her and her unborn child in your prayers as Liz adjusts to living at Hannah's House!

Sophia joined the Hannah's House family on April 20th and gave birth to a baby boy, Astor Lyon, on September 26th! Astor weighed in at a whopping 11 pounds and was 20 inches long! Both mom and baby are healthy and doing well. Sophia has gone back to school at LCC and is actively seeking employment. Astor is hitting all his milestones right on schedule and is growing like a weed! Congratulations to Sophia on the birth of her beautiful baby boy! Please keep them both in your prayers as they adjust to this new life together!



Kelly\* came to us on May 13th. Her and the twins are doing remarkable! Kelly is back to work, picking up as many hours as she can. She is also looking into a manager position, which would assure her 40 hours per week and possible benefits! She is also planning to work towards her GED beginning in January. She is currently planning on moving into her own apartment in February. The twins are now eleven weeks old and developing right on schedule! 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



# Updates Continued!

Rachel\* moved out of Hannah's House on October 4th, however, she stills stays in contact with us and joins us for Bible study at the house. She is due with a baby boy on January 1st and is currently on bed rest for premature labor. She was able to secure employment and will return to her job once the baby is born. She successfully completed her GED and is looking into attending classes at LCC. Please keep Rachel and her unborn baby boy in your prayers as Rachel continues to move forward and prepare for the birth of her son!

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Genevieve is not a resident of Hannah's House but participates in programming, Bible study, goal setting, and other events with residents. She is currently living with a family in Okemos and is 27 weeks pregnant, due with a baby boy on February 23rd. She holds two part-time jobs, but is actively seeking full-time employment. Please keep Genevieve and her unborn baby in your prayers!



Hannah's House is currently seeking a part-time House Manager. Work hours are from 6:00 PM Friday through 6:00 PM Sunday every other week. The preferred candidate will be a mature, Christian woman who can act as a "mother" and mentor to the women who live at Hannah's House. It is imperative that she has a wealth of compassion for vulnerable pregnant women and small babies, while maintaining a spirit of accountability. She is required to cook one meal during the shift (Rachel Ray not required) and attend to light housekeeping chores not already assigned to the residents. It is preferred she have her own car and insurance with a good driving record. This position is ministerial in nature, not high-paying, so it would be helpful if the candidate is looking to do ministry or mission work. Please send a cover letter and resume to [hannahshouselansing@gmail.com](mailto:hannahshouselansing@gmail.com), or mail to P.O. Box 14013, Lansing, MI 48901.



# Volunteers 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!



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!

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!



Hannah's House is governed by a Board of Directors. We welcome applications for new board members. Requirements include being a pro-life Christian, active in a church, and committed to the Mission and Vision of our ministry. Give us a call for more information on becoming part of our Board of Directors.



# Our 2013 International Dessert Night and Silent Auction was a success!

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Thank you to our emcee, Steve Berg, and  
our keynote speaker, Rebecca Rook!

**Would your church be interested in hosting our 2014 International  
Dessert Night and Silent Auction! Contact our director for  
more details about the event and how you can get involved!**