



# HANNAH'S HOUSE SEPTEMBER 2014

A CHRIST-CENTERED TRANSITIONAL SHELTER FOR HOMELESS EXPECTANT MOTHERS

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*"The things that are impossible with men are possible with God." (Luke 18:27)*

Have you ever uttered the words, "I just can't do it"? Perhaps you have spoken these words when faced with a task that just seems too great. Often the things that God lays in front of us to accomplish are bigger than we are. And that is the great news! It isn't all about our goodness, strength, or wisdom. In fact, God chooses those who are inadequate in and of themselves so that the ultimate glory goes to Him. It is in our weakness that God's strength is revealed. So, while we may not be able to do it, God can. It is God who strengthens us, provides the ability for us to do the work, gives us favor, and opens doors. We are so incredibly blessed at Hannah's House. On behalf of our staff, volunteers, board of directors, and the women and families we serve, I want to say thank you to all of you for your unending support of this ministry! God continues to provide for us even when the impossible seems at hand. As we continue serving homeless, pregnant women, we ask that you join us in asking God how you might be able to serve in this ministry. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

God Bless,

Jessica Leese  
Executive Director

# Updates!

We currently have two openings at Hannah's House. However, we have women who have applied and are in the process of moving towards residency. We are excited to bring new women into the home. Please keep these women in your prayers as they start their journey with us!



Rebecca moved into Hannah's House on June 14, 2014. She is due with a baby girl on October 8th. She is actively participating in the PATH program through Michigan Works, working towards her GED, and just recently began volunteering at Trinity Lutheran Daycare. She is staying strong and focused. Please keep Rebecca and her unborn baby in your prayers as she works towards accomplishing her goals!

Hope moved into Hannah's House on June 11, 2014. She gave birth to a baby boy, Jordan Dennis, on July 21st weighing 7 pounds 4.9 ounces and measuring 19 inches long! Both she and Jordan are doing well! Jordan was diagnosed with a rare heart condition and will need to undergo heart surgery in a couple months. Please pray for his condition. Hope is doing quite well at Hannah's House.



She is full of determination and is motivated to complete all the tasks laid ahead of her. She is now on cash assistance and part of the PATH program and is planning to continue her education after her maternity leave. Hope has three other children that she also spends a lot of time with. Please keep Hope and her family in your prayers as she continues to put the pieces of her life back together again!



# DO A REALLY SWEET THING!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2014 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

## International Dessert Night & Silent Auction

\$15 per person or \$105 for a table of 8 (tickets in advance or at the door)

Proceeds to benefit Hannah's House.

Cash or check in advance or the day of the event. Credit cards accepted the day of the event only.

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345 Edwards Street  
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## Sunday Night Respite

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 p.m. until work, or other commitments, Monday morning. Can volunteer once or twice a month or as your schedule allows!

## On-Call Respite

Female volunteers who would be willing to be on a list to provide overnight respite care when a staff member or other volunteer is unavailable or on vacation.



## Silent Auction Help

People who would be willing to help with:

- set up
- tear down
- working in the kitchen
- selling tickets
- and more!

## Fundraising Assistant

Someone who would be willing to work with the Executive Director on event planning, fundraising, and our baby bottle campaigns! Could even be a student looking for an internship!

## How do I become a volunteer?

That's a great question! There are a couple options. You can either: 1) give us a call at 517-482-5856 and we can discuss your interests and explain the process OR 2) visit our website at [www.hannahshouselansing.org](http://www.hannahshouselansing.org) to print and fill out a volunteer application today! All applications should be mailed to:

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# Meet Our New Staff



Carrie Anderson (left) is a student at Spring Arbor University working towards a Bachelor of Social Work degree and interning at Hannah's House. She has worked for 15 years with adults who have an array of developmental disabilities. Although she loves the work she does, she felt it was time to branch out and discover other ways to help others. She is happily married to a wonderful man, Mike, and is a new, first-time mom. Her son, Owen, was born Easter Sunday of this year and is the best gift she has ever received. She also has a stepson who shares his time between parents. She has a number of hobbies such as baking, cake decorating, gardening, traveling, scrapbooking, snowboarding, horseback riding and motorcycling, though spending time with family and friends is among the greatest enjoyments.

Elizabeth (Liz) Galer (right) is 32 years old, the oldest of 8 kids, and a birthmother. Her daughter is 8 years old, lives in another city, and just made her First Communion. She graduated from Lansing Eastern High School in 2001 and currently attends Resurrection Catholic Church. She enjoys babysitting her 5-month-old nephew and connecting one-on-one with people. She feels God has dealt so mercifully with her, and she wants to pay it forward, as well as give glory to Him for her life and her daughter's life. She also wants to honor women for their courage to choose life despite the obstacles. She is excited to share life as a weekend house manager with the women of Hannah's House!



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**Thank you to Joe Ciaramella for all you have done for this ministry! We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support!**



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## HANNAH'S HOUSE NEEDS YOU!

Help support Hannah's House by hosting a baby bottle fundraiser! A Hannah's House staff member will drop off the empty bottles for you to use prior to your fundraiser. Fill the bottles with loose change, and a staff member will arrange to pick up the bottles at the conclusion of your event.

This is a great fundraiser to do with churches or schools! Want more information? Contact us! We would love to talk to you about details!



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