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### HANNAH'S HOUSE OF LANSING

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#### **HUMANITY**

Humanity--confrontation with pain, trauma, weakness, ugliness, resilience, faith, hope, love, beauty, truth, goodness, new life, second chances, healing, renewal--all on a regular basis in raw un-diluted form--this is Hannah's House.

In the three years that I have been a weekend house manager at Hannah's House, God has stretched my heart beyond what I thought was possible, challenging my perception of homelessness, addiction.

mental illness, and even my understanding of my own personhood.

I entered the Hannah's House Ministry three years ago, excited about the redemptive possibility of using the messiness of my past (I myself was in a crisis pregnancy 11 years ago) to accomplish some good--to minister to women in a similar situation as I had been years ago. As happens, though, with every authentic human encounter where one soul truly communes with another. I found myself more often than not, being ministered to by the mothers, at one moment called higher by one mother's very real, and at times beautifully childlike

faith, and at another moment by another mother's tenderness toward those who suffer-giving out of her own need. And at yet another moment experiencing the emotional cleansing of weeping with another mother as she poured out the pain in her heart.

So far, one of the most important lessons I've learned while working at Hannah's House is that the women require absolute authenticity and will close me out if I present anything less. This dynamic has been both challenging and

life-giving for me as God, and the women, reveal to me both my short-comings, but also a vision for my identity in Christ and the exciting possibility of growing deeper and higher into that vision. To put it honestly, the women force me to see my own pain, trauma, weakness, ugliness, resilience, faith, hope, love, beauty, truth, goodness, new life, second chances, healing and renewal. Very often we mirror one another, and every once in a while, when that happens, we each get a glimpse of Christ.

Elizabeth Galer House Manager

#### **NOW HIRING**

## Part-Time Weekend House Manager

The house manager is required to spend Friday and Saturday nights in the house. The preferred candidate will be a mature Christian woman who can act as a mentor and liaison to the women who live at Hannah's House.

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. Work hours are, every other weekend, from 6:00pm Friday through 6:00pm Sunday.

Job Type: Part-time Salary: \$8.90 /hour

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