



Hannah's House

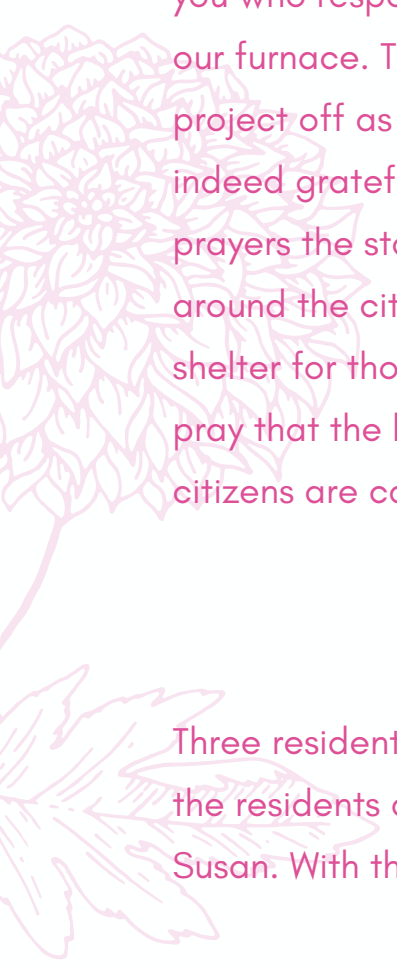
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

News from Hannah's House

Dear Friends,

We are deeply grateful to God and to you for making it possible for us to continue our ministry. 2024 was a challenging year at Hannah's House, but we are once again fully staffed and have welcomed three residents to the house.

Our New Furnace



The furnace is fully funded! Praise be to God! And thank you to those of you who responded so quickly and so generously to our need to replace our furnace. The City of Lansing has inspected the work and checked the project off as completed. During this time of extreme cold, we are indeed grateful to have a warm home. But we ask that you keep in your prayers the staff and citizens gathering at the several warming shelters around the city of Lansing, which stay open all night to provide a warm shelter for those without the means to provide for themselves. Please pray that the light of Christ's love will burn brightly as these fellow citizens are cared for in Christ's name.

Almost a Full House!

Three residents have moved in. We have a very good "problem"! Two of the residents are named "Diamond" and one of the residents is named Susan. With the double names circling around in our household

conversations, we're looking for easy ways to make it clear whom it is we're talking to! And as for the two Diamonds, we were reminded recently that a gem such as a diamond is created by extreme pressure, and we want these two women, as well as all of us, to be reminded of the beauty that our Lord can create out of the pressures we experience in life if we offer them up to Him. Pray with us that all of us in the home will do just that and that they will shine with the special brilliance that comes from Christ at work in our lives.

Mealtimes at Hannah's House

You may wonder what our mealtimes are like. My favorite mealtime of the day is dinner because it is then that we gather as a household and share a meal and fellowship together. Residents and staff take turns planning and preparing the evening meal. To guide us in our planning, we have as a ground rule that each dinnertime meal will include a protein, a starch of some sort and a fruit or vegetable. The varied menus that are created in our kitchen are a real delight. And the fellowship continues after the meal, as we work together to do up the dishes. Talk can range from how the recipe was made to the upcoming due dates of babies to the challenges of work, or even the sharing of a few childhood memories. All combined it is a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another and begin to trust one another - to trust that this home is a safe place in which to be loved and cared for.

Faith Formation

Lethia, one of our House Managers, is working on creating some practical lessons linking our human experiences with God's work in our lives. She's included titles such as: "Worry Into Worship," "Stacking" (linking daily habits with desired goals) and "Healing through Virtue".

Another upcoming series of faith formation lessons will focus on Genesis and God's creation of Man and Woman, the beauty of His plan for marriage and his desire to restore all things to their original goodness. Though there is much in our world that can be troubling, we pray that these opportunities for Faith formation will open our eyes to the truth of God's healing love in each of our lives.

God is already working in our residents. One is expecting her baby very soon - March 4th. She was showing me some special laundry detergent she had bought for washing her daughter's clothes. "I'm going to wash them all before she's born, so they'll be really clean for her," she said. I mentioned that she was a good mom to be preparing for her daughter in that way. Her response: "I hope so, I've been praying to God that I could be a good mother." Such tenderness and humility in her attitude towards being a mother. We are cheering her on!

Bowling for Babies

Bowling for Babies is coming up! Dart Bank is sponsoring our event this year, and we are grateful for them! Their contribution has almost entirely covered our event expenses, which means the proceeds from our fundraiser and any additional sponsorships will go directly to our ministry. Thank you to Dart Bank!

We hope to see you at Bowling for Babies, which will take place from 3 to 6PM on March 8th, 2025, at Pins and Pints in East Lansing. We are providing pizza, pop, and dessert as well as bowling lanes and shoes. Entry costs \$25 per person or \$90 for a group of 4-6. Children under 5 enter free!



Please go to our website to register so we know you're coming! It's much easier to plan if we know how many to expect. To access the registration form, follow the link below or scan the QR code.



Website:

<https://hannahshouselansing.org/bowling-for-babies-2025/>

Thank you again for your support as Hannah's House has gotten back on its feet. We couldn't have done it without you!

Please keep Diamond and her daughter in your prayers as her due date is March 4th. We are looking forward to meeting the little one, and we pray for a smooth delivery and a healthy Mom and baby.

We're looking forward to sharing our bowling event with those of you able to make it. While we aren't the most skilled bowlers, we are enthusiastic ones! If you aren't able to make it but would like to help support the event, please reach out to hannahshousedevelop@gmail.com to discuss sponsorship options.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

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