



Hannah's House

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News from Hannah's House



Dear Friends,

It is with thanksgiving to our Lord that we share the news of the safe delivery last week of Brycen Ann'Tonyio, our fifth baby this year! Brycen came about 8 weeks early and so he'll be spending some time in the NICU. His mama, Brie, is hoping and praying he'll be home for Christmas!

Volunteer Spotlight

1. We had a wonderful group of volunteers from 2|42 Church in Okemos clean and organize our basement, taking away two loads of items that we were no longer able to make use of. Our well-ordered basement is a thing of beauty! Thank you so much 2|42 crew!!
2. Tony Cherniawski power washed, sanded, and painted the floor of our front porch! It took him the better part of two days. We are grateful for Tony's initiative, expertise and hard work that he offered as a gift to Hannah's House. Thank you Tony!
3. Russ Pate came to the house to help remove the a/c units from the windows and carry them to the basement. Thank you Russ and Marcia for your visit and your help to us at Hannah's House!
4. Allen Richardson, from University Reformed Church, came and raked our leaves. We're ready now (we think!) for the snow! Thank you Allen!

Embracing Grace

Last Sunday our women were welcomed at Union Missionary Baptist Church, to celebrate the completion of a 12 week Bible Study course, Embrace Grace. In the course, we learned about breaking unholy soul ties; coming to a place of forgiveness towards those who have caused us harm; learning to recognize the lies of the evil one – and replacing those lies with the truths found in scripture. We are beloved daughters of the Father! The course was taught by Jasmine Fountain, who is not only a gifted teacher but also has a special ministry of prayer for each woman. Thank you Jasmine! And thank you to Union Missionary Baptist Church for their support in this course.

Visitors!

This past month we welcomed Mindy Tolan who oversees finance for Portland, MI. Mindy shared her own story of being a single mom and making her way through college while raising her little one. She talked about some of the lessons she learned along the way, as well as the resources she found most helpful. Mindy's warmth and understanding, as well as her frank descriptions of the necessary decisions a single mother must make, led into a discussion of "needs vs. wants" and how to wisely use that distinction to create a workable household budget. Her story is one of perseverance, accomplishment and trust in the Lord. She left each woman with a packet of resources to create their own household budget, including a pocket calculator for each of the women! We were so grateful for Mindy's taking the time to share her story and hard-earned wisdom with us! We pray for the Lord's continued blessing on her and her family.

Two visitors to our House recently were Lisa Boonyasith and her husband, Chad. Lisa was a young expectant mom who came to

Hannah's House 26 years ago as a resident. The Lord worked in her life and in the life of Chad, her baby's father, who came to faith in Christ. Lisa and Chad have since married, and they've been married now for 25 years!

But there's more! If that isn't enough cause to celebrate the Lord's grace in their lives, Chad & Lisa are preparing to open a maternity home for expectant moms in the Muskegon area! Please keep Chad and Lisa in your prayers (with thanksgiving!) as they begin this new ministry, and with a request for the Lord's continued guidance and provision in every way. Who could have imagined all that God had in store for Chad and Lisa 26 years ago! Praise God!

Rub Shoulders with us at Hannah's House!

Would your church be interested in partnering more closely with Hannah's House? As we continue to develop our program, we welcome women of faith to share in our relationships with our residents through Bible study, by sharing a household skill that works for you or perhaps by teaching a craft to a small group of women. Maybe you'd like to come to the House and lead a Game Night or a Movie Night? You might consider inviting us to your church, or Bible study or women's group. We would love the opportunity to share our ministry with you in person.

Please let us know if you or your parish, congregation or small group would like to join us in having a more personal involvement in our ministry with expectant moms. Please call the office at 517.482.5856 or email hannahshouselansing@gmail.com.



Year's End

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our auction this year! Thank you to all who attended, bid, or volunteered for the event. We also thank our sponsors this year: Meijer, Rob and Julie Lough, UMH Sparrow, as well as our community partners. Each of these sponsors was a critical contributor to covering our event expenses. A special thanks goes out to our World Class Bakers, without whom we could not have put on this event.



Thank you for your continued support! This ministry reached its thirtieth year in 2025, and we are grateful to God and to our friends in the community for our longevity and for making it possible to walk with moms in need.

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As the year closes, we find ourselves in a challenging position here at Hannah's House. Our expenses have risen significantly since last year, in part due to being open throughout the year as well as the minimum wage increases for staff. Unfortunately, our income has not kept up, and so we are asking that you prayerfully consider a regular contribution to our ministry. To continue serving our residents without interruption, we are in need of your generosity. We hope to raise at least \$10,000 by the end of the year. We welcome donations through our website or through the mail to Hannah's House, P.O. Box 14013, Lansing, MI 48901

Please keep all of us here at the house in your prayers.

Blessed Holy-Days to you all!

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