



Hannah's House

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our Latest Addition!



Dear Friends,

Nova was born on January 22nd and weighed in at 6 lbs. Her mom loves Nova so much, and we all can see why! Nova is learning how to nurse, and sometimes it seems she has figured out the trick of how to use her hands to push her winter hat off her head! Nova hardly ever cries, but she does make a lovely little humming noise when she's about to wake up! And she sleeps a whole bunch! Sometimes she even opens her eyes for us!

Welcome Nova! We pray for the Father's gentle care for you and your mom.

Thoughts on Pregnancy Challenges

Over the past few weeks, I have been thinking about what sorts of things might make a pregnancy difficult. There are definitely the physical concerns, the pain, the tiredness and the new schedules. But there can be other life experiences that make a pregnancy challenging. Hagar in the Scriptures comes to mind. Have you read her story? Hagar was taken as a second wife to Abram at his wife Sarai's request, in order to provide an heir for Abram. Although God had promised an heir to Abram, Sarai thought that God perhaps needed an alternative means to make it all happen. After all, Sarai was past the age of child bearing herself.

The result was that soon after, Hagar became pregnant. Sarai dealt with Hagar severely and Hagar fled for the desert. There she met and had an encounter with the angel of the Lord. The angel of the Lord addressed her: "See now you are with child and shall bear a son and you shall call his name Ishmael (God hears) because the Lord has heard and paid attention to your affliction." Hagar's response to the Lord was "You are the God who Sees."

How great is God's goodness to see the afflictions that women can carry in their hearts and minds when the circumstances for their becoming pregnant may not be ideal. Over 70 percent of the women that have come to Hannah's House are not in touch with the baby's father and receive no offers of help from him. Mothers sometimes report feeling a heavy burden of aloneness in their responsibilities. Some women who have experienced mental, emotional or physical abuse may begin their healing journey at Hannah's House.

At first when they come to us, over 65 percent of the women are unemployed. What an encouragement to them when they are able to find work, or to take classes that will prepare them for future employment. We pray for these women, who, despite challenges, have made the heroic decision to bear and raise their child. We hope they will come to see with clarity that there is a Loving God who Sees them. And as David sang to God, we pray each mom will discover for herself the God to whom she can also say:

***"You are my Shelter; from distress You will preserve me;
with glad cries of freedom You will ring me round." Ps 32:7***

We ask you to join together and pray for the Hannah's House mothers and their little ones - with thanksgiving to God for their lives. They are a gift to us all.

The Gentle Encouragement of Prayer

This week, it was beautiful to witness a young mom-to-be come to our door, requesting baby clothing and diapers for the little one she was expecting. One of our staff members who collected the clothing and diapers for her, looked at her with such tenderness and asked, "Can I pray for you and your baby?" Right there in the dining room, the two stood together and for a few moments God's Spirit was at work, moving in the staff member to pray specifically for the needs of this young woman. After the prayer, the woman embraced the staff member and with tears thanked her for praying. Praise God for this young mom. Please pray for the little one she is carrying. It was a precious moment for me to see the openness of her to receive prayer for herself and for her baby! Truly God Sees - and Hears! Praise Him!

Bowling for Babies

It's that time of year again! We're thinking about spring here at Hannah's House, and with spring comes our annual bowling event. Bowling for Babies 2026 will be held on Saturday, March 14th, 2026, 3-5PM at Pins and Pints in East Lansing. Pins and Pints is located at 2120 E Saginaw Hwy, East Lansing, MI 48823.

General admission is \$25 per person (or \$90 for groups of 4-6!) and free for children under 5. We would love to see you there! To register for this event, please click the button below. Your support and presence would mean so much to us!

With gratitude for your presence, your gifts and your prayers,

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