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Where Life Meets Love

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

Life is sure changing in the United States. Every newscast, radio station, or social media confirm the changes that have happened in our country since prayer was taken out of schools.

Can you believe, in 53 years, the climate of a nation changed to the point that sometimes you scratch your head and say, "Did that happen in America"?

There is no greater time in history when we truly do not know what the future holds for our children and grandchildren in these great United States. However, we are not people who fear what the world says, but we look to the Creator of the Universe in awe of His plans and purposes for us all.

Hannah House is part of the plan He has made upon the earth, and in our area, to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. A plan to train them in the climate of righteousness that was proclaimed so many years ago; one of faith, love, and hope. One of safety in a time of trouble. One of learning how God sees things, and not how the media portrays them.

At Hannah House we are working with this generation of young women to train them how to operate according to faith and not fear. Through this, the next generation will be trained in the same accord. Sometimes we don't stop to remember what

we have been taught by our parents, Sunday school teachers, and in school, that made us love this country, and love the people, no matter their social status, or poverty level. We should love them all the same and be available to each with the love of Christ.

Hannah House is a home filled with love for those who have lost their way, and those the world has said are not worthy to live because they are not human (babies), or of human status as measured by some. In this safety net of Hannah House we transform the lives of mothers and young women to be all that God has called them to be. We give them the hope they have been searching for, and the tools to create a life that they so desperately want, and in doing so, we create a stronger generation of people, who will help people, and serve their community.

As a supporter of Hannah House you are a part of our everyday lives. You are the reason the girls have a safe place to live, learn, and grow. You are the reason babies are having their birthdays, and you are the reason God placed Hannah House in this place, the River Valley area. We are able to be a place of refuge in a messed up world, that shares hope and shines the light of Jesus Christ for all to see. THANK YOU!

Housing Girls for Christ,

Cindy Crawford

We are thankful for Stephen and Barbara Conrady of Cook Construction for supporting Hannah House for the past fifteen years!

We asked them why they supported Hannah House.

They said they actually were involved in 1994 when Hannah House was renovating their first home on North 18th Street and a board member asked Cook Construction if they would put fire doors in the home. From there, Barbara was asked to serve on the Board to oversee remodeling of the second home on South 17th Street, after the first home burnt during renovation. Barbara said she was honored to serve on the board and to be a part of a life saving ministry that is in our own community.

Because they believed in the ministry of Hannah House and shared with others, Stephen's parents, Lloyd and Edith Conrady, began supporting the ministry in 1997, in their retirement years. Edith moved to heaven in 2010 but Lloyd continued to give. And not only did he give what they had given together, but increased his monthly giving until he joined Edith in heaven in 2012. The support the Conrady family gave expanded two generations!

The Conrady's said, "We believe in the right to life, protecting the vulnerable and innocent. And by supporting this ministry we are putting action to our beliefs. Supporting a ministry in our community gives people access to visit and see how your donation is being invested. At Hannah House I can tell you from firsthand experience, your donations are invested wisely, and it is an eternal investment in young women who are pregnant, their babies, and young women who have other life controlling issues. Hannah House operates openly and above board and with integrity, and we are thankful to be supporters of a ministry that gives hope and life."

Where Life Meets Love and Hope...

Words from our residents



Hi. My name is Kelly and I came to Hannah House because I was totally alone in my life – homeless, hopeless, and filled with guilt and emptiness.

When I was 17 my mom passed away suddenly. Coming from a single parent home, her death completely turned my world upside down. I moved in with family members, but I felt so alone and empty, and I wanted to run as fast as I could from God. I even found

myself running from my family.

After I finished high school, I worked for a while. Then eventually I ended up going to college an hour away from my family. I had my life back, or so I thought, but I was still empty.

I joined a group of people who said they worshipped God but the Bible was not the infallible Word of God to them, and the void I had was getting bigger. So I left to search for something to fill me. The next place I landed was in a Christian program where I stayed for six months. This helped me see things from a different perspective, but after leaving the program I found myself drifting back into the person I was, a person with a huge void in her life, and making very bad decisions. I left searching again, but this time I ended up homeless and all alone living in a shelter. At this place of desperation, I cried out to God and through His grace I found Hannah House.

When I initially called Hannah House they told me they had a process for new residents. I was to fill out an application and they would interview me to see if this was the right place for me, and the process could take as long as two weeks. I walked from the shelter to the doorstep of Hannah House, hoping something good would come out of showing up to meet them face to face. I filled out the application, talked with staff and they accepted me that day! But the surprising thing was, from the moment I arrived I felt loved. I felt accepted by people for the first time since my mom died.

The day I arrived was Wednesday and all of Hannah House goes to church on Wednesdays. When we arrived at ET, Pastor Don gave a message that touched the deep void in my heart. I went to the cross and accepted Jesus as my Savior. Women in the church prayed for me and God did a mighty work in me that first night, and I have never been the same since!

Hannah House is now my family. The staff shows us how much Jesus loves us and trains us how to see ourselves through His eyes. Without this place called Hannah House I know I would not be alive. But I am and I have a future! I have dreams of how God can use me to help others who are hurting, who are lost and are trying to fill that void in their lives.

For all those who support Hannah House I want to say THANK YOU! Because of you I have been made new. Because of you I have a hope and a future! Because of you I am alive and will live to help others! Your seed into this ministry will multiply and grow through me to others! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank You, Adison!



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Adison Hutchins. Adison had a birthday party at the end of January and had each of her guests bring supplies to donate to Hannah House. We are so grateful to her for her thoughtful donation. She truly is doing the work of the Lord and is an example for all of us even though she is only 10 years old. Way to go Adison!

EVENTS

April 18 "Where Life Meets Love" Banquet
A fundraiser for Hannah House
Featuring Pam Tebow.
If you would like to attend call (479) 782-5683.

March 18 - April 20
Photo Contest with Bedford's and Spirit FM to find new Mother's & Father's Day Cards

April 29 Mother's Day cards go on sale

May 2 National Day of Prayer

June 1 Father's Day cards go on sale

August 26 BBQ Rib fundraiser begins

Sept 14 Rock the River for Hannah House

Sept 21 BBQ Ribs to be picked up

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ROCK THE RIVER - 2013!

Hannah House's 9th annual Rock the River is set for Saturday, September 14th at the Fort Smith Convention Center. This year's lineup is headlined by two-time Grammy nominated and Dove Award winning artist **SANCTUS REAL** who has garnered eight number one singles since 2002. Supporting Sanctus Real is six-time Dove Award nominated rockers **FIREFLIGHT** and hip-hop artist **KJ-52**. This year's group of national artists will not only be names and sounds Christian radio listeners are familiar with, but a group that brings diversity and excitement that will reach music fans of all ages. The best part is we're just getting started! Expect to see between ten and twelve more artists, ranging from local to national bands added to the lineup between now and September 14th. Local artists interested in playing at Rock the River 2013 should submit an application April 1 – July 1 on our website, rocktheriver.com!



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5K MEMORIAL RUN FOR LEIGHTYN HOLMES

The Holmes family holds the Lei Lei 5K Run annually in memory of their daughter Leightyn Holmes who passed away suddenly at the tender age of five. Each year they donate the proceeds to a local charity. Last year Hannah House was chosen as the recipient, raising almost \$11,000! This year the funds from the race will go to the American Cancer Society. The race will be held at Chaffee Crossing May 8th at 8 am. If you would like to participate or need more information, contact Landen or Missy Holmes at runforlei@yahoo.com. Help the Holmes family honor Leightyn and help raise money for a great cause!

**Hannah House Board,
Staff and Residents want
to say "Thank You" to
the Greater Fort Smith
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their 2013 Home Show!**