

# Hannah's House

July 2008

*A Christ-centered, nondenominational maternity home for homeless women*

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## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO RUN A MINISTRY ?

What does it take to run a ministry--or to run Hannah's House in particular? It takes a lot of little things like toothpaste, toilet paper, towels and toys, and a number of big things like...

### PRAYER



Twice yearly the Board of Directors of Hannah's House has prayer retreats where the ten Board members and the Executive Director leave their daily routines and set themselves apart to talk to God about Hannah's House. We pray to hear from Him about issues great and small. Of course it takes more than praying twice a year to keep a faith-based ministry afloat. The Board members and the Director "bathe" Hannah's House in prayer on a daily basis.

### DEVOTION

It takes people devoted to this ministry to help "keep the lights on." Whether it's the support of our donors or the commitment shown by our full-time and part-time staff; "No one who works at Hannah's House does so for the money they earn," said Board member Tom Frazier. Hannah's House keeps administrative costs low by seeking out staff who have a deep devotion to the work of this ministry.

### RESOURCES

Most people are aware that it takes money to run a household, even one blessed by God and open simply to do His work. Hannah's House has the same household expenses that your house does: utilities, supplies, insurance, phone, food...the list goes on. Our resources come from our faithful donors. We have applied for grant monies, and we receive some donations from churches. However most of all we depend on...



### YOU

This ministry needs your help to keep running. If everyone on our mailing list gave just a little we would be more than able to provide for this ministry. The truth, however, is that many people who receive our newsletter never respond financially.

Won't you take this opportunity to help support homeless women who are pregnant and young mothers with small babies? We would sincerely appreciate your gift.



### SCRIPTURE THOUGHT

*"And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."*

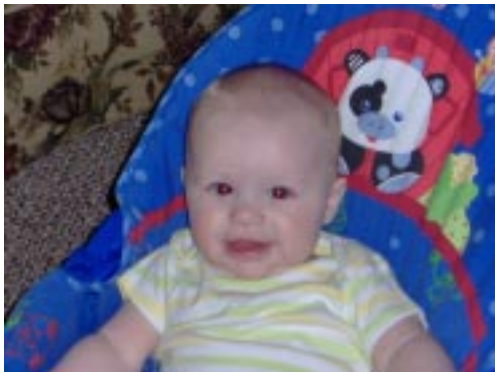
Matthew 10:42 New Living Translation (NLT)

*The little house with a BIG heart*

## ***HANNAH'S HOUSE UPDATE***



*Ania enjoys a sunny day in May*



*Isaac enjoys his bouncer and loves to smile.*

Hannah's House is nearly full! We're currently serving three moms and two babies. Another baby is on the way. Our newest mom R. moved in with us in late May, about two weeks before her due date. As of this writing we're still waiting for her little one (a girl) to arrive.

You may remember that we had another mom with us (F.) who was due in late April or early May. She gave birth to a girl and moved out after getting her own housing.

It seems that time has flown, but the babies of S. and C. are now nearly seven months old. Both of these moms have made us very proud by working hard to be good mothers and to get on their feet.

S. has found employment and childcare for Ania and is currently working 40 hours a week and saving her money to find a home.

C. has plans in motion to renew her license to be a beautician. She spends her days studying for the exam and taking care of baby Isaac. She has a line on housing and will be leaving us soon to make her own home.



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## ***WALK-A-THON RESULTS!***

Our first fund-raiser of the year, The Path of Life Walk-a-thon was a great success with approximately 40 participants coming out to Hawk Island Park to walk for Hannah's House. We considered it a special blessing that God held off the rain and gave us a wonderful, if somewhat windy, day for our annual Walk-a-thon. The Walk-a-thon raised more than \$3,500.00 which will be used for the day to day expenses of running Hannah's House.

We're very pleased to say that we made some new friends that day too! Our new friends included Mr. Joel Lubick's Key Club from Eastern High School. They fielded a team of 13 walkers, including 5 teachers from the school.

We also had a drawing for prizes. Five walkers were surprised and happy to find that they'd won prizes like restaurant and retail gift cards. One blessed walker won a gas card! (Continued on page 4.)

## ***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***



**HANDYMAN** Do you like to putter? If so, we have an opportunity for you! Hannah's House is in need of a handyman (or woman) who can volunteer a few hours a month to help with the upkeep of our house. We need someone who could be available for those pesky household emergencies that crop up from time to time. Is your church group looking for a project? This might just fit the bill. Do you know a retiree who might be interested in doing some volunteer work for a worthy cause? You get the idea. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, send us an e-mail or give us a call.

### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Hannah's House needs an organized and enthusiastic person to coordinate the activities of our volunteers. We believe most of the work could be done from the comfort of your own home. For more information, contact Stephanie (see information below).

**COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS** Hannah's House has a number of committees that could use your help. Think of the difference you could make on the Spiritual Life Committee or the Development (Fund-raising) Committee.

Those interested in assisting us with any of this vital work should call Stephanie K. Johnson at (517) 482-5856, or e-mail [hannahshouselansing@gmail.com](mailto:hannahshouselansing@gmail.com).

Stephanie K. Johnson - Director Evelyn Malcolm - Full-Time House Manager Barbara Armstrong - Weekend House Manager
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## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

Hannah's House has been undergoing a series of trials lately, and we need your *knee-mail* to the Lord to help us out! We solicit your prayers for this ministry in the following areas:

**\*Please pray that our ministry to the young women we serve will be successful and all would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

**\*Please pray for the babies who are "born" at Hannah's House--that they would grow up safely and that they would be saved.**

**\*Please pray for the wisdom of our Board as they make decisions regarding Hannah's House.**

**\*Please pray for those on staff who are experiencing illness, pain and serious ailments.**

**\*Please pray for our financial health, that we would have faithful donors, successful fundraisers and that we would receive the grants we apply for.**

**\*Please pray for our donors and prayer warriors that God would bless them spiritually and financially.**

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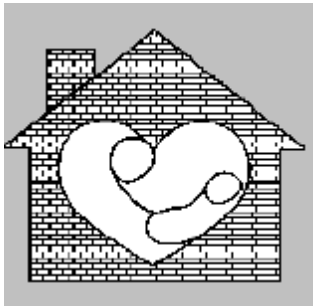
## ***OUR APOLOGIES!!***

To those of you who've sent us donations in the last few months and have not yet received a thank you note and tax receipt, you have our heartfelt apologies.

We are such a small operation that it affects us greatly if one person is ill or incapacitated.

Please rest assured that we will soon be up to speed on our thank you's and receipts. You'll be hearing from us shortly.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie K. Johnson  
Director, Hannah's House



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The names of the drawing winners are listed below:

*LIZ DUPONT*  
*MELINDA MARLATT*  
*MUSTAFA OSMAN*  
*BETH PLEYTE*  
*RAEDEANE CLINE*

We cannot express enough gratitude for the people who came out to help raise money for the little house with the BIG heart. We hope to see even more participants next year. So when you're choosing a walk to participate in next year, please keep us in mind. And hopefully, we'll see you at the park next May!

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## ***GOOD BYE ROBIN, AND GOD BLESS***

Robin Robbins, one of our weekend house managers has left Hannah's House to pursue other career interests. Robin served for two and a half years working every other weekend watching over the young women who live at Hannah's House. We'll miss her!



### ***SCRIPTURE THOUGHT***

***"This same good news that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace."***

Colossians 1:6 New Living Translation (NLT)