



Hope House
OF COLORADO



Abundant Hope

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2008
Annual Report

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What is Hope House?

Hope House of Colorado is a non-profit organization providing hope and stability to parenting teen mothers through structured self-sufficiency programs. The Residential Program provides a safe, stable home environment for teen mothers while they complete a holistic two year program. The Mentoring Program matches trained mentors with teen mothers who then work together through the steps of a self sufficiency curriculum. The GED Program provides one-on-one tutoring in a small class environment to teen mothers wishing to earn their GED.

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In February, Chelsea, Alyse, Alex and Leilani, participants in the Hope House Residential Program, all received their GED's!



In April, the residents of Hope House auctioned off their own art work at the "Get Hip with Hope" Gallery Event.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

He is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think. Ephesians 3:20

Wow, can God keep a promise or what! He truly has done more than we could have ever thought or asked! It was only eight years ago that God stirred in our hearts the desire to provide a place of hope and encouragement for teenage mothers. That initial call was so clear... our girls needed a safe place to call home and a chance to build a stable life for their little ones through a structured program to help them become self sufficient. In 2001, we never dreamed that we would also reach teen mothers all over the Front Range by pairing them with a trained mentor, or that we would start a GED Program to help with that first crucial step toward self sufficiency.

It turned out that the *place* wasn't the whole answer. It was the people who really impacted the lives of our young moms and their little ones. The staff, volunteers, and donors who all became the "family" our girls had never had. **Looking backward we can truly see the enormity of God and His abundant plan and provision – and that makes it really exciting to ponder what He will do in the future!** We can't wait to find out with all of you!



Lisa Steven
Lisa Steven

Founder and Executive Director



Amie Walton
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Founder and Program Director

DONOR REPORT



I was reluctant to volunteer for Hope House when my friend Terrie Ideker first asked me. I'm not a mother, and couldn't imagine how I would relate to the teen moms. But after taking a tour, my heart melted. I soon found myself the chair of a Garden Party for 70 women! *Working with Hope House, I quickly learned that Amie and Lisa pray about everything. OUT LOUD!* So when I found myself laying in bed worrying about how to host a fundraiser, I decided to try it the Hope House way – just pray. I spoke right to God, just like I'd heard. "God, please help me. I have no idea what I am doing. I need you!"

That night I had a dream. It was the most amazingly calm, peaceful feeling. Nothing like I'd ever felt in my entire life. I could actually feel this heat in my chest, this huge warmth in my heart, like my chest had split open and heat was pouring in. Then an arm reaching down from the sky with a hand out stretched. No face, no body, just a strong arm reaching down from above for my hand as if to pull me up. Then I heard the words "Trust & Believe in me, and I will show you the way". I woke up and tears were pouring down my face. This was so real and so profound, that I could not even begin to comprehend it. The next morning I had the idea to call a friend who is a chef and restaurant owner. Within two hours he'd helped me plan the Garden Party and offered most of his services for free! Wow! So this is what people mean when they say "God did it". He showed me the way!

Thank you, Hope House, for giving me the opportunity to work with you, and for teaching me that we can have a personal relationship with God. It really is that simple. Just trust and believe.

Blessings,
Laurie Scott



In May, Sandoz Employees volunteered for a day, cleaning windows, doing yard work, and more!



In June, Alyse and Tabitha graduated from the Hope House Residential Program!

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM REPORT



Brittany

Brittany, Age 17

Teen Mother, Residential Program

My life has changed in so many ways since God led me to Hope House. Before I came to Hope House I was living in an apartment surrounded by gang activity and drug addicts. It was a daily battle just to get my kids and I safely into the house every night. Now I can raise my kids in the safest environment I have ever lived in. I am learning more and more about God and how to apply His Word into my daily life. Without Hope House I would be lost in this world and in my faith. **When I leave Hope House I will be able to provide for my kids and be the mom I wasn't able to be before coming to Hope House.** I will never forget the daily blessings I receive through Hope House.

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HOUSE DIRECTOR REPORT



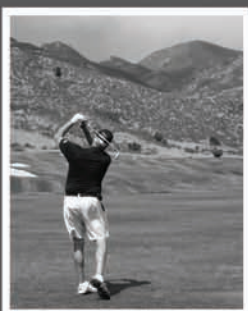
Robin Scott

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**House Director,
Residential Program**

This has been an amazing year! **God has brought us such a neat group of young moms who really desire to know God more and to reach their personal goals.** Their hard work and dedication is an inspiration to all of us!

In 2008, the Residential Program added a new project, called Learning Lab. Our young moms now spend 20 hours a week in an off-site classroom working toward their GED or preparing for college. Our new teacher, Abby Fehr, leads these classes. In 2008, our Residents also participated in 100 hours of group parenting classes and 50 hours of individual parenting sessions. Parenting classes are taught by Shannon Jenkins. I am so proud of the courage and commitment of each young mom we serve!



In June, the annual “Golfers for Hope” tournament was held at the exclusive Golf Club at Ravenna.



In August, Hope House Resident, Carissa, was baptized in a lake side service with several other members of her church!

MENTORING PROGRAM REPORT



Lynn Martinez
Lynn Martinez
Mentoring Program
Coordinator

Hi, my name is Lynn Martinez. I joined Hope House in November 2008 as the Mentoring Program Coordinator. In just that short time, the Mentoring Program has really taken off. Denver Public Schools would like us to pair over 100 teen mothers with mentors! The need is very apparent, and we are excited to offer our young moms a chance to work toward self sufficiency within a safe, caring relationship.

The Mentoring Program was piloted in 2008 with ten mentor matches. The program was initiated by our Parenting Coordinator, Shannon Jenkins, as a way to meet the needs of some of the 4,000 teen mothers in our community. Shannon has a master's degree in curriculum design, and developed a self sufficiency curriculum for our Mentoring Program in early spring, 2008. The program combines in-depth training, on-going support for the mentor, and regular reporting of the progress of the teen mother.

"Hope House is no longer just a "home for teen moms in Arvada. Hope House is in Aurora, Centennial, Lakewood, and anywhere else that a teen mom is matched with a mentor." Ellen Schmitz, Mentor

"My mentor helped me get into school and get my kids on a schedule. My life has gone from chaos to peace." Naomi, Teen Mom

GED PROGRAM REPORT



Elizabeth Corless
Elizabeth Corless
GED Instructor

In 2008, we began plans to open a GED Program to assist teen moms in the community with this crucial step toward self-sufficiency. At the beginning of November, our first student was enrolled and received her GED within 5 weeks! Our second student was enrolled before year's end.

With God as our guide we are able to offer:

- Official pretests which allow us to help each student with their specific needs
- One-on-one tutoring in all 5 subject areas
- Support in obtaining the official GED, from a local community college, moving them one step closer to self-sufficiency
- Transportation to and from the GED Program
- Help in obtaining day-care

Most importantly, we are sharing the love of Jesus through our program. Applications continue to come in, and it is our hope that 30 students will graduate from our program by the end of 2009.

"You have given me a lot of optimism and helped me find self-worth."

*- Christa, Mother of two
GED Program*



In September, the "Hats off to Hope House," event raised over \$65,000!



In November, Megan shares with over 400 guests at the Wassail Toast event how God is working in her life.



Sue Pilon

Sue Pilon
Volunteer Coordinator

What an amazing year for Hope House and our wonderful volunteers!

We began the year 2008 with the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in April. In June, our volunteers helped make the Ravenna Golf Tournament a big success. Next, the Annual Wassail Toast in November blessed all who attended. Finally, our annual Christmas Party in which Hope House volunteers provided food, gifts and abundant hope to 23 families.

- In 2008, the number of core volunteers increased from 50 to 80. These volunteers committed more than 2,000 hours in service.
- Church groups and Bible study, participation also increased this year, connecting several new groups with Hope House.
- Our Under \$20 Club participation increased from 80 members to 110. Hope House saved \$5,200 in household supplies in 2008 thanks to these volunteers!
- The first "Volunteer E-Newsletter" was created in October reaching approximately 75 volunteers.
- We had 43 volunteers work 1290 volunteer hours for our organizational needs.

The abundance of hope continues through our amazing volunteers who provide so many necessary services, baby-sitting, tutoring, transportation and more. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who served this year.

Reaching Out, Getting Involved and Staying Connected... Won't you come and serve?

"I never imagined the magnitude of the joy and peace I have experienced through my volunteer efforts. I have seen God's work first hand in the lives of these young women."

- Jody Ruch

Hope House of Colorado Volunteer



In December, Hope House resident, Brittany, received her CNA and is now working toward her LPN!



18 year old Diana and Leticia, celebrating at our first annual Mentoring Program Christmas Party.

FINANCIAL REPORT



Katie Cassidy

Katie Cassidy
Development Director

God truly showered his abundance on the young mothers we served in 2008! We want to personally thank you for answering His calling and for your dedication and support!

In 2008:

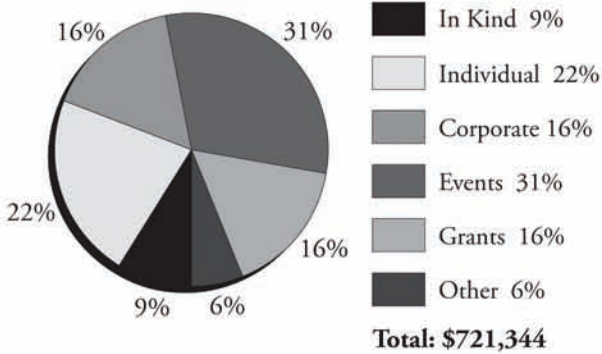
- 833 individuals invested in and financially supported Hope House.
- We received our largest grant to date – a \$50,000 matching grant from Northwest Christian Community Foundation!
- A new event was added, “Hats Off to Hope House,” raising \$67,000!
- An increase in expenses reflects the

completion of the Residential Program, staffed with its own director. We also served more teen moms through the Mentoring and GED pilot programs.

- A \$31,648 profit partially reflects designated funds for medical and vehicle needs.

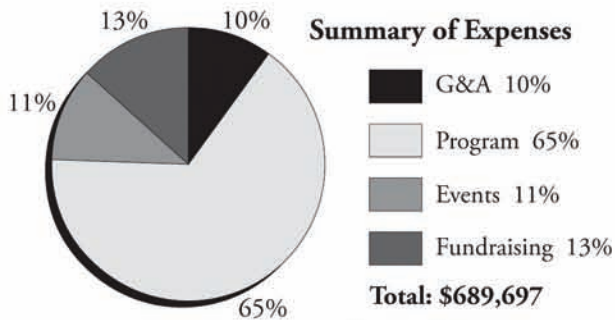
We look forward to what God has in store for so many young mothers this year! Thank you for your continual support!

Summary of Income



Total: \$721,344

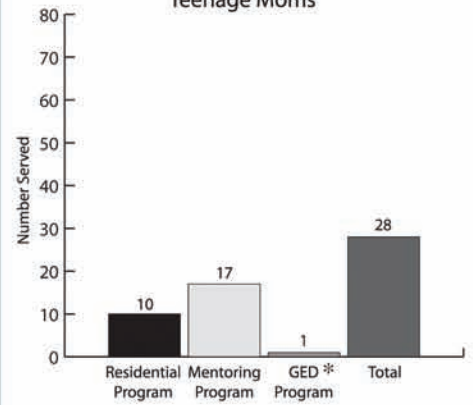
Summary of Expenses



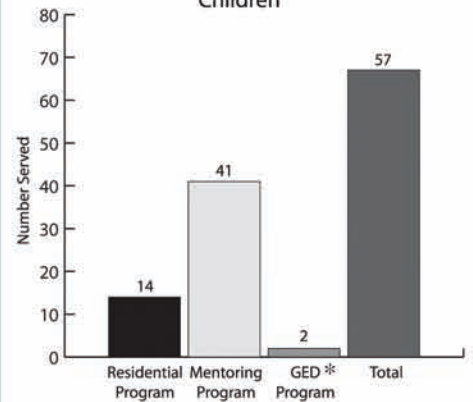
Total: \$689,697

SERVICE REPORT

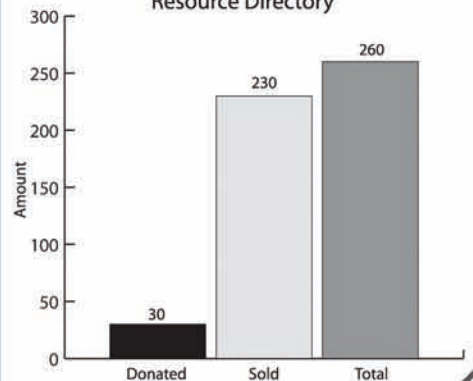
Teenage Moms



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* Pilot GED Program launched November 2008

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Our Vision...

Hope House of Colorado is committed to being the leading organization in the country in empowering teenage moms to become personally and economically self-sufficient.

*Hope for the present, plans for the future,
a promise for eternity...*

“Mission Increase is connected with a large number of ministries and yours stands out as a ministry that God is blessing and working through in tremendous ways. We believe in all that God is doing through your ministry to reach people’s lives and change them forever. In our minds, that is what true ministry is all about. ”

*- Suzanne Dubois
Mission Increase Foundation*