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It is the vision of Hope House to provide teenage mothers with hope...

Hope for the Present: To be safe, to be free from crisis, and to be loved unconditionally.

Plans for the Future: To have access to an education and a career, to have the opportunity to grow as a parent, and to have a reason to believe that their commitment to changing their own life now, will change the lives of their children forever.

A Promise for Eternity: To have the opportunity to learn that God loves them just as they are, that He has plans for their future, and that He offers them eternal hope through His Son, Jesus Christ.



“Not one day will go by in my life without thanking God for Hope House.”

- Olivia, Hope House Graduate



Hope House of Colorado

2007 Annual Report





Hope House is a Christian home for parenting teenage mothers, designed to impact the lives of teen moms and therefore change the lives of their children. We do this by providing a two year self sufficiency program in a safe, structured environment, and by offering each resident the opportunity to build a firm foundation for her life in Jesus Christ.

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Financial Highlights



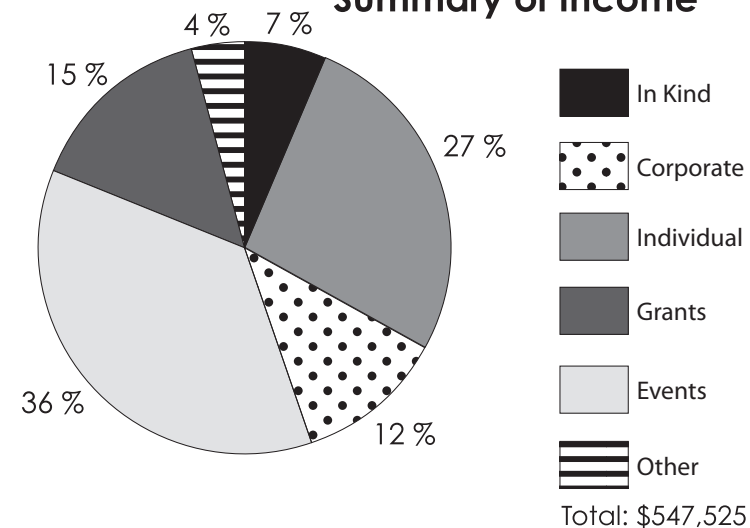
Katie Cassidy joined Hope House as Development Director in August, 2008. Katie brings passion and

energy to her role, and a deep desire for donors to experience God through their giving.

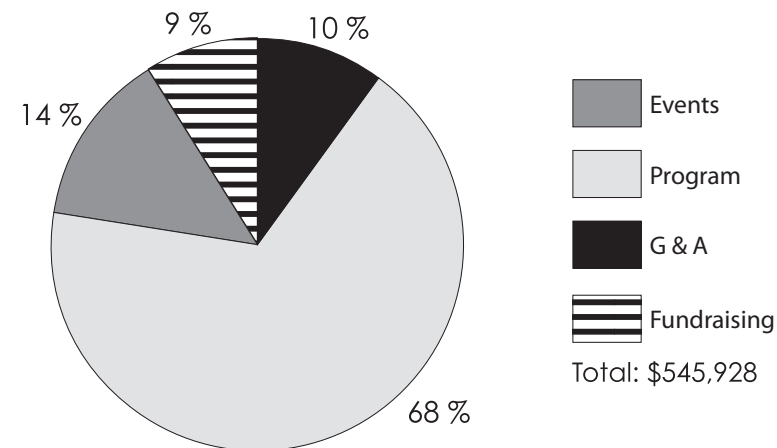
1012 individual donors invested in Hope House in 2007.

Expenses reflect the addition of new Community Programs, including the Resource Directory and Advocacy Program, as well as the new on-site Learning Lab, where four Hope House residents earned GED's in just seven weeks.

Summary of Income



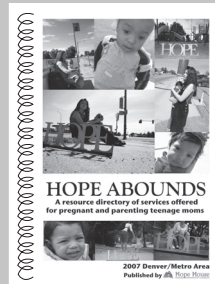
Summary of Expenses



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In January, Hope House Resident, Kharissa, accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior!



In March, we launched our Community Programs with a Metro wide Resource Directory and plans for an Advocacy Program!

American Endowment Foundation
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2007 "Path of Hope" Donors

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 Waterstone Foundation

Design By: Nicole Walters



Coming to Hope House has changed, and saved my life in so many ways. Before I heard about Hope House, I was living in shelters, and had been separated from my son for almost nine months. I had struggled with drug addiction, homelessness and domestic violence, and I was pregnant again at 16. I had almost lost all hope. I felt virtually alone as I battled to complete everything required of me to regain custody of my son. My last task was to find safe housing for myself and my son, but there seemed to be no programs for a parenting teen under 18. Then my social worker told me about Hope House. A meeting with my social worker, my son's social worker, GAL's, counselors and family was held to discuss this option. Everyone decided that this was the best idea, and I was ensured success in my pursuance of my son. Before this option, my future seemed bleak, and my success was questionable.

I owe my life to Hope House, without them I would have lost my son. If I had lost my son, I would have lost the strength to parent my daughter, and I would be back on the streets, probably on drugs, and without hope of a future. **Now I have my son, I have my daughter, I have God, and I have a life!**

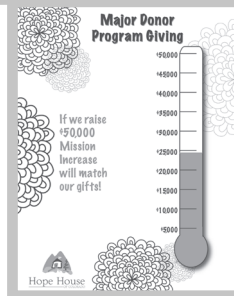
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Hope House Resident

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In August, Rheanna's Fund, a medical fund, was formed in honor of Rheanna, a 12 year old who helped get Alyse and Nadya featured on Channel 4.



In September, Hope House received it's biggest grant ever! A \$50,000 matching grant, on condition we raise \$50,000 by 3-31-08!



Our volunteers have generously committed many hours to assist our residents with the daily tasks of transportation, babysitting, tutoring, etc.

Our residents have truly touched the hearts of volunteers in a “special way” and they are committed to writing personal “Thank you notes” weekly.

The updates for 2007 are:

- Many church groups participated in house improvements both inside and out (staining the deck, interior painting, gardening).
- Our Core Volunteers number approximately 50 and they generously committed over 1,800 hours of service.
- Our residents showed their appreciation by hosting a “Volunteer Appreciation Tea” in October.
- Praise God - Our “Under \$20 Club” participation increased from 47 individuals to 85. Hope House saved \$4,800 on household supplies through the “Under \$20 Club”.
- The “Welcoming Committee” and “The Christmas Committee” were created and volunteers signed up to help with these special events.

Come join us, as we serve together to help our young moms in their walk with Christ! **Thank You for all you do for Hope House.**

Sue Pilon
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Volunteer Coordinator



A Letter from a Volunteer...

“I received the “Thank You” picture. And I wanted to say Thank You Very Much. It's a special picture and I will keep it where I can see it every day. Something deep inside me wishes that I'd like to keep in touch enough to see how all the kids grow.
It is my pleasure and joy to serve God by helping you and the residents when I can.”

Frank Oligmueller,
Hope House Volunteer



The year 2007 was a year of dreaming big dreams for our Community Programs, and building the framework to turn these dreams into reality for hundreds more teen moms in our Denver community!

In May, 2007 Hope House printed a Metro wide Resource Directory listing 230 organizations and services available in the Denver metro area for pregnant or parenting teen moms. Over 200 of these directories have been delivered to individuals and service providers. The reaction to the Directory was so exciting, especially among the medical community! One nurse at Denver Health asked Hope House to speak to her staff, saying she felt that we could bring them light and hope!

The compilation of the Directory led to the discovery of "gaps" in help for young moms. Amazingly, those "gaps" matched the dreams that God had already laid on our hearts! So we set out to fill the gap! By December 2007 the development of our Advocacy Program was completed! This is a structured mentoring program with a curriculum designed to help teen moms meet specific self sufficiency markers with the help of a trained volunteer advocate.

What an exciting year it was, and we are filled with "passion for what is possible" in the coming year!

Shannon Jenkins
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 Community Programs Coordinator

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In October, 19 year old Alex and her 14 month old son Izyiah came to Hope House!



In December, we launched our new Learning Lab allowing residents to get their GED's in 1/3 the time it took at a local college!



In June, we celebrated our first year in our new house at our Birthday bash!



In July, we had our "Golfers For Hope" tournament which raised \$90,000, a phone system for the office, and an Apple laptop for residents in graphic design school!



Lisa Steven
 Lisa Steven
 Executive Director

Hope is...passion for what is possible!

This one phrase truly embodies the deepest belief we hold at Hope House of Colorado, and defines the essence of the year 2007. This was our first full year of operating the Residential Program in our beautiful new home in Arvada, Colorado. 13 teenage mothers and 17 children found safety, love and a second chance at stability within these walls. And outside of the Residential home, we expanded our reach and began laying the foundations for Community Programs that will touch the lives of hundreds more teen mothers and their children. The Resource Directory was printed and distributed, building new networks among service providers all over Denver. The Advocacy Program was developed, a unique, structured mentoring program pairing teen moms in the community with trained volunteers. And the concept for the upcoming GED Learning Lab was born, creating a place for teen moms to work on their GED's while their children receive quality childcare.

Jeremiah 22:16 says, "For you defended the cause of the poor and needy...is that not what it means to know me?"

We truly believe that God has a plan and a promise for every teen mom and her child. It is our passion at Hope House to help them reach that promise. It is also our deepest prayer that each of you will experience God in your life as you join with us in this mission!



Amie Walton
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 Program Director