



Radical Hope

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Hope House of Colorado 2009 Annual Report



What is Hope House?

Hope House of Colorado is a non-profit organization providing hope and stability to parenting teen mothers through several 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 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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CHAMPION REPORT



Serving Hope House and the community has enriched and touched my life in ways I didn't think was possible. Helping the vulnerable spirit of teen moms and their children has done something I didn't expect...It has made me feel better about myself because I feel, in some small way, I'm making a difference in the lives of those who need help and love.

Hope House produces young professional women. **These young ladies are making healthy choices which makes it rewarding to see them develop into caring and loving mothers.** Who wouldn't want to be a part of an amazing organization like this?

- Michele Jenson, Hope House of Colorado Champion

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

I believe that 2009 taught us all that God is bigger than our economy, bigger than our fears, and bigger than I, personally, have ever given Him credit for. He is relevant, He is radical, and He is real. Just like you, Hope House was hard-hit in 2009. In February we made budget cuts of over \$100,000. Layoffs and salary cuts hurt, but due to the sacrificial love of our staff, not one Program was closed. In March we began asking the question that has been our mantra ever since. "What are we doing with what God's already given us?" Our funds might have been low, but our volunteer numbers had gone up over 30%. So when two sweet homeless sisters spent a night freezing in a park, and we didn't have the staff to house them, we turned to our volunteers and asked a hard question. Would you be willing to work for free? Within three weeks we had filled every evening shift with trained volunteer staff. We also began recording our needs, even little ones, in a ledger. Then we'd wait, instead of rushing out to solve the problem ourselves. As the need was met, we'd record how, and the date, in the ledger. One day we recorded that we needed a microwave, and two hours later noted that one had been donated! In February 2009, we were serving 8 teen moms in the Mentoring Program – by December we had served 37. In February we had 5 teen moms in the brand new GED program, and by year end we'd served 17. Best of all, we were able to witness all of our teen moms begin *to come together as a community, emphasizing to us how much they need to be with one another, with us as staff, and with you as their champions.*



Lisa Steven
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Founder and Executive Director

In 2009, we learned that God is unexpected, and creative, and that when we hope in Him, radical things happen!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT



Amie Walton
Amie Walton

Founder and Program Director

What a year! 2009 came with gusto as we faced economic downturn and difficult financial decisions, matched with a marked increase in the need for services for our teenage moms. But even with decreased resources, God moved mightily! **Not only were we able to keep all of our programs intact, we also experienced amazing growth in our programs.** Our staff, mentors and volunteers all came together to meet the needs of our girls, and we did so with great success!

In the Residential Program, we provided seven teen moms and nine children with safe and stable housing. Brittany, one of our residents completed her C.N.A., graduated the Residential Program and is now living independently with her two daughters.

In Mentoring, 37 teen mothers were matched with a mentor who helped them move toward self-sufficiency. Each mom spent an average of four hours per week working with her mentor! We also offered parenting classes, counseling, school uniforms, scholarships and even two vehicles to teen moms in need!

In GED, we were able to offer not only individual tutoring for the GED, but also some childcare, and transportation. By the end of 2009, seventeen teenage moms had earned their GED. Even more amazing, twelve of those moms continued on to further education!

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM REPORT



Tina, Age 17 & Skarlett Age 2
Teen Mother, Residential Program

Last year, in 2009, I couldn't even picture myself here at Hope House and finally succeeding in life. I was broken-hearted and lost all faith in everything: my family, my friends and especially myself. On June 4, 2009 I was homeless and had nothing left. **I slept in a park with my sister and her 3-month-old son.** That night I felt so vulnerable and felt like my life was coming to an end. I started to lose faith in everything, but before I could, an angel took me in her arms and warmed my heart with radical hope. Her name was Lynn Martinez, the Hope House Mentoring Program Manager. On July 14, 2009 Hope House accepted me into the Residential Program.

My life has drastically changed ever since I came to Hope House and opened my heart to God. Now I'm in the best shape ever! I am enrolled in school at Red Rocks Community College. My daughter, Skarlett, just turned two and we now have a roof over our heads. The Residential Program has provided Skarlett and I with many things; clothes, diapers, parenting classes and everything else we need. I have been in the program for almost 7 months, and there's never a day that goes by that I don't ever regret my past. **Now I know that God always walks with me no matter what and when things get hard God carries me.**

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GED PROGRAM REPORT



Patricia, Age 19
Teen Mother, GED Program

The GED program and Hope House of Colorado has impacted my life tremendously. Without either of these opportunities I would not be motivated or able to pursue my education further. I had no confidence in myself when it came to getting my GED. I knew I wouldn't pass, and I wasn't able to afford taking the GED classes offered by the different community colleges. With the GED program, they were able to give me pre-tests and help me with what I needed to work on. This was an amazing experience, and now I will be starting a couple college classes soon-thanks to Hope House of Colorado and the GED program they offer!

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MENTORING PROGRAM REPORT



Amber, Age 17
Teen Mother, Mentoring Program

Ever since I was matched with Sheri, my mentor, I've learned how to trust someone. Sheri has helped me with my kids, education and life. I never knew that someone could be there for someone like Sheri is for me. She helped provide a Christmas for my children, helped me apply online for college and get into Emily Griffith to start taking my CNA classes. I have also seen God work in my life. He has changed me by making me become somebody who is more giving, not selfish, and by opening up my heart. **I am so thankful I have my mentor; I know I can count on her to help when I'm struggling.** It is a blessing from God that I have Hope House because things can get hard at times, and I know I have Hope House to help me.

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Teen Mothers
graduating
from the GED
Program in
September!



Kohl's A-Team
Volunteers
lending a hand
to Hope House
in September!



Three Teen
moms in the
Residential
Program were
baptized in
November!

A teen mom
picking out
some new
clothing at a
boutique for
Hope House!

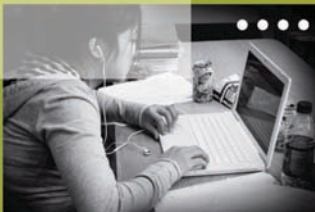


Hope House Teen Moms
and children all together
at Christmas with lots of
gifts to go around!



Lisa Steven
celebrating with
Tabitha, Residential
Program graduate
and guest speaker at
our Annual Gala in
October!

Congratulating
a teen mom,
Naomi, and
her mentor,
Ellen at our
first Mentoring
Celebration!



Anne, a teen
mom in the
Residential
Program,
studying in our
GED Lab!



Teen
moms
learning
how to
Bake with
the help
of a volunteer!

Our first
GED Program
Graduation,
in April, with
8 teen moms
earning their
GED!



Hope House Board Chair, John Scott,
and his wife Laurie, at the Hats Off to
Hope House Event at the Golf Club at
Ravenna in September!

2009



Sue Pilon

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Volunteer Coordinator

Radical Hope - What are we doing with what God's given us?

In 2009, Hope House expanded our community programs to include the GED Lab. We also focused on growing the Mentoring Program, which brought much Hope to teen moms in our community. God moved in a mighty way to provide volunteers with amazing gifts and talents to serve in a variety of new roles, including volunteer staff. It was evident throughout the year that God was filling our financial gaps through dedicated volunteers.

- 67 New volunteers came to serve at Hope House in 2009.
- Volunteers committed to serving more than 2,100 hours to the Hope House ministry. In addition, our GED Lab recorded 420 volunteer hours in tutoring teen moms.
- Our Under \$20 club increased to 120 members. This program saved us approximately \$5,400 in household supplies.
- Volunteers served at the Annual Golf Tournament, The Boutique and The Wassail Gala. They also joined together to make our annual Christmas Party a special event for 49 families.

We are truly blessed to have you serve our teen moms!

"Every time a young mom graduates the program, I think WOW! I helped with that.....It always leaves a special mark on my heart."

***- Dottie, Hope House of Colorado Volunteer
Owner, Dottie's Day care in Arvada***

"The energy at Hope House makes you feel like anything is possible..."

- Lisa, Hope House of Colorado Volunteer

My first experience with Hope House was to help with the silent auction at the annual gala fund-raiser. After seeing the need for the replacement of brick at the new facility four years ago, I coordinated the procurement and laying of new brick. After that I worked on a number of construction projects required for obtaining the occupancy permits at the new facility. It has been my privilege to continue serving with as a maintenance and handyman since that time. I have enjoyed serving and working with the staff and volunteers, and have been able to become a friend to many of the girls who have stayed at Hope House. **This is a hands-on ministry and I thank God for the growth and changes I have observed in the girls as I work at Hope House.** That is the greatest reward for my efforts to keep things repaired and running at the house. I thank all of you who have had a hand in this important ministry and look forward to working with others in the future who have a burden for teen moms.

- Marv, Hope House of Colorado Volunteer

FINANCIAL REPORT

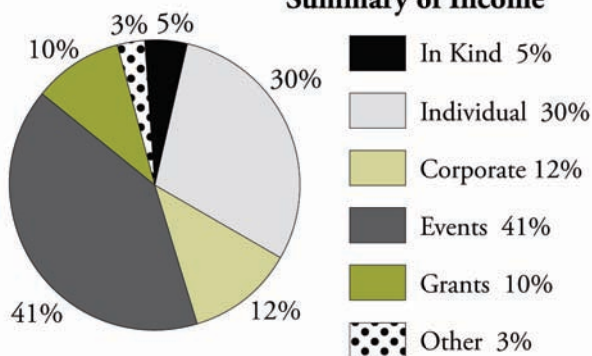


Tena Thwaites
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Finance Director

In 2009:

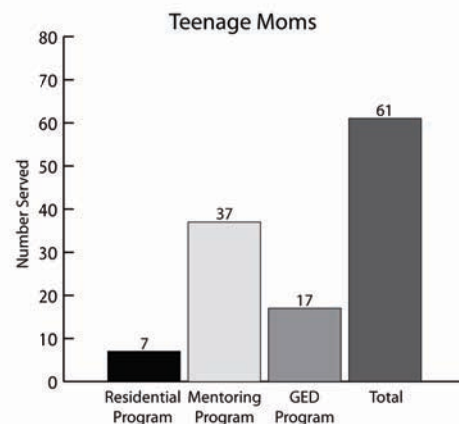
- 901 donors invested in and financially supported Hope House. This reflects a 10% increase over prior year.
- Donations made by individuals alone increased nearly 23% during the course of the year.
- Fund-raising events continued to deliver net results comparable to prior years despite the challenging economy.
- A 4%, or \$25,187, reduction in total expenditures resulted primarily from G&A and program related efficiencies.

Summary of Income

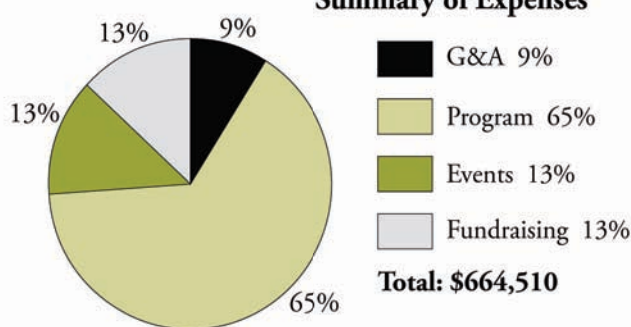


Total: \$670,899

SERVICE REPORT



Summary of Expenses



Total: \$664,510

2009 Champions of Hope House

Anthony & Marilyn Vecchiarelli
Arvada Covenant Church
Bill Maul & Jill Meer
Brian & Christine Bess
Broomfield United Methodist Church
Building Operators Association
Chris & Sue King
Christ Community Covenant Church
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Dale & Lindy Schossow
Dana Davison
Darden Coors
Darin & Liz Schanker
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David & Lisa Johnson
Dennis & Sandy Cirbo
Denver Wire Rope & Supply
Doug & Terrie Ideker
Eric Head & Shelley Magness
FirstBank Lakewood

Gary & Deb Tedder
Glenn & Susie Jacks
Greg & Sue Stevinson
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Spirit of Christ Catholic Community
Steve & Kathy Thweatt
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Hope House



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



"One of the young mothers told me her own mother let her do anything and she was now realizing that when you REALLY care, you set boundaries and DON'T let your children have free reign. I was so touched by her commitment to being a better parent to her child, I had to get involved."

- Connie, Hope House of Colorado Volunteer

**"In the 6 county Metro area,
3,655 babies were born to teen
moms, in 2008."**

**-Colorado Department of
Public Health &
Environment**

Our Mission...

**Hope House of Colorado empowers
parenting teenage moms to strive for
personal and economic self-sufficiency and
to understand their significance in God's
sight, resulting in a healthy future for
them, and for their children.**

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