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...transforming the lives of teen moms and our community  
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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 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



**Hope is a great word.** By definition, it is a feeling or desire for things to turn out for the better. We all hope for things like good weather, good health, and good fortune. However, hope in and of itself is nothing more than a word, unless it is coupled with action. We'd never hope for something that we didn't put our time, talent and resources into. As a family, we wanted to see hope become a reality for teen moms and their children, so investing in the work of Hope House was the perfect way to ensure that happened. Meeting young moms like Anne, Tina, and Danielle who recently moved into their first apartments, was a true testament to the work of Hope House. Yes, hope is a great word-but it is nothing more than a word without the work of Hope House and the contributions each of us makes toward transforming lives.

*- Sharon Fons, Hope House of Colorado Champion*

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

*It was exciting to be a part of the organizational growth at Hope House in 2010! In August the Director of Mirembe House a home for teen moms in Uganda, came for a visit, and shared how our partnership with them had blessed their ministry. In September we were invited to Northampton, MA by the Mt Pleasant Fund, for an expense paid trip to meet two other organizations serving teen moms. The meeting was the catalyst for what will possibly become a national partnership opportunity!*



*Lisa Steven*  
Lisa Steven

Founder and Executive Director

In 2010 Hope House also set organizational goals to build financial stability and improve our financial structures. Our Finance Director led the way in implementing financial planning and forecasting models, and implementing a new chart of accounts. Our Development Team designed a plan for increasing our income by one third over the next two years. Most amazing of all was watching God bless our efforts to create a transformational giving culture at Hope House. We have been blessed to come alongside our champions as they experienced God through their giving.

*The most important thing we learned in 2010 is that God has a bigger vision than we can ever have! He showed us that He desires not only to change the lives of our teen moms, but to transform the lives of every person who becomes a part of our Hope House community – teen moms, staff and champions alike!*



*Amie Walton*  
Amie Walton

Founder and Program Director

2010 was a Year of TRANSFORMATION at Hope House! One major goal this year was to create community among our young moms. We noticed that Sam and Aerial formed a friendship while in Parenting Class together – the first healthy friendship either one could remember! This led us to create many more opportunities for our girls to connect with one another. We have been privileged to watch 91 teen moms grow and mature as moms, and as young women, during 2010. **Your support of our beautiful moms and babies led to true transformation that will last far beyond 2010!**

- 30 teen moms attended our Nurturing Parents class, and ALL of them showed improvement in post-class test scores. (Thank you, Buell Foundation!)
- We had TWO graduations from the Residential Program – Danielle and Anne both left Hope House with further education accomplishments, stable jobs, and truly transformed hearts.
- 37 teen moms attended our GED Program, and 29 graduated with a GED! 70% of our graduates went on to further education!
- 34 teen mothers moved toward self sufficiency with the help of a mentor, through our Mentoring Program!
- 143 crisis calls from teen mothers and service providers received referrals.
- In 2010 we brought teen moms together through Pizza Lunches, Life Skills classes, Picnics and a Halloween Party. 50 teen moms and their children attended the annual Christmas party – the longest line to Santa we've ever had!

## RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM REPORT

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Raven, Age 17 & Serenity, Age 1  
**Teen Mother, Residential Program**

*“...I have changed.”*

Being at Hope House means having responsibilities such as having chores, cooking meals, going to school, attending parenting classes, having a bed time, and many other rules, responsibilities, and expectations. It also means being able to take care of ourselves and our children on our own when it's our time to leave. Hope House also helps us find God and believe in ourselves. In the last three months I have been here, I have changed. I've become a better person and a better parent in such a small amount of time, and I will only grow more, which is exciting. I've been able to accept that I have things to take care of on my own, and that I will not always have people to depend on in my life and it's all thanks to Hope House. I have also been able to accept the things that have happened in my past and not let the negative hold me back, but push me forward for what I want for my daughter and I. All these things are because of being at Hope House.

## GED PROGRAM REPORT

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DeAndrea, Age 19 & DannLanae, Age 1  
**Teen Mother, GED Program**

*“...Hope House has transformed my life in so many ways.”*

The GED program at Hope House has transformed my life in so many ways. First, the tutors were always there to help me if I didn't understand something. It was always one on one teaching so it made me stronger in learning. Second, it made me love to read, something that I wasn't good at in high school. Third, I am able to look for a job now, without worrying that I don't have my GED. It took me 6 months and 9 tries to pass the GED test. So it taught me to never give up on myself and to keep on trying for something that I want. It's something that I am proud of doing and that I did on my own. My GED is one step closer to helping me achieve my goals as a mother. So thank you Hope House for this wonderful achievement.

## MENTORING PROGRAM REPORT

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Patricia, Age 20 & Kayla, Age 2  
**Teen Mother, Mentoring Program**

*“A mentor is like having a coach, friend and a fan.”*

The Mentoring Program at Hope House of Colorado has truly been a gift sent by God. A mentor is like having a coach, friend and a fan. A coach because they teach you, push you and want you to succeed in life. A friend because they are there for you out of the goodness of their heart and you can tell them anything without judgment. A fan because they cheer you on along the way-you and your precious child. They love and want to see you do well. Being in the Mentoring Program has been nothing but a positive experience and a privilege. It has changed my life, and by doing that, it has changed my child's life. One day, I will give the way Hope House has given to me. It has been one of the greatest things to have ever happen to me.

## PARENTING REPORT

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Tia, Age 17  
**Teen Mother, Parenting Classes**

*“It made me feel like I wasn't by myself.”*

Being a part of the Hope House Parenting Class helped me become a better parent. I learned to be confident that I could take care of my child. I learned some ways to work with my child like reading a book to him, to calm him down, sing songs and play with him to change his mood. It also helped me to hear how other moms take care of their babies, how they react, and the different things they do with their child. It made me feel like I wasn't by myself.

# 2010



Hope House kiddos smiling for Santa at our annual Christmas Party!



Teen moms and their mentors gather together for a Mentoring Picnic in August!



Comedian Ken Davis, with 4 teen moms from the Residential Program at our Comedy Night in March!

Hope House kiddos reuniting at Anne's Residential Program Graduation!



Teen moms and kiddos from all of our programs gather together for a halloween party in October!

Teen moms enjoying a meal together before Movie Night!



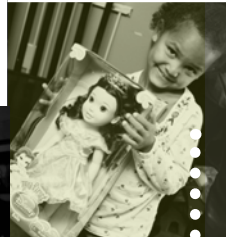
7 Teen moms graduating at one of our many Hope House GED Program graduations!



4 Teen Moms pose for a picture at our Annual Hope House Gala in November!



Lisa Johnson, her daughters Gracie & Annie, & Jane Freking of "JF Design" decorate a room at Hope House!



Aukila showing off her gift from the "In the Zone" Motorcycle Christmas Party!



Our Parenting Educator posing with a teen mom at a parenting class graduation in August!



Hope House staff celebrating Danielle's graduation from the Residential Program in October!



Kids dress up at our Family Fun Night in Feb!

Hope House received a \$25,000 dollar office makeover from Office Liquidators!





*Sue Pilon*

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**Volunteer Coordinator**

*“Hope House is a place of healing, even for your volunteers.”*

*- Joleen, Hope House of Colorado Volunteer*

*“I could hardly sleep last night I was so excited to come and volunteer at Hope House!”*

*- Pam, Hope House of Colorado Volunteer*

### *Transformational Hope...*

God is not only transforming the lives of our teen moms and their babies, but also the lives of the Hope House of Colorado community. **Please read our champion's perspective of what it is like to be a part of the Hope House community...**

“I got on-line, filled out a Volunteer Application and before I knew it I got a call from Sue, the Volunteer Coordinator. She was so pleased to get my application and looking forward to an interview with me. As I entered the home I was overcome with delight and gratitude from Sue and the staff. As I was given the tour of the home I was in awe at what this organization was doing for these young moms. I was looking forward to being a part of this in whatever capacity I could be.

I now help in the office once a week, doing whatever tasks they ask of me. Every week when I walk into the home I feel pleasure, joy, fulfillment and am blessed that I am part of such a great organization that takes pride and dedication in helping these young moms.

Trust, commitment, respect, love, happiness, structured life-style, parenting, hope and faith in God is just a start of what these moms come away with.

This has been such a positive step for me in my life. Never have I known what a non-profit organization goes through with getting donations, whether it be items of possessions or monetary. Everyone here is so appreciative of everything that comes through the door (and in the mail) and everyone works hard to receive every one of these items.

**What does Hope House mean to me? It means Love.**

**Being a volunteer at Hope House I am blessed with seeing and feeling the overwhelming fulfillment of Love that comes within the walls of this home.”**

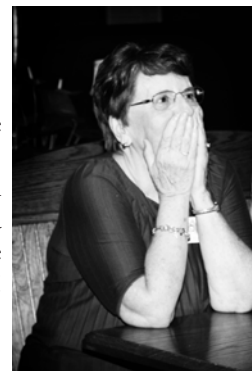
*- Pam, Hope House of Colorado Volunteer*

### *What happened this year:*

- 2010 brought us **38 new volunteers** with many talents increasing our volunteers to 152!
- Volunteers served more than 3,000 hours. **The GED tutors volunteered over 800 hours!**
- With more than 100 volunteers participating in the Under \$20 club **we saved approximately \$5,200 in household supplies!**

**Denver Wire Rope & Supply** has been partnering with Hope House for the past 7 years, helping 225 teen mothers reach their goals in building stable lives for their children. They have also been our title sponsor at our Annual Gala since 2005. **THANK YOU, Denver Wire Rope family, for helping so many teen moms in their journeys to building better lives for their children!**

Denver Wire Rope has been in the construction supply and wire rope business for 26 years. Denver Wire Rope is a family owned business which was started in 1984 to offer a source for domestic wire rope and lifting products. Their many products include wire rope, chain, nylon slings, hoists and related hardware for the construction and mining business.



Betty, Hope House Volunteer, is overwhelmed when receiving a Volunteer of the Year Award!



A group of volunteers helping out by deep cleaning the House!

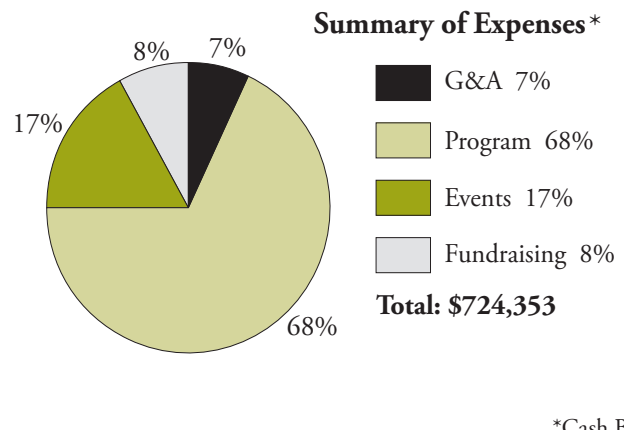
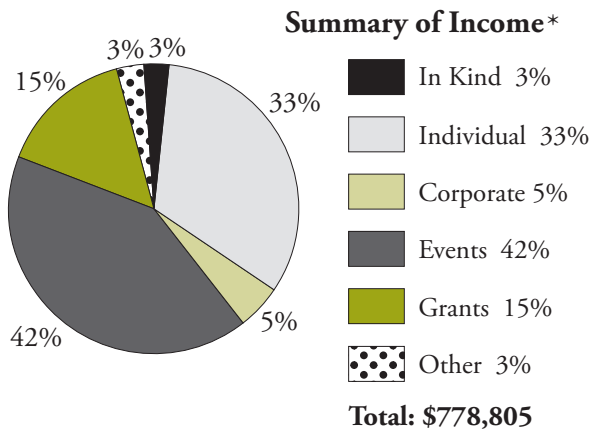
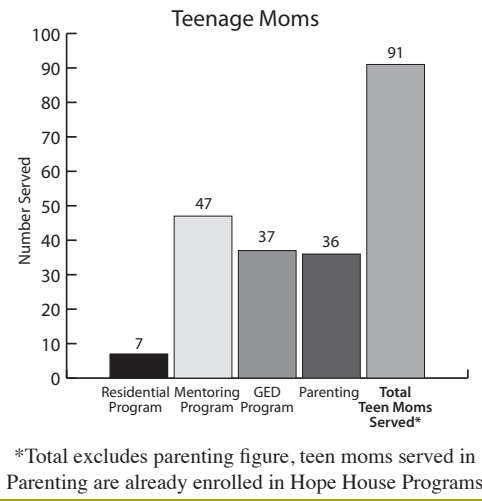


*Tena Thwaites*

Tena Thwaites  
**Finance Director**

**In 2010:**

- 835 donors invested in Hope House.
- Donations made by individuals increased by 28% during 2010.
- Fund-raising events continued to deliver improved results with net profits from events increasing 11% in 2010.
- Grant income increased 77% in 2010.
- A 5%, or \$36,119, reduction in G&A and fundraising related expenditures resulted from disciplined spending in each of these two areas.



\*Cash Basis Results

# 2010

## Major Champions (\$5,000 and above)

- Bess, Brian & Christine
- Allen, Rick & Kristi
- Bloss, Dr. Michael & Kimberly
- Cedrus
- Christ Community Covenant Church
- Comfort Dental
- Cunningham, Mike & Margaret
- Davison, Dana
- Denver Wire Rope & Supply
- DPC Development Company and Chris & Sandy King
- Encore Energy
- Fawcett, Lee & Jackie
- FirstBank Lakewood
- Flinn, David and Pamela

- Fons, Randy & Sharon
- Gardner, Wes & Allyson
- Gubanich, Ed & Carol
- Houglund, Sam & Stacy
- Ideker, Gene (Gifts in memory of)
- Johnson, David & Lisa
- Kushner, Dr. Rick & Cindy
- Leprino, Terry
- Lundquist Associates and Hap & Judi Lundquist
- Magness, Shelley & Eric Head
- Schossow, Dale & Lindy
- SEI Investments
- Silverstein, Mark & Sarah
- Smith, Janie & Denver Sanitary Company in loving memory of Syd
- Unlimited Storage, LLC
- Vecchiarelli, Anthony & Marilyn
- Vecchiarelli, Dan & Gina
- Vecchiarelli, Tony & Tanya

## Foundations & Grants

- Anschutz Family Foundation
- Anschutz Foundation
- Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund
- CoBiz Cares Foundation
- Coors Foundation
- Fred & Jean Allegretti Foundation
- Ideker Family Foundation
- JJJ Foundation
- Louis & Harold Price Foundation
- Mission Increase Foundation
- Mt Pleasant Fund
- New Early Christian Church Charities
- Out of the Box Foundation
- Pete Morgan Foundation
- Rolling Hills Country Club Foundation
- Spirit of Christ Catholic Community
- Stonehocker Family Foundation
- Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation
- The Robert W & Susan T Brown Family Foundation
- Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Youth Group
- Walmart

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



*“I am once again, so impressed with the scope of the evaluation work you do at Hope House. I appreciate the deliberate thinking you and your team do in regards to reevaluating pieces and parts of each program so that the residents and other teen moms are achieving their goals.”*

*- Whitney, Anschutz Family Foundation*

“Eighteen babies are born each day to teens in Colorado- or approximately one baby born every hour and a half.”

**-Colorado Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Prevention**

### **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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