



HOPE  HOUSE
OF COLORADO

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

EMPOWERING
TEEN MOMS
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DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Thanks to the generous support of our Champions, Hope House increased the number of teen moms served in 2014. We call you our "Champions" because you champion our cause and promote us to your friends and family! A "donor" doesn't quite sum up the support you gave our teen moms last year:

300

CHAMPIONS ATTENDED OUR FIRST BREW & STEW AND OVER

150

RAN IN OUR 5K DERBY DASH!



550

CHAMPIONS CHEERED ON OUR TEEN MOMS AT OUR 14TH ANNUAL GALA, MAKING IT THE BIGGEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL TO DATE!



COLORADO GOLF CLUB HOSTED

100

GOLFERS AT OUR 10TH ANNUAL HOPE HOUSE CLASSIC.



16 FOUNDATIONS GRANTED US

\$101,000



50+ CHAMPIONS RAISED

\$55,000

THROUGH THEIR OWN EVENTS LIKE POKER RUNS, BAKE SALES & GIFT CARD DRIVES. A FANTASY FOOTBALL TEAM DONATED THEIR WINNINGS!

BY THE END OF THE YEAR, OVER 1,000 CHAMPIONS HAD HELPED US RAISE MORE THAN

\$1 MILLION!



An amazing group of teenagers from the Jr. Foundation at Rolling Hills hosted several events for us, raising \$10,000 - including my favorite, the Ducky Derby! Their advisor Jim Dascalos said it best: "This group rose to a heightened level of service this year because they identified with the mission of Hope House."

So thank you, Hope House Champions. You're family to us!

Lisa Schlarbaum

Director of Development

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



I was 14 when I started drinking and doing drugs. I was sent to an unlicensed facility that was eventually closed. After getting out, I was out of control and soon was pregnant. I was scared to death. After my son was born, I found Hope House, and I couldn't believe I'd finally found a place to belong. -Kyra, teen mom

Our young moms often feel judged, discouraged and even hopeless. The moment they walk into our Residential home or our Resource Center, they know they've found a safe, warm, welcoming community that believes in them. This reality defined our focus in 2014: build community while expanding opportunities for teen moms to move toward self-sufficiency.

In January, the federal government privatized the national GED program, making it more expensive and much more difficult. Dedicated to our girls' success, we made many adjustments, such as quadrupling our number of tutors and adding a day of instruction to the weekly schedule.

We successfully launched our new Early Learning Program in February, providing 87 children with language development lessons while their moms attended our GED, College & Career, Parenting and Healthy Relationship classes.

I am proud to announce that last summer we initiated a Leadership Program for Hope House graduates because so many of these young women want a formal way to give back, whether hosting fundraisers or mentoring younger teen moms.

In December, we took the final steps to complete the purchase of the property that surrounds our Residential home in Arvada. This is vital in launching a capital campaign to build a new 7,500 square foot Resource Center and a 5,000 square foot Early Learning Center.

By the end of 2014, Hope House had empowered 134 teen moms to grow and learn while also finding a community – a family – a place to belong.

Kyra and little Blake are now living safely with her parents while she completes her first year of college – which she proudly points out she started a year early!

TEEN MOMS SERVED BY PROGRAM:



Lisa Steven
Founder and Executive Director

**includes graduates*



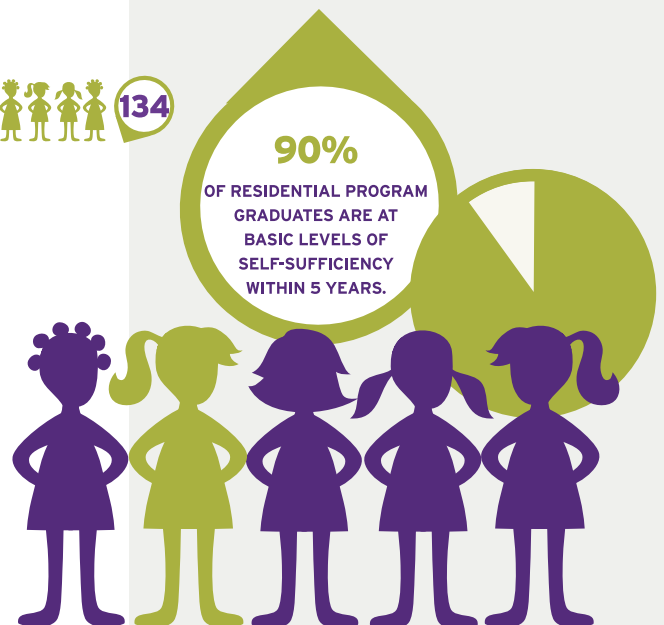
RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

This year we made some changes to the Residential Program, making it possible for our teen moms to graduate more quickly. We also revised the healthy relationships component of our program, leading to increased conversations with our residents about their relationships with young men and what they want them to look like in the future. I am happy to report that these new initiatives are creating a stronger learning environment for our residents.



We are also very proud of our 2014 graduates, Alondra and Kendra. Alondra is now busy working on her nursing degree after earning a full scholarship. Kendra is working as a Para Teacher and is enjoying married life with her husband Ross and their son Talon.

Renee Post
Residential Program Manager





I could never have completed the GED without the support of Hope House tutors who helped me through the most difficult test I have ever taken!

-Karina, GED Graduate
who took a 3-hour bus ride with her baby each way to Hope House several times a week.



Parenting was one of my favorite classes at Hope House. It has made me more comfortable in sticky situations with all the questions I get from my four-year-old.

-Robyn, Teen Mom



I never thought I would be one of those people who goes to college! I always thought I wasn't smart enough. I can't believe I'm going!

-Erstina, Teen Mom

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

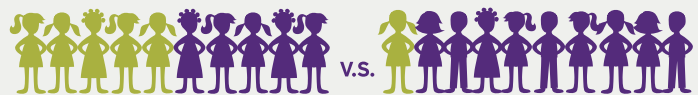
2014 was an exciting year for our Community Program as we grew in terms of how many teen moms we served as well as program expansion. One of the most important changes was the launch of our new Early Learning Program, providing free, quality childcare that focuses on language development for the children of our teen moms.



We also hired a Family Advocate to provide crisis and basic needs assistance for teen moms in the Community Program. These additions effectively removed significant barriers for our teen moms, making it easier for them to accomplish their goals. This also led to an overall increase in participation in all of our programs, which are highlighted below:

GED

The federal government privatized the GED last year, and the new material is much more rigorous. We responded by adding more hours of instruction in our GED Lab and increasing our volunteer tutors from 8 to 30. We also created new teaching aids for our tutors as well as take-home learning materials. For some teen moms, the new GED curriculum proved to be too difficult, which led to our collaboration with an online high school. I am proud to say our teen moms persevered to complete their educational goals, a vital step toward self-sufficiency.



48% OF HOPE HOUSE GED GRADUATES ATTEND ONE OR MORE SEMESTERS OF COLLEGE - THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS 11%

Parenting

When it comes to parenting, the topics are countless. Last year we offered 78 parenting classes, activities and discussion groups to address more of these topics – including specific topics requested by our teen moms. Lunch Bunch and Moms Night Out classes brought in record numbers, and we added classes to help moms learn about the specific age and developmental stage of their child. Field trips were a fun addition to the Parenting Program. Our teen moms and their children enjoyed visiting many sites such as the Butterfly Pavilion and the public library for story time.

Healthy Relationships

2014 was a year of innovation. For example, we invited couples to lead group discussions with some of our married teen couples, and it was wonderful to see the teen dads respond to the male speakers and express a genuine desire to create healthy relationships. We also began collaborating with a faith-based counseling center and referred many couples there. Our *Story of Hope* classes continued to run strong, with our teen moms showing high engagement and increased knowledge of healthy relationships skills. We are also excited to report that graduates are beginning to return to help lead classes or request counseling for themselves or play therapy for their children, indicating a mature level of awareness of their own emotional health.

College & Career Support

Entering its second year, this program is proving to be vital in helping our GED graduates stay on the road to self-sufficiency. We worked hard to help our teen moms complete college applications, see advisors, tour campuses, and schedule their classes. We are proud to report that we helped 12 teen moms gain acceptance into college! Once they started class, each girl regularly came to our Learning Lab for individual tutoring and support. We are even more proud to say that all 12 moms successfully finished their first semester of college. We also offered Job Readiness classes and job fairs and successfully helped 11 of our teen moms find employment through our Career Partner Program.

Jenny Macias

Community Program Manager

100% OF TEEN MOMS SUCCESSFULLY FINISHED THEIR FIRST SEMESTER OF COLLEGE



EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

He kept picking out a book, climbing on my lap and asking me to "Read! Read!"

This is a perfect picture of what is happening in our new Early Learning Program. Earlier this year, you answered our call to action to support this program so that we could expand our hours and serve more children on our wait list, and **we are excited to announce that we served 87 kids in our first year of operation!**

Childcare is a common barrier to self-sufficiency. Removing this obstacle is critical to our teen moms' success. Just as important, we are providing the children of our teen moms with their first educational experience. We are utilizing the *Creative Curriculum* to promote literacy, and we offer free books for kids to take home after each session. We use open dialogue to build language acquisition and provide S.T.E.M.-based activities. The kids also learn about God's creation and his love for all children, while experiencing a safe, welcoming environment that promotes social-emotional growth.

All of these components lay important groundwork for further learning and a successful future for the little ones of our teen moms. **Hope House is now having an impact on two generations!**

**KIDS SERVED
IN EARLY LEARNING
PROGRAM**



**TOTAL KIDS
SERVED**



VOLUNTEER REPORT



We LOVE our wonderful volunteers who constantly amaze us with their generosity. We were able to meet many needs in 2014 because they stuffed envelopes, provided childcare, mentored, cleaned, mowed and planned events... to name just a few tasks. Last year 245 volunteers gave 8,562 hours

of time to Hope House, which is valued at \$189,306.00. To our staff and teen moms, this is PRICELESS!

We need volunteers who can provide office support, childcare, meals, and tutoring in our Learning Lab. For a complete list of opportunities, please visit our website and discover how you can make a difference in the lives of our teen moms and their children!

Jennifer Cerf
Volunteer Coordinator

Diane Rowe was the first recipient of our Marv Giddings Extraordinary Fundraising Award.

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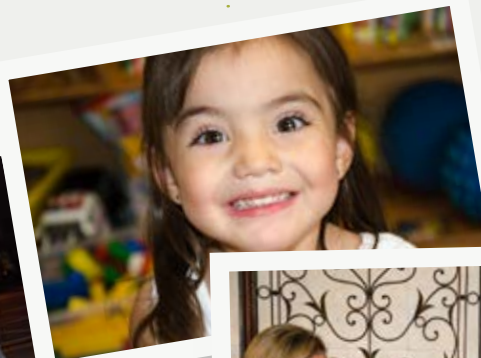
11 TEEN MOMS
BECAME PART OF OUR
CAREER PARTNER
PROGRAM



2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Introducing our new Early Learning Program that served 87 kids!

We love celebrating with our GED Graduates!



2 teen moms successfully graduated from our Residential Program.

Our Founder and Executive Director, Lisa Steven, was named the Arvada Woman of the Year.



Our 10th annual Hope House Classic is always a hit.



Local businesses turned out to support our teen moms seeking employment at our Career Fair.



Our Christmas Party was a night to remember for 67 teen moms and their kids!



It was a beautiful morning for our First Annual Hope House Derby Dash 5K.



Our teen moms sparkled at our 13th Annual Gala.



Volunteers make our Learning Lab a place where our teen moms succeed!

Over 300 people showed up to our first annual Brew & Stew.

FINANCE & OPERATIONS



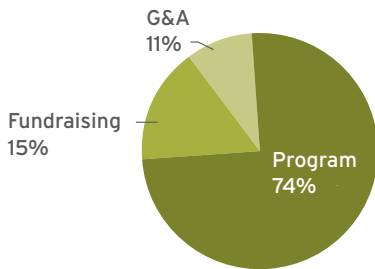
2014 was a year of transition and preparation, and we are optimistic that those who joined Hope House in 2014 bring strong skills to the organization and will provide a platform for the growth needed to pursue the building campaign and increase the number of teen moms served. Efforts in 2014 have positioned us to improve business and program delivery processes, which will help us be more effective in 2015 and beyond.

We enter 2015 poised to take on the challenges of building our new facility while also sustaining and growing our programs, evaluating our effectiveness, and measuring our financial and programmatic results.

Gail Strobel

Director of Finance & Operations

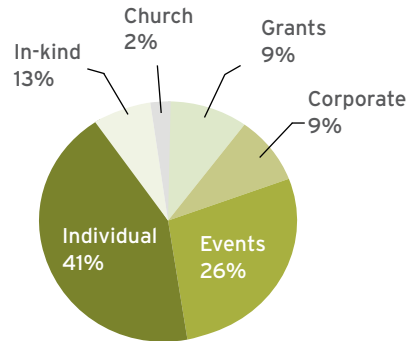
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES*



Total: \$1,035,137*

*Unaudited

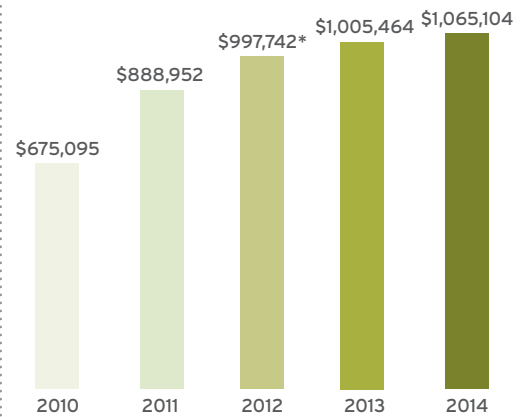
SUMMARY OF INCOME*



Total: \$1,065,104*

Includes In-Kind \$144,739

5-YEAR SUPPORT HISTORY



*Includes a restricted gift for land purchase in the amount of \$215,000.

MAJOR CHAMPIONS (\$5,000 AND ABOVE)

American West Construction
Bess Family
Bill & Donna Wehner
Broomfield United Methodist Church
Cedrus Financial
Chuck Latham Associates, Inc.
David & Doris VanValkenburg
Denver Wire Rope & Supply
Dr. Michael & Kimberly Bloss
Eric & Lindsay Bernum
Eric Head & Shelley Magness

Grandma's Frozen Noodles
Hap & Judi Lundquist
Ideker Family Foundation
Iron Mountain
Jeff & Dena Kemp
Jim & Kay Burke
Joe & Gail Coors
King of Kings Construction
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Mike & Margaret Cunningham
Nick & Teresa Ryan

Paul & Melissa Snyder
Prime Trailer Leasing
Randy & Sharon Fons
Red Rocks Community Church
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Rocky Mountain Pavement
Sam & Stacy Houglund
Someone Cares Charitable Trust
Steve & Paula Reynolds
Terry Leprino

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Citywide Banks
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Denver Active 20-30 Children's Foundation
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All New Monthly Donors Matched up to \$1,000 in 2015

Have you thought about giving monthly to Hope House by joining our Bedrock Builders Program? This is a great time to take that step because an anonymous donor will match all new (and increased) monthly gifts in 2015, up to \$1,000. For example, if you sign up to give to Hope House at \$50 a month, your monthly gift will become \$100 a month for the entire year.

Our goal is to maximize this match, helping us to serve more teen moms and kids in 2015 than ever before. You can help by signing up at one of the levels listed below -- if we can get every slot filled, we will maximize the match!

WE NEED

2 NEW AT	+	2 NEW AT	+	5 NEW AT	+	16 NEW AT
\$100		\$75		\$50		\$25
PER MONTH BEDROCK BUILDERS		PER MONTH BEDROCK BUILDERS		PER MONTH BEDROCK BUILDERS		PER MONTH BEDROCK BUILDERS



For more information, see our website, click on *Get Involved*, and scroll down to the *Bedrock Builders* button. Or contact Sarah Nagel at sarah@hopehouseofcolorado.org or 303.429.1012, ext. 237.

