

HOPE  HOUSE
OF COLORADO

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

EMPOWERING
TEEN MOMS





DEVELOPMENT REPORT

This past year more than 1,100 Hope House Champions came together to raise funds, allowing us to serve a record-breaking 380 teen moms and children combined. This is the most we have ever served, and we could not have done it without your support! During this same time, the Champions closest to us raised almost HALF of the total cost of our new Resource Center. We had a fast-paced, crazy, blessed 2015, and I can't wait to see what God is going to do in 2016.

OUR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RAISED OVER **\$75,000!** IN EVENT SPONSORSHIPS, FUNDRAISERS AND DONATED SERVICES!



WE RAISED **\$100,000** DURING 2015 COLORADO GIVES DAY

OVER **500** CHAMPIONS ATTENDED OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL GALA, RAISING ALMOST **\$300,000!**

BY THE END OF THE YEAR, OVER **1,100** CHAMPIONS HAD HELPED US RAISE MORE THAN **\$1,300,000!**

50+ CHAMPIONS RAISED **\$47,000** THROUGH EVENTS LIKE POKER RUNS, HAPPY HOURS AND CHURCH DINNERS



137 MONTHLY BEDROCK BUILDERS GAVE **\$105,000** NEARLY 10% OF OUR BUDGET!



I am always amazed by what our Champions are willing to do for us. Robyn Balsley, a member of our Development Committee of the Board, ran the NYC Marathon, raising over \$4,500 for our girls. She said, **"When I think of these girls and all the obstacles they have overcome to make a better life for themselves and their children, I am SO inspired!"**

So again, thank you Hope House Champions! We couldn't do what we do without you!

Lisa Schlarbaum
Director of Development

HOPE HOUSE OF COLORADO STAFF MEMBERS

Founder & Executive Director
Lisa Steven

Director of Development
Lisa Schlarbaum

Director of Finance & Operations
Gail Strobel

Residential Program Manager
Renee Post

Community Program Manager
Jenny Macias

GED Coordinator
Ashley Seastone

College & Career Coordinator
Jamie Barnes

Early Learning Coordinator
Mria Gamble

Parent Educator
Melinda Smith

Counselor & Healthy Relationships Coordinator
Trisha Daly

Volunteer Coordinator
Jennifer Cerf

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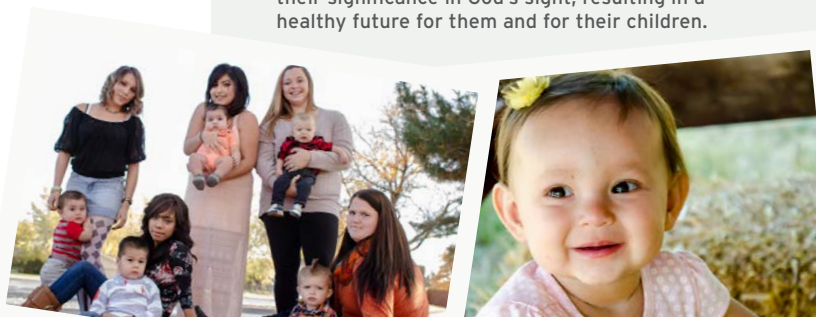
John Tellis

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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



As you will see below, 2015 was a big year for Hope House. Many exciting events throughout the year served to fuel our passion to provide our teen moms with expanded opportunities to work toward self-sufficiency AND advocate for them.

Early in the year Hope House and Florence Crittenton Services **co-founded a statewide collaborative of organizations working with teen parents.** The goal is to advocate for the removal of any barrier to self-sufficiency and provide a "one stop resource shop."

In April Hope House was the **beneficiary of the CoBiz Financial BizBash**, an annual concert that benefits two nonprofits. The proceeds allowed Hope House to finally purchase (and wrap!) two vans to provide transportation to GED and other classes!

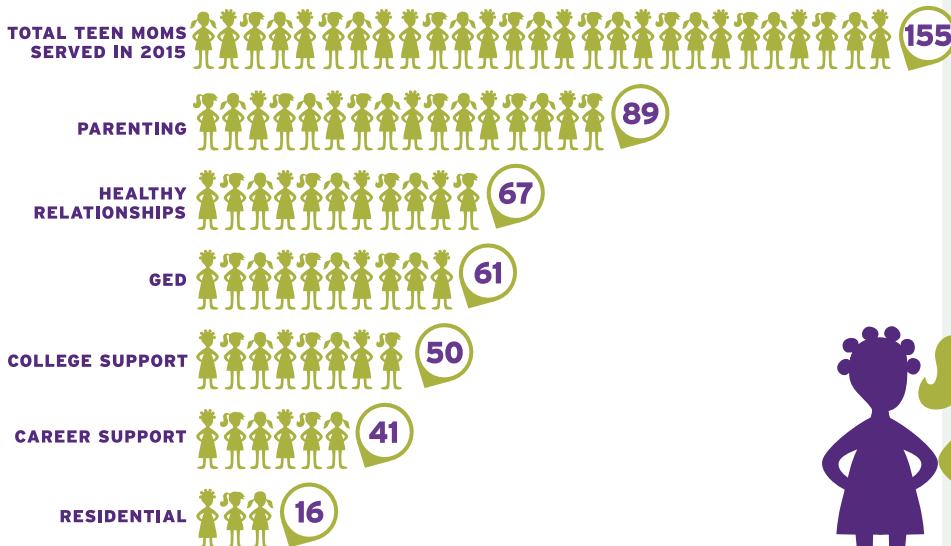
In June **Hope House joined a GED Task Force**, hosted by the Colorado Center on Law & Policy, and **successfully advocated with the State Board of Education to allow choice in high school equivalency tests in Colorado.** Their decision came after Hope House testimony about driving our teen moms to Wyoming to take a test version not available in Colorado.

During the Fall we learned that after several years of applying, we were invited to host our **2016 golf tournament at The Sanctuary!**

Most exciting of all, **Hope House was awarded the Governor's Service Award for Outstanding Nonprofit Organization** in the state of Colorado! This award is a humbling recognition of the work that Hope House and our amazing volunteers do as we walk alongside our teen moms on their journey to self-sufficiency.



TEEN MOMS SERVED BY PROGRAM:



Lisa Steven
Founder and Executive Director



RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

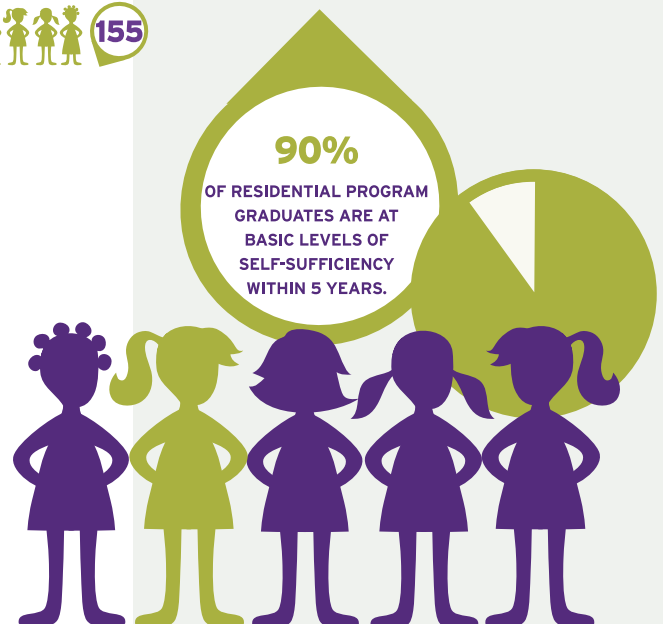
The Residential Program offers a safe place for teen moms to live while helping them grow in multiple areas. An impressive 90 percent of graduates are at basic levels of self-sufficiency.



In 2015 Danielle, Kelsey and Ariel successfully graduated from the program. Each of these girls worked hard to get where they are today and will continue to grow through our Graduate Program.

Zayra, a 2013 graduate, grew tremendously this year as she continued to learn what is healthy for her and her daughter Alexa. She found a new, full-time job as a lead teacher in an early childhood center and now lives in a townhouse close to Hope House. She is also becoming an excellent leader to our current teen moms. This is what Hope House is all about!

Renee Post
Residential Program Manager





"Before Hope House, I felt that I'd always need government assistance."

With the support of the Hope House College & Career Program, today Carley is a college graduate, has a job and lives in a house with her child, where they are thriving.



Aliah loves coming to our Early Learning Program while her mom is busy in our GED Lab. She also loves getting a free book every time she visits!

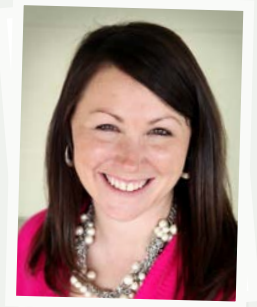


"Going to college will help me take care of my daughters on my own."

Pregnant with twins at age 17, Alix earned her GED at Hope House and is now taking steps toward a college education.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

A record 155 teen moms were served through our Community Program in 2015! Other exciting news includes the implementation of self-sufficiency scores, which help us wrap the right services around each teen mom to help her grow in targeted areas and move closer to self-sufficiency. The year also included several other highlights:



GED

In order to help our teen moms finish their secondary education and move on to higher education or vocational school, Hope House began driving our teen moms to Wyoming to take the HiSet exam, a high school equivalency test that is much more approachable. Our graduation rate improved significantly – and the HiSet test will soon be available in Colorado!



College and Career

An impressive 93% of our GED graduates moved on to our College and Career Program, an essential step toward economic self-sufficiency. Hope House is also starting to receive more calls from business owners offering jobs to our teen moms!

Parenting & Early Learning

Along with the hundreds of parenting classes we offered, our Parenting Educator and Early Learning Coordinator paired up to offer Parent Teacher Conferences. Our moms were excited to hear about their child's progress and see how they can facilitate learning at home. We served a record-breaking 225 children last year, and 113 participated in our Early Learning Program!

Healthy Relationships

In 2015 Hope House piloted the use of a counseling intern through our partnership with Bridge Point Counseling Center. Having an extra counselor available allowed us to offer more counseling opportunities. Our girls continued to love our *Story of Hope* series, which specifically addresses teen moms and Healthy Relationships.

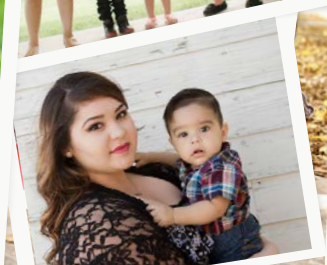


"It's important to always provide stability in my child's life."

-Teen mom comment after completing *Story of Hope*

Jenny Macias

Community Program Manager



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Individual tutoring makes all the difference in our College Support Program.

We will do what it takes to help our teen moms earn their GED... even if it means driving to Wyoming!



Thanks to CoBiz Financial, we have two beautiful vans that get our girls where they need to go -- and tell the world about Hope House!



Receiving the Governor's Service Award for Outstanding Nonprofit Organization in Colorado was a highlight of the year.



Brew & Stew proved to be a blast once again!



Field trips are a fun, educational part of our Parenting class.



Santa is always the VIP at our annual Teen Mom Christmas Party.



The Derby Dash brought out record numbers to run for Hope House.



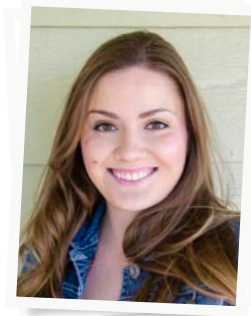
GED Graduation marks a vital step toward self-sufficiency!



Ariel graduated from the Residential Program and now has a full-time job in the financial department of a local nonprofit!



Our Gala would not be complete without our lovely teen moms.



EARLY LEARNING

With much apprehension about being separated from her child, Hope House teen mom Sarah was not going to place her daughter Amoret in preschool. However, after Amoret spent 6 months attending our Early Learning Program, Sarah saw the benefits of a structured learning environment. Now Amoret attends a non-profit preschool fulltime with peers her own age, where she is thriving.

Our Early Learning Program is highly effective and growing rapidly. In fact, over the past year, **the Early Learning Program had a 30% increase in the number of children served, impacting 113 children!** From field trips to the zoo, butterfly exhibit and pumpkin patch and animal visitors inside the classroom, the children enjoyed new experiences all year long. During parent-

teacher conferences, 20 teenage moms sat on the other side of the table, as the parent, discussing the next steps in their child's education. With excitement building about creating a solid foundation for future learning, 51% percent of the regularly-attending children moved into a new school setting, expanding their knowledge even more than before!



51% OF THE KIDS IN OUR EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONED INTO A CHILDCARE OR PRESCHOOL!

Mria Gamble

Early Learning Program Coordinator



VOLUNTEER REPORT



2015 was a banner year for Hope House and much of the credit goes straight to our volunteers! They helped us provide 9,624 meals to our teen moms and their children, and our GED tutors donated 1,190 hours. Volunteer drivers also shuttled some of our teen moms to Wyoming to take the GED exam. A total of 333 volunteers helped us throughout the year with tasks from yard work to child care to float building. **All together it added up to 9,200 hours of donated time, representing a monetary value of \$203,688.** I cannot thank our volunteers enough for their hearts for our teen moms!

Our current #1 volunteer need - drivers! We recently launched *Hope Rides* to help our girls overcome the hurdle of transportation. Please contact me for details on this new opportunity to volunteer and get to know our teen moms and their kids at the same time.

Jennifer Cerf

Volunteer Coordinator



Tom Troxler, who is 83-years young, received the 7 Everyday Hero Award last year in recognition of his years of volunteer service at Hope House. Channel 7 News aired his story multiple times, which helped us tell the Denver community about Hope House.



Monthly Donors Make a Huge Difference at Hope House

We call our monthly donors Bedrock Builders because they create a strong foundation for all of our programs, enabling us to offer consistent, efficient services to teen moms from all over the Denver-metro area!

In 2015, our Bedrock Builders donated a total of over \$105,000 -- representing nearly 10 percent of our budget. Together they make a significant impact at Hope House.

Would you consider joining our Bedrock Builders? The monthly amount is up to you, but we do need monthly donors at the following levels of giving:

- 2 Bedrock Builders at \$100
- 2 Bedrock Builders at \$50
- 5 Bedrock Builders at \$25
- 10 Bedrock Builders at \$15
- 10 Bedrock Builders at \$10
- 10 Bedrock Builders at \$5

For further information on our Bedrock Builders Program, or if you have any questions or would like to join Bedrock Builders for 2016, contact sarah@hopehouseofcolorado.org

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

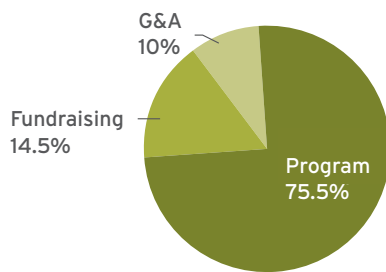


What a blessed year 2015 was for Hope House! I am happy to announce we were able to meet our financial goals and subsequently serve more teen moms than ever before. An amazing grant from CoBiz Financial Biz Bash allowed us to make some purchases outside of our operational budget... purchases that were otherwise beyond our reach. To be specific, the Biz Bash funds allowed us to acquire two vans and new laptop computers as well as upgrade two software applications. These purchases are already improving our effectiveness and efficiency as an organization. I am also pleased to report that our Board of Directors has designated emergency and equipment reserves to help shield our operation from future uncertainties, which is always a great move for any organization. We are so grateful to our Champions and to CoBiz Financial for making all of this possible!

Gail Strobel

Director of Finance & Operations

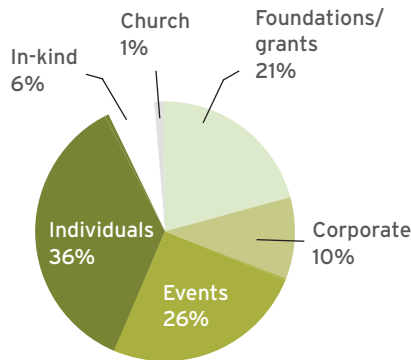
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES*



Total: \$1,187,715

Unaudited

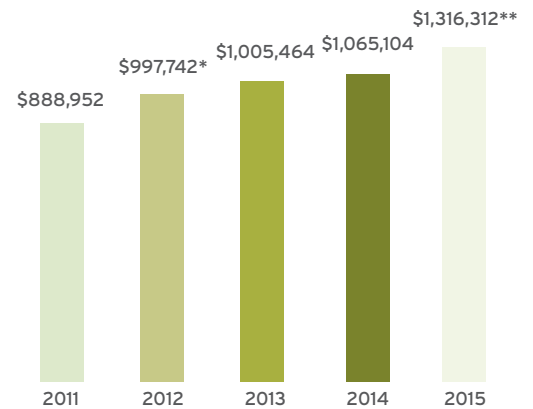
SUMMARY OF INCOME*



Total: \$1,283,101**

Includes In-Kind \$77,768

5-YEAR SUPPORT HISTORY



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

** Includes restricted gift of \$140,000 CoBiz Financial Biz Bash which includes capital equipment.

MAJOR CHAMPIONS (\$5,000 AND ABOVE)

American West Construction, LLC
 Audit Logistics, LLC
 Bill & Donna Wehner
 Bess Family
 CAP Logistics
 Chris & Penny Oliver
 Chris & Sandy King
 Debbie Mistrack
 Denver Wire Rope & Supply
 Ed & Carol Gubanich
 Eric & Lindsay Bernum

Etkin Johnson Group
 Grandma's Frozen Noodles
 Frontier Metal Stamping, Inc.
 Hap & Judi Lundquist
 Ideker Family Foundation
 Janie Smith
 Jim & Kay Burke
 Joe & Gail Coors
 Leo & Susan Kiely
 Mark & Connie Tomko
 Mike & Margaret Cunningham

Poppy Kohler
 Prime Trailer Leasing
 PTG Adventures LLC
 Randy & Sharon Fons
 Richard Inman & Mindy Brown
 Rick & Kristi A.
 Sam & Stacy Hougland
 Someone Cares Charitable Trust
 Steve & Paula Reynolds
 Terry Leprino

FOUNDATIONS & GRANTS

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 Arbonne Charitable Foundation
 Broomfield Community Foundation
 Buell Foundation
 CoBiz Financial Biz Bash
 Community First Foundation
 Encana Cares Foundation
 F & J Allegretti Foundation
 GAP Foundation
 KeyBank Foundation
 Louis & Harold Price Foundation

MAXIMUS Foundation
 MercuryGives
 Pete Morgan Foundation
 Rocky Mountain Active 20-30 Children's Foundation
 Spirit of Christ Catholic Community
 Tuktawa Foundation
 Terracon Foundation
 The Robert W. & Susan T. Brown Family Foundation
 Walmart Foundation
 Westminster Legacy Foundation
 XCEL Energy Corporate Citizenship Foundation



HOPE HOUSE TO EXPAND: TRIPLING TEEN MOMS SERVED



EMPOWERING TEEN MOMS



Since Hope House first opened its doors, we have provided a safe place for teen moms and their children. Why? Because a staggering number of teen moms in our community face poverty, abuse or addiction in their own homes -- or are simply homeless.

The truth is 67 percent of teen moms live below the poverty line, which is why Hope House is bursting at the seams. In fact, we helped a record-breaking 155 teen moms work toward self-sufficiency last year, breaking the cycles of abuse and poverty that defined their childhood... effectively empowering TWO generations.

Ground breaking on the Resource Center is scheduled for April 2016; we plan to break ground on the Early Learning Center in 2017.

Won't you please join us on this adventure as we seek to raise \$4.4 million? Your investment will transform the lives of teen mom families all across the Denver-metro area!

For details, just contact Lisa Schlarbaum at 303-429-1012, ext. 241 or lisaschlarbaum@hopehouseofcolorado.org

THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR CHAMPIONS

- Wes & Allyson Gardner
- Ideker Family Foundation
- EON Family Foundation
- Joe & Gail Coors
- HomeAid Colorado*
- The Bess Family
- Mindy Brown & Rich Inman
- Moni Piz-Wilson & Robert L. Wilson
- Anonymous Family Foundation
- The Bernum Family
- Sam & Stacy Houglund
- Bill & Donna Wehrer
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- Frontier Metal Stamping
- The Robert W. & Susan T. Brown Family Foundation
- Mike & Margaret Cunningham
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- The Boettcher Foundation
- Metco Landscape Inc.*
- Jeanne Fielding, ZP Architects*
- Peak Civil*
- Jeff & Lisa Schlarbaum
- C3S Electrical Engineers*
- Seyfergh Mechanical Engineers*
- Dennis & Patty Disney
- John & Lisa Steven
- Jeff & Gail Strobel
- Joe & Connie Reding
- Craig & Sheila Knight
- Chad & Lindsay Schneider
- Ground Engineering Consultants Inc. *
- Lantz Associates*
- Beat Steiner, Holland and Hart*
- Jim & Kelly Smith
- Nicole Trujillo

**In Kind*

CURRENT TOTAL: \$2,078,480*

GOAL: \$4,400,000

Grants: \$90,000

Individual Gifts: \$1,988,480

*In-Kind not included: \$475,000

Join us!



GROUNDBREAKING PANCAKE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY HOPE HOUSE TEEN MOMS!

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: 5615 W 64TH AVE, ARVADA, CO

