



HOPE  **HOUSE**
COLORADO
2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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Groundbreaking



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A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A purple ribbon stretched from one end of our new building to the other. The Mayor of Arvada shared the official ribbon-cutting shears with Janelle, one of our teen moms. Despite the light drizzle, the crowd grew to overflowing. Everyone had come to celebrate the long-awaited Grand Opening of our beautiful new Resource Center. We had moved from our tiny warehouse space into our 15,000-square-foot new building completely debt free, thanks to the amazing generosity of our capital campaign donors. It was an overwhelming moment, and I just kept saying to the crowd, "Look what God can do!"

I am still in awe as I watch our girls eat together in the dining room, fill up the classrooms and gather in the community room, which they named the Mama Bear Cave. For most, this is their second home, a safe haven where they never feel judged. Hope House is a place to belong; it is a place where they can build relationships with each other, our staff and our volunteers, all while learning just how much God loves them. As beautiful as our new building is, it's through those loving relationships that true transformation will happen in the lives of our teen moms.

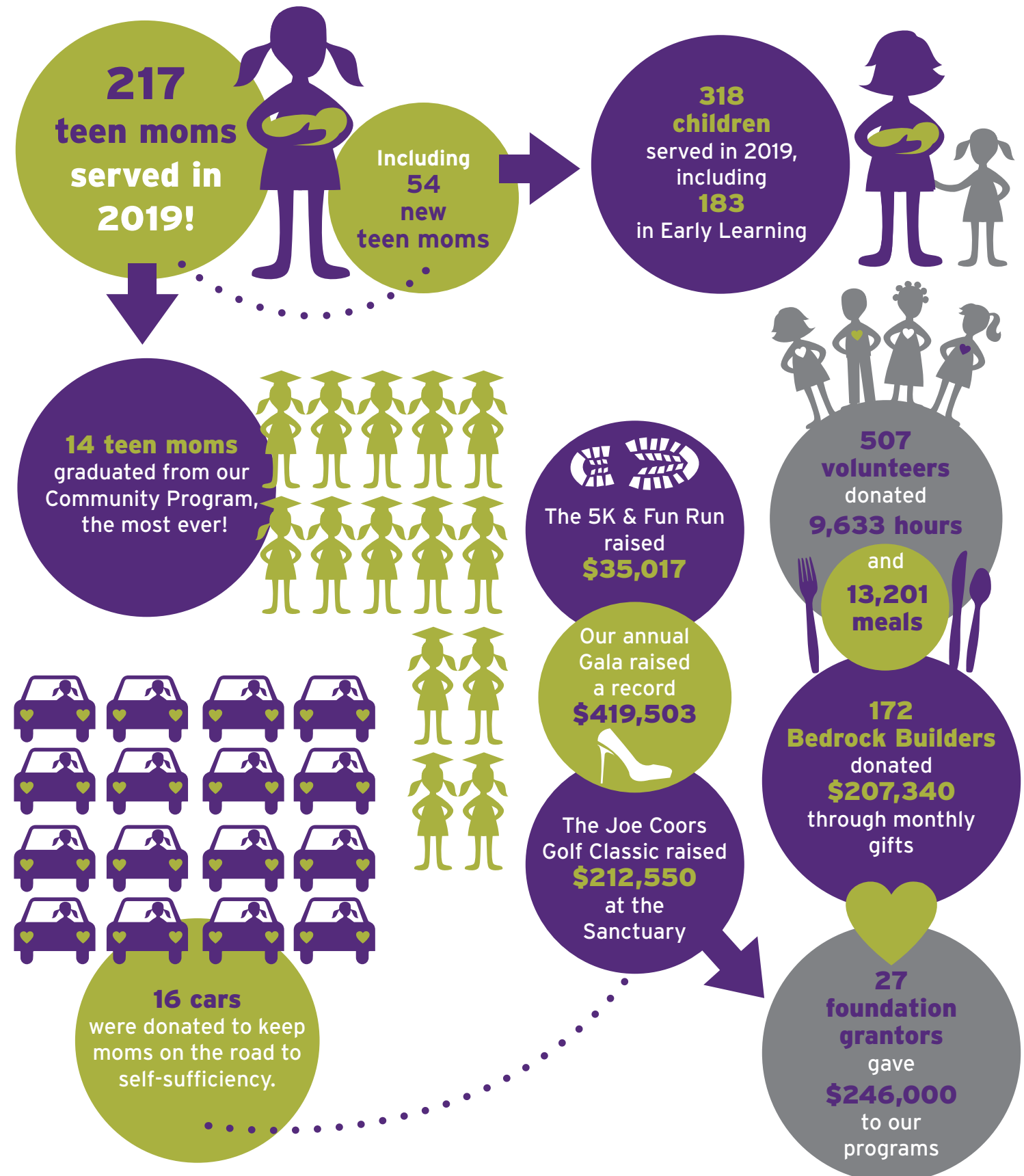
If you haven't been for a tour yet, come and see! Come and meet our extraordinary teen moms, and see what God is doing in their lives. You are their champions; every gift you've given, whether for our building or for our programs, has been an investment in breaking the cycle of poverty for two generations and beyond!

Lisa Steven

Lisa Steven
Founder & Executive Director

Mayor of Arvada Marc Williams and teen mom Janelle cut the ribbon together during the Grand Opening of the Resource Center. More than 400 people attended the celebration of this special day and new building that will allow Hope House to serve even more teen moms!

2019 HIGHLIGHTS



JAMILEE & NATHANIAL



"I loved GED! I felt like I was actually achieving things unlike normal school where I felt stuck."
-Jamilee ❤️

Because you gave...

16 teen moms earned their GED or high school diploma.

93% of GED graduates transitioned to our College & Career Program.



Did you know...

On average, Hope House teen moms earn their GED in **8.5 weeks** – versus the national average of **6 months!**

Educational Partnerships:

- Penn Foster
- Jefferson Academy/Summit Partnership

Update...

After graduating, Jamilee attended Emily Griffith Technical College where she earned her Medical Assisting certification. She was hired on full-time after completing her externship!

COLLEGE & CAREER

Because you gave...

111 teen moms were served.

42 teen moms enrolled in higher education programs.

72 teen moms participated in job readiness/career development.



Update...

Alondra completed a Bachelor of Science in nursing and is now working at Children's Hospital as a full-time nurse.

ALONDRA & AIYDEN



Hope House became our home when we had no place to call our own. Hope House was our family; they always pushed me to follow my dreams and cheered me on to the date of my graduation. I went to college as a young single mother with a village of support behind my back. Hope House provided childcare so I could study in a quiet place with internet access and free dinner. What sets Hope House apart is the personal and emotional growth that teen moms gain through the process. I'm ecstatic and privileged to have had the opportunity to achieve my dreams of becoming a nurse. Hope House helped my dreams become a reality. -Alondra ❤️

Did you know...

In 2019 Hope House teen moms were enrolled in **15** different institutions of higher education!

- Metro State University
- CU Denver
- Front Range Community College
- Penn Foster
- Red Rocks Community College
- Emily Griffith Technical College
- Community College of Denver
- Community College of Aurora
- Liberty University
- PIMA Medical Institute
- Colorado Technical University
- Platt College of Nursing
- Institute of Business and Medical Careers
- College of International Esthetics
- Arapahoe Community College

HIGH SCHOOL & GED

RESIDENTIAL

SELINA & LOGAN



"I learned so much about budgeting and being responsible with finances. I'm living at Warren Village... I work... I have a savings plan. I'm most proud of the fact that I'm debt free." -Selina ❤️

Because you gave...
16 teen moms/graduates were served.

Did you know...

- Plans are coming together to start Hope House Northern Colorado, an affiliate of Hope House that will provide residential housing and supportive services to teen moms in Northern Colorado!
- **90%** of Residential Program graduates reach stable levels of self-sufficiency within five years!



SELINA'S STORY



To meet Selina today, you'd never guess the unimaginable hardships she experienced throughout her childhood. She glows with confidence, determination and discipline.

Her story is a common one at Hope House. She never knew her dad, and her mom – a user, dealer and prostitute – abandoned her at a young age. She entered the foster care system and bounced around from house to house. Eventually, hostile relatives took her in, but life was full of conflict and abuse. Craving friendship, Selina met a boy and got pregnant at 17. Throughout her pregnancy and after becoming a mom, Selina worked full time; she also attended night school full time and graduated at the top of her class.

Then one night after an intense argument, a family member kicked Selina and her baby boy Logan out. Stranded and alone in the middle of the dark, cold night, Selina felt lost and scared. Her boyfriend gone. Her relatives indifferent.

Eventually, Selina found her way to the Hope House Residential Program. Arriving with Logan and some meager belongings, Selina brought with her qualities that have always lived deep inside her: tenacity and a teachable spirit.

At Hope House, Selina blossomed. She took parenting and healthy relationships classes, entered a career development program and enrolled in the medical assisting program at Emily Griffith Technical College. She says the most valuable skills she learned were financial literacy, budgeting and saving.



Today, at 20-years-old, Selina works as a medical assistant. She lives in transitional housing at Warren Village and is preparing to move into an apartment. Logan now attends preschool. Selina is most proud of putting her money management skills into practice: she's completely debt free; has a plan to continue her nursing education; and is saving for school, a car and even a vacation.

KASSANDRA & GENEVIEVE



Because you gave...

135 teen moms participated in parenting classes.

97 teen moms received individual coaching sessions.



Did you know...

Safe children perform better in school, are more likely to become responsible citizens as adults and are less likely to abuse or neglect their own children. Our parenting classes are changing two generations!

“Through the parenting classes I’ve received over the last two years, I’ve been able to learn how my daughter is growing and changing with each age. I think parenting class should be a requirement for all new parents young and old because it truly teaches you things you would never know about your growing kiddo. Although there’s no one-size-fits-all manual for raising kids, I feel the parenting classes have been the best ‘manual’ to becoming a new mom.” -Kassandra ❤️

PARENTING

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

KATE JOY & ANTHONY

Because you gave...

67 teen moms participated.

40 teen moms received professional counseling.

170 counseling sessions and referrals were given.

Did you know...

4 counseling partners offered pro-bono individual sessions and group supervision.

We also provide counseling and play therapy for the kids of our teen moms as needed.



“The relationships classes helped me tremendously as not only a mother but as a woman. I learned to acknowledge red flags, and how to set boundaries along with all the underlying stepping stones to not only create a healthy relationship but to keep one as well.”
-Siara ❤️

Class topics included in 2019:

- healthy relationships
- sex education
- unhealthy and abusive relationships
- anxiety, depression and other mental health topics
- grief and loss



EARLY LEARNING

ALYISSA & ANALIYAH



Because you gave...

183 children received early learning lessons.

4 Mommy & Me events and **5** field trips took place in 2019.

90% of the children who were behind and rescreened showed developmental growth.

Did you know...

Learning how to access quality childcare is essential in order for our teen moms to reach self-sufficiency. Last year we helped **38** children successfully transition into quality full-time childcare centers!



"My experience with the Early Learning Program is amazing. All the teachers work with Analayah to help her with places she's struggling in and they give me tips to also help her. I really love how they do arts & crafts with the kids and involve teaching them about Jesus. Analayah loves the Early Learning Program and the teachers; she's always excited to go to "skool" as she calls it. It's been really helpful getting the handouts they give us after each pick up because they give me tips to practice with her at home!" - Alyissa ❤️

YULISA & ABDIEL



Because you gave...

46 teen moms were served.

74 legal matters were resolved.

93% of teen moms report reduced stress due to legal advocacy.

Did you know...

The physical and emotional stress of having to deal with a legal matter can become a barrier to moving toward self-sufficiency. Additionally, navigating the judicial system can cause frustration and confusion; because of this, a teen mom can become paralyzed with fear. Last year **93%** of participating teen moms reported reduced stress due to legal advocacy at Hope House.

Update:

Yulisa shares legal and physical custody of her son, Abdiel, with his dad. They collaboratively, and peacefully, raise their son together. She also avoided having an eviction on her record and is now living in a safe apartment. Yulisa works for RE/MAX Alliance as an administrator specialist.

"The Legal Advocacy Program has helped me not only overcome my fears but to be more confident in my decisions. I learned how to not be afraid and to speak up because what I was feeling mattered. I had amazing support from Julie (Hope House legal advocate) and never felt alone with anything that was thrown my way. Just knowing she was going to be by my side every step of the way helped me get through all my personal situations."

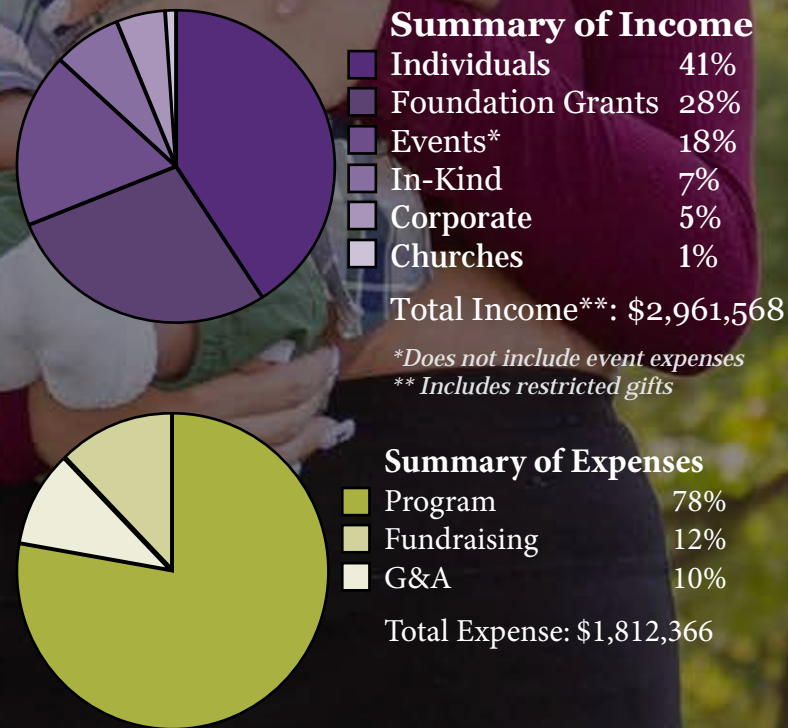
-Yulisa ❤️

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Daisy & Malachai

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-Lisa Schlarbaum, Director of Development

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