

# Hannah's House

Winter 2007

*A Christ-centered, nondenominational maternity home for homeless women*

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's the time of the year when we begin to think about and celebrate the most spectacular birth ever witnessed by earth or heaven-- the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Most of us are very familiar with the story of Jesus' birth. We're aware of how Joseph and Mary searched through the streets of Bethlehem for a safe place for her to give birth on that night more than 2,000 years ago. Each of the women who come to Hannah's House is also searching for a safe place to have her baby, just like Mary and Joseph did. We ask your prayers that Hannah's House may continue to be that safe haven to women who find themselves pregnant and alone with nowhere to go.

Hannah's House began receiving residents twelve years ago this past July and we have offered a loving Christian home to nearly 100 women since then. Why not more when the need is so great? We can only house three women and their babies at a time and our residents may stay throughout their pregnancy and up to nine months after giving birth. This means some of our clients may stay with us as long as eighteen months, although the average stay at Hannah's House is eleven months. During this time, the women have

the opportunity to get on their feet by working or going to school.

They learn parenting and household skills here at Hannah's House. But best of all they learn about Jesus Christ and how to develop a personal relationship with Him.

Homeless women learning how to live and raise their babies with the help of our Lord, who was born homeless. It kind of comes full circle doesn't it?

This holiday season, why not make a gift to Hannah's House to honor our Lord who cared so much for those who had the least. We would be grateful for your donation of any amount; or your gift from our wish list.

*"Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me.'*

*Matthew 25:40 New Century Version (NCV)*



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## WE APPEAL TO YOU...

Won't you please consider donating to Hannah's House as part of your year-end giving? The donations we receive during the month of December enable us to survive the tough months of decreased giving during the early part of the new year. We are a "qualified organization" for purposes of a deduction on your federal income tax return. **Your gift is also eligible for a Michigan Income Tax Credit of 50 percent of the amount donated, up to a maximum of \$200 on a joint tax return.**

*The little house with a BIG heart*

## ***HANNAH'S HOUSE UPDATE***

We are pleased and excited about the latest news at Hannah's House. You may remember that in our last newsletter our resident G. had just given birth to her daughter. Through God's grace G. has now returned to her parent's home to live.

Since that time we've welcomed two new residents to Hannah's House. C. has been with us since September and is due to give birth to a boy in December. S. came to us in November and is due to welcome her little girl in December also. Both young women are very interested in the Bible studies they attend at Hannah's House.



*C. is due to give birth on December 5.*

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## ***SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER***

On October 11, Hannah's House held its First Annual Dessert Night and Silent Auction. The event featured international desserts from ten countries, including Ireland, Haiti and Czechoslovakia, along with a special diabetic dessert table.

A Silent Auction added to the fun and excitement as attendees bid on such items as original artwork, a plane ride, and special themed baskets like the

day of pampering basket or the new baby basket. The event raised more than \$2,000 for the ongoing needs of the residents of Hannah's House.

If you missed the fun, be sure to stay in touch with what is happening at Hannah's House so you can join us next year!



*Tables were attractively decorated with a theme from the dessert's country of origin. On the left is "Ireland" and on the right is the Czechoslovakian dessert table.*

## ***PRAYER REQUEST***

*And the prayer that is said with faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will heal that person. And if the person has sinned, the sins will be forgiven.* James 5:15 New Century Version (NCV)

Recently members of Hannah's House staff have been battling a number of serious illnesses. Please pray for our staff members, and our Board of Directors as they strive to do the work the Lord would have them to do.

Please pray for:

Evelyn Malcolm - Full-Time House Manager  
Barbara Armstrong - Weekend House Manager  
Robin Robbins - Weekend House Manager  
Stephanie K. Johnson - Director

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## ***HELP WANTED***

**ACCOUNTANT** Hannah's House is in need of an accountant to help with the financial duties of the ministry.

**SNOW REMOVAL** We also need a volunteer to take care of snow removal this winter. We have a snow blower to make the job easier. If you are interested in helping to keep the walkways and driveway safe for our residents, please give Stephanie a call at the number listed below.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** Hannah's House needs an organized and enthusiastic person to coordinate the activities of our volunteers.

Those interested in assisting us with any of this vital work should call Stephanie K. Johnson at (517) 482-5856.

## ***WHAT DID YOU GIVE THANKS FOR?***



Thanksgiving Day is past, but you can probably remember the things that you gave thanks for on that day. At Hannah's House we gave thanks for our donors who make it possible for us to keep this ministry going and our Moms who've chosen to give life to their little ones.

All those connected with Hannah's House are grateful to be part of an endeavor that gives housing to homeless, pregnant women in the name of Jesus Christ.

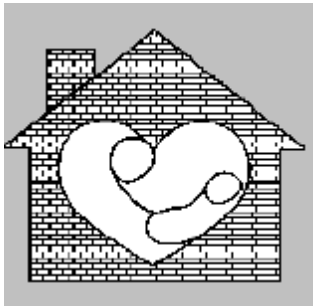
The next few months may prove difficult for Hannah's House because like most ministries we see a decrease in donations during this time. Won't you please consider helping us by sending a year end gift to Hannah's House?

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## ***CHRISTMAS WISH LIST***

Cleaning Supplies - Laundry soap, dish soap, bath soap, dishwasher soap  
Paper Goods - Paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue  
Diapers - Size 2 and 3  
Baby Wipes  
Infant medicine - Cold medicine, pain relievers  
Personal hygiene products - Shampoo, deodorant, sanitary napkins  
New carpet for the living and dining room





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*Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terribly frightened, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! The Savior--yes, the Messiah, the Lord--has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David! And this is how you will recognize him: You will find a baby lying in a manger, wrapped snugly in strips of cloth!" Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others--the armies of heaven--praising God: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth, to all whom God favors.\*"*

*\*Some manuscripts read and peace on earth, goodwill among people.  
Luke 2: 9-14 New Living Translation (NLT)*