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Walking in Their Shoes

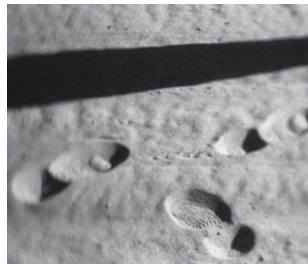
“Share your food with the hungry, take the poor and homeless into your house, and cover them with clothes when you see them naked.” Isa 58:7 a GW

To provide transitional housing for single moms with young children has been one of the Board's long-term goals. Almost every day, we receive phone calls from young, homeless mothers seeking shelter.

“The typical homeless family is headed by a single mother, usually in her late twenties. She has with her two or three young children, typically preschoolers. Children, mothers, and families who live in shelters need to make significant adjustments to shelter living and are confronted by other problems, such as the need to reestablish a home, interpersonal difficulties, mental and physical problems, and child-related difficulties such as illness. She may have lost her job or her home, become injured or ill, or be fleeing from domestic violence. After teetering on the edge of homelessness for weeks or months, a single crisis may have plunged her into the abyss. Suddenly, she is completely alone with children to feed, shelter, nurture, and protect. Homeless children face sickness, hunger, and fear. They suffer from dramatically higher levels of acute and chronic illness. They go hungry at twice the rate of other children. As night comes, they wonder where they will sleep. They dread

being taken away from their family. Living on the streets, they are personal witness to violence and abuse.”

We have had an opportunity to help homeless moms through our transitional living program called Samuel's House by charging a monthly program fee to each family to completely cover the cost of the program. However, due to the inability of most of our moms to maintain or find steady employment, it has been impossible to meet the costs associated with the program.



We are asking our supporters for help. We need \$1,200 every month to cover the cost of offering a safe, transitional home for these young families. We are asking those who have not supported Hannah's House on a regular basis and

those who have contributed in the past but would be willing to give over and above their normal giving to prayerfully consider making a monthly faith promise to support the Samuel House ministry to homeless young families.

We're asking you to walk in their shoes, and take these young women into your heart by bringing them into our home--Samuel's House.

Meet our House Managers

Our ministry to young mothers is possible because of the self-less work of our house managers. Evelyn joined us in January of this year; Robin joined us in July of 2005; and Barbara has been a part of Hannah's House since 1996.



Evelyn



Robin



Barbara



Hannah's House

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Intercessors

If you would like to be a part of our e-mail prayer chain and receive prayer requests from Hannah's House, please contact us at hannahshouselansing@gmail.com and write "Intercessor" in the subject box. As prayer requests come in we will notify you by e-mail.

Would you consider helping us continue our transitional living program at Samuel's House?

Yes, I (we) would like to make a monthly faith pledge to help Hannah's House continue the transitional living program, Samuel's House:

I would like to sponsor 1 day. \$40 per month ____
I would like to sponsor one-half of a day. \$20 per month ____
I would like to sponsor one-quarter of a day. \$10 per month ____
Other ____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____