

Note from Beth. I wish I could meet each one of you face to face and share with you the personal success story of each girl who has come through this ministry since 1986. You have helped us restore hope and encouragement to so many. Because of your generosity and kindness these young women have had a safe nurturing home during their pregnancy.

Now we are coming to the end of yet another twelve month cycle. This year will soon become last year, and we are anticipating the exciting "new beginning" that January 2014 will bring for our program and the new women and children who will come to us. We also look forward to a continued partnership with you. Knowing that we are surrounded by such committed individuals, who continue to sacrifice for our residents, confirms that we are doing what God has called us to do.

Tis the Season

Opening Hearts, Opening Homes ... what our sponsor families do best!

If you're a Bethany House supporter, you've heard us mention the sponsor family program a time or two, or fifty! Why do we keep bringing it up? That's an easy answer: Because it works! And we need more families willing to open their hearts and homes. We understand welcoming a stranger into your home can seem scary, but the rewards far outweigh the risks. If you want to unwrap one of the best gifts the holidays can offer, consider becoming a sponsor family.

Reasons why a family decides to sponsor a pregnant woman or woman and child?

"We found out about Bethany house through some dear friends who had opened their home to a young woman and her brand new baby girl. We had no idea there was this type of thing, but thought it was wonderful. Now we have decided it is time for us to open up our home. We are very excited to share our home with someone who needs a place. We are looking forward to the adventure that awaits our family.

Our four children, who are ages 7 to 17 have been able to spend time with babies at church and are looking forward to having a little one in our home."

We think those are pretty great reasons. Thank you for your commitment.

One Sponsor family's message

"Our goal is to relate to one another in love, respect, honesty and humility, and, when we fail, to exhibit grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. We also strive to put others first, seeking to serve and build up one another. These are the qualities that we will seek to demonstrate toward you and your baby when he/she arrives, and we trust you will seek to do the same toward us."

Thank you for your loving words of commitment



More Holiday Greetings and Gratitude

With fall here and winter (including all the holidays that follow) just around the bend, we have seen an increasing number of women seeking services from our program. Helping them develop the skills not only to survive, but to thrive, is rewarding to say the least. As you well know, parenting is no easy task for anyone, but alone, without loving family or friends, or suitable finances, it can become nearly unbearable. Thankfully, with the success of our sponsor families we are helping meet those needs, and we want you to know what a vital part your commitment to Bethany House plays in changing lives. You may not be able to sponsor a woman and child, but your generous giving and thoughtful prayers make a significant difference in our life-saving mission. It is imperative that we're here and available to help when the phone rings. Because, so often, we're the only thing keeping women from making choices that would further devastate their lives, negatively impacting them far into the future.

Despite long-lasting economic challenges, with your help, Bethany House will not only continue on, but expand. If you are able, please, consider making an additional donation this Holiday Season. We must continue to offset our supporters who have met with financial hardship and are no longer able to give as before. Even a small increase makes a big difference. With winter months closing in, we can expect more heartbreaking phone calls. These precious callers need to hear there is hope and then receive the tangible help that makes new life possible.

Together, with God's help, we are the bringers of hope, health, and, ultimately, happiness.

Your gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Jesus came to seek and save the lost; let us be His hands extended this Christmas to the lost in our community. After all, giving is the best gift of all.

We are grateful for your support. May God bless you richly and beyond measure.

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