



# Bethany House

## Thank you!

To the following businesses that have gone out of their way to support Bethany House:

- *Weston Pontiac* for maintaining our van.
- *Jerry's Custom Paint and Collision* for participating in our Baby Bottle Fundraiser.
- *Portland Boeing* for funds for operating costs.
- *Higher Goods* for special soaps.
- *Air Filter Exchange* for free air filters.
- *Honke Heating & Air Conditioning* for our new air conditioning system.
- *Quality Care Chiropractic* for \$500 of care for our girls.
- *Clackamas County Bank in Gresham* for participating in our Baby Bottle Fundraiser.
- *Gassman Appliance* for fixing our washing machine and dryer.
- *Abby's Pizza*, baby bottle drive.

*We appreciate you all!*



*"I will always be grateful for the love and support that I received, for the family I gained, and all of you who made it possible for me to be who I am today."*

*A Note from Luke-Pictured left*

## A MARINE TO BE PROUD OF

Who would have known that the first child born to Bethany House would be serving our country? Like many young women, Lucas' mother, Cathie, found herself pregnant and wondering what to do.

Pregnant and alone, Cathie went to a Crisis Pregnancy Center to seek help. She was told about a new home for girls that was forming and would be opening soon — *Bethany House*.

Founder and Director, Beth Rhinehart, along with her husband, Jack (known as Grandpa) opened their home to Cathie. A special family was formed. Cathie came to know the Lord and was moving forward in her life when along came Lucas, who everyone loved, and watched grow up before their eyes.



Overnight, Luke grew into a young man and was successfully completing high school. Needless to say, he had a very proud "family" watching him accept his diploma.

Then came the announcement, "I'm going into the Marines." I think in that moment, we could have heard a pin drop. This was a young man who couldn't even keep his room clean! Our minds were filled with images of the little boy born so long ago in our ministry that was just beginning.

From first steps to first grade, to first girlfriend, the family walked with him every step of the way. Like most kids, Luke struggled at times, but he always knew that he had the love and support of his mother and "adopted" family from Bethany House.

Today, Luke has finished his MOS training in the Marines. He has started his education at MHCC and is serving in the Reserves. Luke will always be a very special part of Bethany House's history as our first baby. He is a reminder of what can happen when we step out in faith and trust God.



## KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE FUNDRAISER

Proceeds go to keep the Bethany House dream alive and growing. You can help while having a great evening. *Here's how:*

Join us on Friday, November 14, 2008

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: The Gresham Chapel & Event Center, 257 SE Roberts, Gresham, OR

### Cost: FREE

Call to RSVP or to host a table. All hosting involves is inviting guests to fill a table/s.



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Some of you may recognize this precious praying girl from prior publications. Her name is Abbie. Her mother, Tara, had baby Abbie almost seven years ago. We'll let Tara share about her precious daughter pictured above.

"When I had Abbie 6 1/2 years ago, I never thought that she would grow up to be such a dynamic young lady. She is now in the first grade and is involved in numerous activities. She is currently in her 2nd year of cross country, where she took 3rd overall last year; she is also in her 2nd year of Awana; she will be starting Girl Scouts as a Daisy shortly; and she is also in gymnastics, dance, and will be starting BMX racing in a month or so.

Abbie is very good at knowing her limits and will ask to sit down with me and "go over her schedule". She is so responsible that I sometimes forget that she is only 6. So it was no surprise to me that she was awarded the Raccoon of the Year award for Responsibility (her school mascot is the Raccoon). Abbie is an awesome big sister to her two little sisters Lilli, and Bree. She loves to read them Bible stories, practice their ABC's and their numbers. She help's Lilli with her Bible verses for Awana, and she can negotiate with Bree better than I can!

## Where Are They Now?



One of the best ways to see how much Bethany House benefits young moms and their children is in seeing where they are in their lives today.

I look forward to seeing her grow into a young woman and enjoying every minute with her. She is such a blessing and I can't imagine my life without her! I hate to think of what decisions I may have made when I was pregnant with her before I saw that it is possible to be a single young mother. Bethany House helped me realize that it is possible and they gave me the tools and support to become a confident and loving mother to Abbie.



*Every summer past residents gather at Bethany House to celebrate life and share future dreams. Once again, our annual picnic brought family and friends back together for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and of course food! Look at that happy group!*

## SOMETIMES THEY COME IN TWOS



*Katy and Maggy*

Katy Jade and Maggy Roe share a special bond. They're twins! Born at Bethany House, these two girls have blossomed into lovely young ladies, excited about life and what the future holds. *Here are a few inspiring quotes from this dynamic duo:*

*"I am not yet sure as to what I wish to do in college, but I still have time to think of that. I ponder over Home Decorating and Design, Fashion Clothing, or Photography."* **Katy**

*"I have two mottos: "You can accomplish anything that you want to. All you need to do is believe in yourself and have confidence." Also, live every second. Beth, thank you for caring for us and helping us, especially when Mommy was a kid, and being our friend."* **Katy**

*"I have recently purchased a quality violin for \$80.00. That is my next big project. At the moment I'm learning Fur Elise, by Ludwig Van Beethoven, on the piano."* **Maggy**

*"I plan to go to college and study Forensic science. I would really like to become a mortician. I like the study of dead things and the art of a mortician's work is inspiring. A bit odd isn't it?"* **Maggy**

## A Future as Bright as the Stars

*"My name is Liza Jane Mathews. I am thirteen years old. I love horse-back riding, soft ball, singing, and hanging out with my friends. My favorite subjects in school are writing, language, and reading. Before I was born, my mother was struggling in life. My mom was all alone in this world until she found Bethany House. Beth Rhinehart took my mom and I in. She and many other people at Bethany House taught my mom to be a good mother. That was the past. Now, I am a happy thirteen year old with the best mom in the world and it is all thanks to Bethany House.*



*Liza Jane Mathews*



*Carrie Anne and Liza Jane Mathews*

*My future is as bright as the stars. I am in an excellent school, in Gresham, and looking forward to a trip to our State Capital this spring. I have decided to pursue a career in law enforcement and use 'Grandma Beth as' a role model for this choice. I believe there is no better choice for me than a career that gives back to our community, like my Grandma does. I want to make a difference and impact our community in a positive way as she has done for countless women and their babies. Thank you so very much for all of your support. My future has no limits because of it!"*

## Director's Corner

Friends, there is never a dull moment at Bethany House. I've had the honor of serving pregnant, young, women for nearly two decades. What an amazing journey it's been! Hopefully, you've enjoyed the stories about these precious mothers and their children, and the benefits they have received from our program. As our partner, you've impacted lives for eternity, and, as you've seen, the love and learning gained at Bethany House has been passed on and is shaping future generations for the better.

Recently, I met with Keri Roe (picture below with me). She again thanked Bethany House for giving her the tools to live and provide a strong foundation for her twin daughters. These girls are now able to articulate the appreciation they have for their mother and the program that helped her. Thank you for helping us Change the future!



*Beth*



*Current Bethany House Girls*

### **Bethany House Needs List**

New Born Diapers  
Gift Cards (variety)  
Baby Thermometers  
Baby Motrin & Tylenol , Adult Tylenol  
Baby Laundry Detergent, Even flow baby bottles, regular baby bottles.  
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# Bethany House Embraces Technology

### **Just a Reminder:**

You can now make secure donations online at [www.bethanyhousenet.org](http://www.bethanyhousenet.org)



### **The new BLOG is up!**

Find out what's happening at Bethany House.  
Visit our new blog: <http://bethanyhousegirls.blogspot.com/>



### **Baby Bottle Fundraiser**



Adopt a Baby Bottle Bank now!  
Just fill it up with money to benefit the women and babies at Bethany House. This is a great idea for the whole family, your business, or church. We'd be happy to provide a baby bottle for you. Just call: 503.667.8409

### ***Don't Forget!***

If your employer is a United Way Contributor, you can designate your donation to go directly to Bethany House. Just ask your United Way Representative for a donor card.

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