



News from Bethany House

Spring is a time of new growth. We celebrate, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day, while preparing for the summer months to come. The Bethany House Program celebrates and honors mothers all year long. We strive to equip moms to become all they can be, despite the hardships they have endured. We are privileged, with your contributions and support, to plant seeds in the hearts of wounded women. Like a dedicated gardener, our program then provides the best soil for the seeds to flourish, water that creates healthy growth, and assistance protecting the new crop from bad elements.

Mothers that beget Moms, a thought from Les Moore, Supporter, Pastor, Board Member, and former Sponsor Family with wife, Kathy.

Growing up is hard. It's even harder when you lack guidance, support, and boundaries. I would like to bring attention to the mothers that mothered the mothers-to-be throughout the years in the Bethany House Program: Ticia, Lori, Carrie Ann, Cheri, Roberta, Laurie, and, of course, Beth Rhinehart. These are just a few of the names I remember.

Us guys weren't allowed in the house except when there were incidences or problems, requiring our expertise, as it well should be. But, while we stood watch at the door, we could see the development of the moms-to-be as they blossomed and prepared.

These moms who sacrificed time with their own families in order to love and nurture Bethany House's developing families are true heroes.

Many of them had experienced life struggles similar to the struggles the young ladies were going through, but they had had to go it alone without the Bethany House Program. They had the fortitude, compassion, and experience to equip these young women, to nurture and restore them, like a sapling or flower budding in the garden. As we embrace the "Spring Season," we pause to honor, thank, and offer prayers for the mothers that made a lifetime of difference for those newer moms and the precious children that they bore. Through them, the world's garden is brighter, healthier, and a better place for everyone.

To every mom who graciously gave up time with your loved ones to help the Bethany House Garden grow and flourish, thank you. The results of your efforts are evident generations later.



Bethany House Partnerships Matter

Bethany House continues to build relationships and partnerships with other agencies, sponsor families, and individuals to help women and children succeed.

The following comments come from a young woman who benefited from Bethany House's collaborative efforts.

There were many changes in my life when I found out I was pregnant. I was living in the Caribbean Islands at the time, hoping for an internship working with dolphins. Immediately I knew that I wanted to come home to the states. After connecting with a Portland friend on Facebook, she invited me to stay with her until I found a place to live. Without an income or family support to rely on, Catholic Charities and Bethany House found a family to sponsor me.

My sponsor family was very kind, but I was not used to having so much support. I didn't know how to let people into my life, but I learned. You see, I had to take care of myself at a very young age and adapted to being on my own. Unfortunately, my mother was never there for me (my grandmother ended up raising me). Although it's difficult to let people get close to me, I am very drawn to animals and young children. I suppose it's because they cannot hurt me.

My future plans:

One of the most important to me is to provide a good life for my daughter by becoming a good mother. I hope to provide her with a comfortable place to grow up and build wonderful memories with her. Raise her to be at her best. Give her anything and everything she needs and want. I also hope to continue with my study for Medical Technology with a focus on Chemistry and Biotechnology. I hope to work as a Medical Technologist/Chemist after I'm done with school to help others in need because I believe life is only worthwhile if I can provide quality help to other who needs me and help others find God.

Don't Forget!

We are currently raising funds for Hannah's Pathway, an innovative housing program that will help our community combat rising homelessness for women with children who are seeking a new lease on life. Contact Executive Director, Beth Rhinehart for more details.



HANNAH'S PATHWAY
To Success



We need more Sponsor Families!

Open your heart and home to a mom and her child.

The need is great. You can make a difference!

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