

Providing a loving home



Bethany House

for single pregnant young women



Krystal



When I first arrived at Bethany House, I was four months pregnant and more scared that I have ever been in my life. Being 18 and pregnant to my family was not acceptable, so I was asked to leave. The baby's father was involved, but could not help me find a place to live. I felt helpless and alone and thought my life was going down the drain. When I was told that Bethany House would accept me, I was both scared and happy. I did not know what to expect. My thoughts at that point were that I wanted to adopt the baby out to people better suited to take care of him. Living at the house gave me time to think about my life, pregnancy and future so I could make a good decision. I decided to get a job and move into my own apartment so I could be more independent. During my last month of pregnancy, I realized that my life at that point had completely changed - I was more mature and independent than I had ever been. Robert and I decided to keep the baby boy. Christian James was born on April 28, 2005 and he is the most beautiful thing in my life. All of the fears left when I saw him. Robert is a great father and we are planning our wedding. I am starting college this summer for a career in nursing so I can support myself and my son. I realized that I want to be the best mom I can be and there are no limits on life but what you put on yourself.



SUMMER 2005 EDITION



Lia's Courageous Change

When I got pregnant, I was working at an adult video store, doing drugs, and drinking heavily. I didn't care about myself or my life. Once I knew that there was someone growing inside of me and depending on me, it changed everything. I thought about abortion very briefly because I didn't think I was ready for parenthood but I knew I could never do that. I didn't want to give her to someone else, so I decided to change my life for her. I quit doing drugs and quit my job. I moved in with my mother because she said she would help me. Soon after, we started fighting on a daily basis. I knew by the way I was feeling, I was not mentally and emotionally safe there. One of the last places I called about housing was Bethany House. Beth told me she was in the process of getting a house mother and after that I could move in. A month later she called me for an interview and I moved in that week. Living at Bethany House was a great help to me in my time of need and started me on the road I wanted to go down for my daughter. After about two months I wanted to get situated on my own before my baby was born. I moved in with a friend I met at school and on January 29, 2005, my beautiful daughter Violet was born. She has continued to be a godsend since the day I found out I was pregnant. I hope Bethany House continues to be able to bless soon-to-be mothers with healing and healthy stability. I also hope that someday I can help Bethany House for helping me.



Donor Option

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 Option card. You may contribute a one-time gift or donate regularly on a payroll deduction. Even though Bethany House is not a member of the organization, this is a great way to "direct" where your donation goes and we greatly appreciate your help.



*Annual Banquet
October 15, 2005
Sheraton Airport*

Our 5th annual fundraising banquet is coming up. This will be an exciting and fun evening! Please give us a call and Sponsor or Host a table & bring your friends to an enjoyable evening on the town. Call (503) 667-8409 and speak with Beth or Carol to reserve your table.



Meet the Bethany House Staff

We would like to introduce you to our great new staff members. Left to right: Lili is a mother of three girls and works one weekend a month. Carrie Anne is a former resident of Bethany House and helps us out by filling in evenings and weekends when needed. Cherie serves as our “Grandma” figure at the home and works two evenings a week. Britta works one weekend a month and Amanda works two evenings a week. Front row: Julia has served as our interim office assistant for the past 4 months. She has done an excellent job and we are sad to see her leave.

We are pleased to introduce you to our newest staff member Carol Van Atta! Carol is an inspirational speaker, outreach and vocational specialist and will serve as Beth’s new assistant and Outreach Coordinator for Bethany House.



Carol Van Atta!



You Are Needed at Bethany House

(Please call (503) 667-8409 for an application.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Math tutors needed to help residents finish their GED's
- Mentors, Big Sisters, people to teach various types of classes (arts & crafts, cooking, career skills, etc.)
- Digital video expert to help edit our promotional video
- Youth groups, families or church groups to do fundraisers (car washes, etc.) to raise money for Bethany House

- Maintenance around the house and yard work
- Resident transportation to and from appointments.

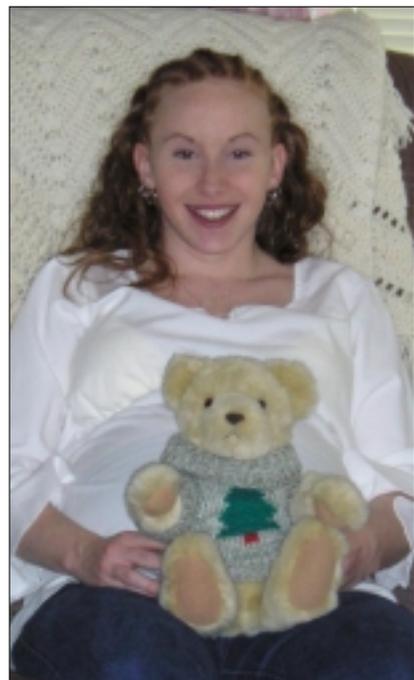
BETHANY HOUSE HAS THE FOLLOWING PAID POSITIONS OPEN:

- Weekend Staff Person (Fri 5pm - Sun 5pm)
- Sunday Evening Staff Person (Sun 5pm - Mon 10am)
- “On-call/Float” person to cover shifts when staff are sick or on vacation

Newsletter Updates

If you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, please give us a call or drop us an e-mail and we'll take you off our mailing list.

In order to save on costs, we'd like to send our newsletter out via e-mail. If you'd like to receive it this way, please let us know by e-mailing us at bethanyhouse@qcsn.com.



MEET OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS...

Sadia is from Somalia and brings a lot of joy to the home! She's due with a baby girl on August 22.

Katie is a delight to everyone and is due with her baby boy very soon.

Bethany House

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