



BETHANY HOUSE

Providing a loving home and services for single pregnant young women

Did you know?

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.

A new King (baby)...Daniel

Just over a month ago, a strapping young man-to-be entered the world and joined the Bethany House family. His head of dark, silky curls was enough to make every person in his presence ooh and ah. New mommy, Tina, is as proud as can be when it comes to this new little person — he truly is a miracle and a blessing.

Before coming to Bethany House, Tina struggled to hold a job. She was in and out of destructive relationships, drinking too much, on the quest that so many young women undertake to find Mr. Right, yet continually ending up with Mr.

Wrong.
With a sense of hopelessness and a lack of clear di-

rection, Tina came to Bethany House when she was just nine weeks pregnant.

Afraid, with nowhere to go, she was ready for life change. However, like most of our residents, Tina initially battled with letting go of the old ideas and beliefs in order to embrace a new, more effective way to live. Early in her pregnancy, an array of fears, old guilt, shame, and emotional pain assailed Tina. Against our advice, she chose to leave Bethany House, and was struggling with personal choices — issues that most single, expectant women debate at some point in their pregnancy. Thankfully, Tina knew the best choice would be to return to Bethany House. The very same night she left, she called Beth Rhinehart, the program's director, and asked to come back, stating, "I realized that I'd left a place where people cared for me unconditionally."

Unbeknownst to Tina, the staff had been fervently praying for her safe return. Upon her return, Tina dove into her healing on a whole new level. She started volunteering her time at several lo-

cal non-profits. Here she was able to give back to the community in



Tina's baby shower at East Hill Church

a tangible way. One of her volunteer sites completely embraced her and continues to offer support and encouragement. They informed us that Tina was an "absolute delight." However, even more importantly, Tina believes one of the most crucial and life changing things she learned while at Bethany House was the art of forgiveness.

Learning to forgive and move forward has provided Tina with an opportunity to find restoration in her life and her relationships. Tina also has been free from alcohol for over ten months now and willingly has participated in recovery groups and healing classes. As she prepares to move into her own apartment, she is hopeful that her son's future rests in God's hands, and she will continue to be the best mom she can possibly be. We applaud your hard work Tina! Keep it up.



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Your support is what makes Bethany House successful

We'd like to introduce you to our newest volunteer. After successfully raising her own children, Diane felt the desire to help pregnant young women become better prepared for motherhood. Diane brings an array of talents to our program. She not only enjoys gardening and yard work, she also is eager to help the girls learn the art of sewing. She is one practical volunteer, ready and able to serve in many unique ways. Every week, Diane spends part of her day helping at Bethany House. We appreciate her commitment and creativity. If you'd like more information on volunteering your time and talents at Bethany House, please call for an application today. (503) 667-8409 or Email: bethanyhouse@qcsn.com

Thank you to Boeing Employees who have recently donated funds to help Bethany House remodel and update the kitchen. We appreciate your ongoing support. Goodbye dry rot!



Our care continues past delivery

Our phone is constantly ringing with past residents asking for further counsel on issues they face in the “real” world. Our support doesn’t end when a woman walks out the door. In fact, relationships continually grow as “graduates” reach back to Bethany House for additional guidance, wisdom, and encouragement. So, Bethany House continues to provide extended services. Dhanna recently stopped in for a visit with baby Dathan in tow. Dhanna continues to check in for wise counsel and support as she navigates the challenges daily life brings for a single mother. Sarah, who completed her program almost two years ago, had hit some bumps in the road, so, she, too, continued to ask for guidance, and now has her feet on solid ground. Laura, who left us over nine years ago with baby Raelynn, experienced her own set of challenges, but is now not only a successful mother and wife, with a brand new baby, but also is completing her nursing degree.



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A SERVANT'S HEART ❤

A message from our Director, Beth Rhinehart



Summer Radiothon is just around the corner!

Happy Mother's Day and Father's Day to all the dedicated parents who read our newsletter. As a mom or dad, you understand the importance and the difficulty of this highly challenging, yet rewarding role. Being a parent is the most important job position anyone can have. Unfortunately, it's the only job position that doesn't come with specific guidelines. You think you have it down, finally, and the rules suddenly change. Even for those of us who are best equipped to parent, we still struggle, don't we?

Imagine yourself without an education, few job skills, an unstable home life, unhealthy relationships, and possibly battling with a number of addictions. Now, take it a step further. You find out you're pregnant with no resources and nowhere to live. Who will help? Bethany House will, and has, for over seventeen years. Seventeen years!

On Friday, June 22, 2007, Bethany House staff, residents, former residents, board members, donors, and volunteers will take over the airwaves at KPDQ Radio 93.9 FM to ask for help. We believe this event will give us the perfect jumpstart to embrace our future. There are some specific ways you our faithful supporters, can get involved and help.

1. Call and make a donation on June 22. Any amount helps!
2. Ask your business or a company you are familiar with to call in and offer a matching donation. (For example: ABC Company challenges all other East County businesses to donate during the next hour, stating, "We will match all funds donated during this time up to \$1,000.") That turns a \$1,000 contribution into \$2,000!
3. Volunteer to answer phones at the Radio station. It's a blast working out at KPDQ/Fish Radio. Snacks and beverages will be provided.
4. Tell everyone you know to listen in to KPDQ on Friday afternoon, June 22, as the Bethany House Team takes over the Georgene Rice Show Live.
5. PRAY! Your prayers will make a huge difference in the success of this event.

YES! We/I want to partner with Bethany House for this Summer's Radio-thon Fundraiser.
Enclosed is our gift of:

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Monthly Sponsor at \$ _____

Or...Please charge my one-time gift of \$ _____ Visa Master Card Discover American Express
Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____
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Please complete and cut form. Mail to: Bethany House, PO Box 3278 Gresham, OR 97030
Gifts are tax deductible as allowed by the law

Baby Bottle Drive. We're re-starting our baby-bottle-bank drive this month, so don't wait, give us a call. We will be happy to supply your business, home, or church with an oversized baby-bottle-bank. Each bank features one of our past residents with her child, as well, as brief program information. This fundraiser is easy and allows everyone to participate, even children. What a great way to share the program and raise funds in the process.

Call us today 503-667-8409 to get your bottle.



Please Pray...for Tina as she prepares for her transition from Bethany House.
...for Precious as her new baby prepares to make his appearance this June.
...for staff to have the necessary wisdom and knowledge to minister to the girls.
...for new residents coming into our program
...for the just-right piece of land for our second phase

Bethany House eagerly awaits the arrival of a new baby boy. Precious is due to give birth in just a few short weeks. Watch future issues for more information.

Items needed:

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Orange Oil, Bathroom Shower Spray, Frozen Juice, Large Kitchen Garbage Bags, Ziplock Baggies (all sizes) Canned Corn, Aluminum Foil, 409 Cleaner, Liquid Laundry Soap

Committee Coordinators Needed for:

Banquet and Silent Auction Team Committee



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