

BETHANY



HOUSE



CHRISTMAS EDITION 2003

PROVIDING A LOVING HOME AND SERVICES FOR SINGLE PREGNANT YOUNG WOMEN



Dear Friends,

As we look at the lives that were rescued this past year out of disappointment, discouragement, and hopelessness, we rejoice! And for those, this year, that were angry, but found kindness; lost, but found a place of refuge; alone, but found friendship and support; ashamed, but found forgiveness; afraid, but found hope for a brighter future, We Rejoice. Will you consider giving a Christmas Gift or becoming a monthly supporter to help us with the ongoing work of Bethany House, and make it possible for even more lives to be saved. Your gift truly touches and demonstrates to each girl that her life is valuable and that someone does care. You may not be here to see each new baby born, or to give them encouraging hugs, but I hope that you know that your gifts are changing lives and making a difference for each girl we serve and each new baby we bring into the world. We wish you a happy and blessed holiday season.

Beth Rhinehart, Founder



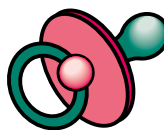
New Arrivals

Alec Joseph, was born on August 18, 2003, weighing 9 lbs. 2 1/2 ozs.



Director's Desk

Find out about ways Bethany House has been Blessed these past few months...INSIDE



Did You Know...

Our Annual Banquet in November raised over \$25,000 in support! We also got 20 new people who want to give monthly!!!



Special Feature...

Former resident, Ashley, talks about her experience with Bethany House. Read a message from her INSIDE.

Ashley's Story



About two months before my 18th birthday; I discovered I was three months pregnant, leaving me panicked and not knowing what to do. When I told my family that I was pregnant, they told me I was too young to care for a baby and that I needed to find another place to live. I found myself single and pregnant, with no job and no place to go. One day my mother came home from work with some information

about the Bethany House for me to look at. I called for an interview and two weeks later I moved in.

With the help of the staff at Bethany House I surprised my family and myself and graduated from High School with my class. Through daily devotions while residing at Bethany House and attending a local church I discovered how much God loves me and I learned how to pray. Another wonderful influence came

through the Big Sister Program as I was mentored and befriended by Nicole, who continues through her friendship to be such a help to me.

My son, Alec Joseph, was born on August 18, 2003, weighing 9lbs. 2 1/2 ozs. He is my "Angel" from Heaven. I want to thank you for supporting Bethany House, which was such a refuge in my time of need.

Ashley

A note from the Staff: All of us at Bethany House just want to say it was worth the countless hours we spent with Ashley bringing discipline and structure to her life. Working as a team we were able to take this once bitter, angry, resentful young woman to a point where she is now thankful, respectful and a great mom!! This is what you allow us to do by your support and prayers. Thank you for helping us minister to these young women and bring change into their lives.

BLESSINGS FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS



So many people have blessed us this year, and we are very grateful. Each gift, large or small means so much to us at Bethany House. We could not operate without those that give on a monthly basis and for those that give throughout the year at different times. You made our Radio-Thon, garage sale and Annual Banquet a huge success and for that we thank you. There are so many, many volunteers that work behind the scenes, and we appreciate everything they do too! All of you are a very special part of this ministry and we pray you will continue to support our girls and their babies as we enter the New Year.

Back in October, several young ladies visited Bethany House from Girl Scout Troop 2032. These young ladies presented a beautiful handmade quilt to Bethany House. Malia, Lacey and Selina (who was unable to be there) made this beautiful quilt seen in the picture. Thanks girls!!!

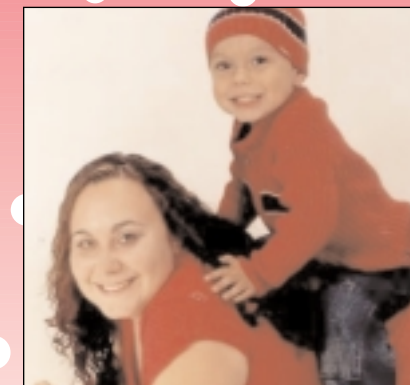
Christian Life Center chose Bethany House to bless for their first 2003 Women's conference. Special thanks to Pat Russ who coordinated and collected much needed household items for the house and the girls.

Diana Bracamonte was responsible for introducing Bethany House to Phil and Sam from Lowe's Home Improvement of

Hillsboro, who brought us a brand new upright freezer. Wow! What a blessing. They took our wish list and agreed to top our big oak trees in the back yard. They are also talking about bringing their landscaping crew and giving us a new curb appeal including new shrubs, lawn, sidewalk and steps and will be painting the wrought iron railing on the front porch so it will match the house. The guys from Lowe's are hoping to organize a district wide effort to finish our wish list. What an awesome blessing they are to us!!!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE LIVES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED WHEN YOU CHOSE TO HELP BETHANY HOUSE. HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN HELP: BETHANY HOUSE HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE GRESHAM DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION TO BE PART OF THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. VISIT JAZZY BAGELS IN GRESHAM, REMOVE A TAG FROM THE TREE, AND BUY A GIFT FOR THE YOUNG MOTHERS AT BETHAY HOUSE. SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS BEGIN NOVEMBER 29. DON'T FORGET, YOU HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR TO PUT YOUR CHANGE INTO THE BABY BOTTLES AT THE DIVISION SAFEWAY TO HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUNG WOMEN.





Phase II of Bethany House:

Bethany House supports single expectant young women by providing shelter, food, care and love to help these women bring their babies into the world. Transitional living will expand these services to provide additional after baby care to young women who have no support. In this transitional living program our new mothers will learn to make good life choices, become inde-

pendent, learn to provide for themselves and their baby and not to be permanently dependent on the worlds system. Each new mother will receive affordable housing, assistance with day care, hands on parenting skills and the opportunity to further their education and skills in order to become a self-sufficient successful young woman. Would you please pray for this next Phase of Bethany House to come to fruition?

The Bethany House Newsletter is a quarterly publication written to inspire and inform you of the many wonderful experiences we have with our young mothers-to-be.

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