

# Bethany



# House

PROVIDING A LOVING HOME FOR SINGLE PREGNANT YOUNG WOMEN • DECEMBER 2005

Forfeiting, or giving up something, at first seems unpleasant, even painful at times. In our world, we cling to our “stuff,” whatever those special “things” might be, with a vengeance. Yet, in days past, people truly embraced the blessings of sacrifice, or giving gifts of eternal value.

During the Christmas season, we are bombarded with advertisements telling us to spend, spend, and to buy more by using credit, or whatever means we can. When, really, the true meaning of the season is about the unfathomable gift Jesus Christ gave to mankind. When we give of our time, talents, and treasure this Holiday Season, are we giving in light of our Savior, or because of what our misguided world models for us?

Have you noticed how quickly toys are discarded? How those cheese and meat baskets are gone in a day; or how the Christmas-cash is eagerly spent then forgotten? We'd like to challenge you this year to forfeit the “normal” and give something of extraordinary value — a gift that will matter for generations to come, and into eternity. God loves the , the fatherless, and all the children of this world regardless of their current circumstances. Bethany House has spent the past sixteen years being His hands extended to women who are often forgotten and even scorned for their choices. In spite of their prior decisions, these young ladies have, for whatever reason, chosen to sacrifice their own dreams for what they consider something of greater value...an innocent baby's future.

A majority of you believe strongly that every life is important, however, like most good things, just believing is not enough; together, we can help women and children, such as these, succeed. Bethany House offers a proven, time-tested formula for successful change. This Christmas you can give something lasting — you can help give hope for a better future to a young mother and her child. Help...

**Further her education • Develop her job skills**  
**Obtain affordable housing • Learn lasting life skills**  
**Grow as a parent and woman of God • Find healthy friendships**  
**Embrace emotional healing**

This Christmas give the gift of abundant life with your financial donation. In turn, you will receive rewards beyond your greatest expectations. Please use the enclosed card for your convenience.



**{ SACRIFICE }** To forfeit (one thing) for another thing to be considered of greater value. The American Heritage® Dictionary





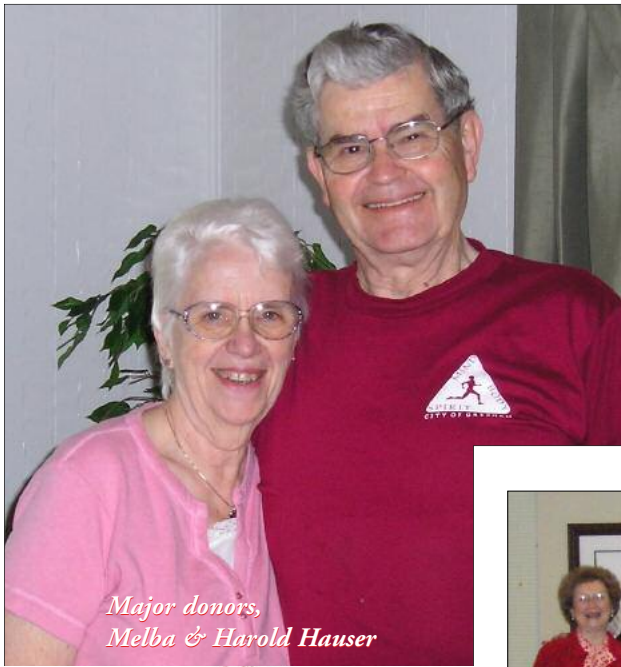
**Picnic Pizzazz!** In August, Bethany House celebrated 16 years of operation. This festive occasion also marked the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of Founder and Director, Beth Rhinehart, who was treated to a surprise cake and gifts from the staff and Board of Directors. Former residents, their children, and other family members were treated to an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. Current residents mingled with this diverse group, deriving hope from the women who had gone before them. Seeing these women and their children interacting in a healthy, family setting was a blessing, and confirmed what we already know...Bethany House helps change two lives at a time, as well as, making a positive difference in future, family relationships.

## Measure of Success: Another Update

In a past newsletter we addressed the issue of success, and how it appears different for each person. What is success for one person may be quite different for another. Just recently, a former resident of Bethany House invited Beth and Jack Rhinehart to attend her graduation. Jezzarae, has successfully completed training to become a phlebotomist. This brave, young woman experienced numerous trials and tribulations, prior to, during, and even after her stay at Bethany House. However, today, she is walking into the fullness of her new career. Although, Jezzarae completed her program in 1997, she remains in close contact with our program, receiving ongoing guidance and support from Beth. She is raising her daughter, working, and managing her home. One word that describes how she achieved this success: PERSEVEARANCE. Way to go, Jezz!







*Major donors,  
Melba & Harold Hauser*



*Mil and Alice*



*The women of Shekinah Christian Church*

# TOGETHER WE CAN!

Bethany House has a vision and a mission that many of you have embraced. This program is much more than its staff, however critical these incredible people are. Without community involvement, this program would not have flourished for the past 16 years, nor would we be able to accomplish our future goals for extended services that will allow us to help more women and children for longer periods of time. In honor of those who have stood faithfully by our side over the years, we'd like to begin a process of recognizing you, our supporters, for your hard work.

Since the creation of Bethany House, one couple has stood by our side in a number of diverse capacities. In the "olden days" these two dedicated individuals served as a "sponsor family" for our women. To this day, they act as the surrogate grandparents for one special little boy. Just last week, they were at our home busily working on household repairs and this young man, now 12 years old, was at their side, helping with the home where he spent the first months of his life.

Alice has served on our Board of Directors, and her husband Mil continues to assist with a variety of household repairs and upgrades, and have given financially. We applaud you Mil and Alice! Your committed service has not gone unnoticed.

Major donors, Harold and Melba Hauser, have given beyond what we could have ever possibly asked or imagined. Their ongoing financial commitment to Bethany House is a huge indicator of their oversized hearts. Even though they have a busy life filled with family, fellowship, and friends they still make time to help Bethany House raise funds. The Hauser's travel frequently, and have four children and eight grandchildren. Their youngest son is serving in Iraq as a senior, intelligence officer for the Marines, and they just celebrated 50 years of marriage. We appreciate you standing by us all these years. Thank you!

This last year, Cherie Dobbs blessed one of our young women by throwing her a baby shower to end all showers. The women of

Shekinah Christian Church and several volunteers showed their support by attending and helping provide the food, fellowship, and of course...fantastic gifts! It was evident by Brittany's astounded looks and tear-filled eyes that she was extremely grateful for this group of women and their desire to make her shower one to remember.

There is just not enough space to list every person, organization, church, or business that has helped Bethany House, in some way, this past year. We have received generous grants from a number of respected family foundations, and business giving programs. New churches and individuals have come on board as financial supporters and in a number of volunteer capacities. Various businesses have not only donated their finances, but their goods and services to help make our silent auctions successful. To each and every one of you who have prayed for Bethany House, or have supported us in any way, we say thank you, God bless you, and may you have the happiest New Year yet. *We hope you will continue to partner with us as we touch two lives at a time.*



## Christmas Baby

Expecting a baby is a long process of waiting, and waiting, and waiting. As tummies grow rounder, days seem to grow longer for our moms-to-be. Eager to move on to the next stage of their lives, these women are carefully preparing for future motherhood. One resident, Dhanna, is due to give birth to a little boy in December. She is working diligently on changing her life. Dhanna is attending classes and preparing to complete her high school equivalency exam, and is embracing a new,

deeper relationship with God and others. Although Ms. Dhanna would prefer to have her little guy join us sooner rather than later (it is uncomfortable having that big belly!) we suspect we'll see his sweet face some time in December. Watch for pictures!

## OUR NEED LIST:

This Christmas consider helping Bethany House stock up!

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| Toilet tissue   | Fabric softener sheets               |
| Paper towels  | Liquid antibacterial kitchen cleaner |
| Paper napkins   | Liquid laundry soap                  |
| Liquid dish soap  | Canned soups and chili               |
| Fresh meat (all types)  | Bus Tickets                          |
| Papa Murphy Gift cards  |                                      |
| Liquid or tablet dishwasher soap                                  |                                      |
| Pantry food items (a wide variety/non-expired please)             |                                      |
| Gift cards of all types (Fred Meyer, Target, Regal Cinemas, etc.) |                                      |

**Your gifts are so appreciated!  
Thank you.**



*A Very Merry Christmas  
from our House to yours*