



# Bethany House

*Providing Services for Women and Children Since 1986*

Dear Friends,

We are encouraged and excited and that is all because of you our supporters that have kept the mission of Bethany House going. You have helped our young pregnant women overcome odds and stumbling blocks and have encouraged them by your giving.

Over 30 young women came seeking housing through our Sponsor Family Program while finding appropriate housing for other women through the Gresham & Portland area. Four of these young ladies have come overcome the odds of joblessness and now have their own apartments. That is exciting!!

**Jamila:** tells her story below toward becoming successful and independent.

“My experiences from living with my Sponsor Family were more than I expected. I came here to Oregon from Hawaii to give my daughter up for adoption. After I gave birth to my baby girl, I could not give her up. Afterwards the adoption agency had to cut me off and I had nowhere to go. I called Bethany House and Beth call back with news of a Sponsor Family that was interested in meeting with me and decided I would fit with their family. We still hangout and go to church together and they adore my little girl. My Sponsor Family to this day are still in my life and are more than that we are family. We love each other. I would like to give a special Thank You to Bethany House, the Supporters and to my Sponsor Family for all their love and support =)”

“My daughter and I are living in our own apartment and I am currently enrolled in Clackamas County Community College working toward a Degree in Business.”



## **ONE SPONSOR FAMILY HAS THIS TO SAY!!**

My first encounter with Bethany House came 3 years or so ago when I contacted them and volunteered to be a “big sister” to one of the girls. I got to know a young lady and so much enjoyed having her and her child in our lives... Then, when Bethany House began their Sponsor Family Program Beth asked me if that was something my family would be interested in. I had quite a bit of time on my hands and wanted to be involved in some kind of ministry. My family agreed with me that this would be a good ministry for us. Beth and I met the young lady and together we decided that she would be a good fit for our family. She was in a difficult living situation, and needed to make some big changes in her life in order

to keep her baby. Anytime one adds a member to an existing family, there are some adjustments. Our transitions haven't always been smooth, but we've been very glad to see the changes in attitudes as well as actions in this young ladies life. Not only did eating habits get much healthier, but her choices of friends and activities have gotten healthier as well.

We became anxious waiting for the arrival of her little one knowing there would be more adjustments in our family. Jessica had new goals and directions for her life once she left our home. She wanted to start online classes which would prepare her for a



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career that would enable her to be home as she cares for daughter. It's been good to see her look to the Lord for direction as she's working to make the needed changes in her life. Jessica seems to be learning to rely on Him and to direct her and her daughter's future as well.

**Congratulations Jessica:** She is now renting a small little quaint cottage in Longview Washington and supporting her daughter. She graduated from her online class and is attending AAPC for coding.

Another woman has just moved from her Sponsor Family home into her an apartment is working and going to school. It has been difficult but worth the effort. She and her Sponsor Family have maintained a mutual relationship by exchanging house cleaning for babysitting.

**We know the economy is rough but look at the success of these young women!!** We do hope you will become supporters!! Contributions can be made securely online as a monthly supporter or a onetime gift. You can also use the envelope enclosed.

**With a grateful heart we thank all of our current supporters** You have made it possible for us to help many young women this past year and see the success that is possible when people extend a helping hand!!

**We would also like to acknowledge Unequaled Janitorial** They continued throughout the year not only ministering to our women but continued to donate supplies and provide essential infant diapers, wipes and more. Thank You!!



God Bless.

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