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—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
126,739

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
59,934

—VOLUNTEERS—

Fundraising Volunteers: **125**
Jail Ministry Volunteers: **15**
Office Volunteers: **44**
Patsy's Place Volunteers: **19**
Pen Pal Volunteers: **3**
Prayer Group Volunteers: **7**
Stepping Stones Volunteers: **13**
Garden Volunteers: **11**

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Sometimes God puts a dream in a volunteer's heart and many years later we end up with something as wonderful and life changing as Patsy's Place Transitional Home. Then there are times when He cuts to the chase and you receive a phone call that is so unexpected that you can only laugh and praise God. That's what recently happened for Sharing Hope Ministry.

Thanks to a bequest from the Leo Caiafa, Jr. Irrevocable Trust, Sharing Hope Ministry will be building the Lucille and Leo Caiafa, Jr. Center for Advancement. This building will allow us to expand the educational portion of the Patsy's Place Transitional Home's aftercare and recovery curriculum and increase the general aftercare services that can be offered to the community.

The building will be located on property already owned by Sharing Hope Ministry. This expansion will provide a large classroom, a computer lab, a multipurpose room for the interns, training space and room for special events. There will be several meeting rooms and we'll be able to add storage for food, clothing and furniture, all of which can benefit post-offending women in the Texas Panhandle. The current classroom, which is located upstairs in Patsy's Place Transitional Home, will be turned into a second living room. This new living area will relieve an overcrowding issue by freeing up space for the women who live in this home. We look forward to the additional growth opportunities that will not only benefit the programs of Sharing Hope Ministry but also the community in general. Our goal is to begin construction this fall with a completion date of June 2017.

Leo Caiafa, Jr. was a local businessman who had a deep history with the building that now is home to all the programs of Sharing Hope Ministry. In 2010 Leo generously underwrote the cost to build one of the participant's bedrooms at Patsy's Place Transitional home and Leo continued to be a supporter of this ministry. A very special heart-felt thank you goes to Leo's sister, Christine SanFilippo and the rest of family of Leo Caiafa, Jr. for providing this gift.

An Invitation for You

As always, great responsibility comes with great blessings. The new building will require additional funding for equipment, furniture, utilities, insurance and operating capital. We ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a new financial partner or increasing your current financial support of the ministry. God has loved this ministry and the special women whom it serves. Thank you for your prayers, your time as a volunteer and your financial support.

Board of Directors Note

We want to thank out-going board member **Vian Elms** for her service. Vian served from 2012-2016 and held the secretary position for several years. We also want to welcome our newest board member, **Dr. Kimberly Gilbert**.

HOPEFEST



Hope Fest

Ashley Smith did a fantastic job at this year's Hope Fest! Her testimony was not only powerful but inspiring! Her message reminds us that we all are capable of making bad decisions in this life, but we can learn from them and know that God, who loves us, will also forgive our past. It was this same message that she shared with Brian Nichols that ended up saving her life. Ashley's experience gave her a chance to reunite with her daughter and build a better future. Others shared the same message of hope. Chantell Hicks, a graduate of Patsy's Place, gave a powerful testimony of reuniting with her children and how God has guided her to becoming a better mother. Andy Justus, our event host, shared his experiences with watching

his sister overcome the similar struggles the women of Patsy's Place have battled and shared the importance of Sharing Hope Ministry. The Patsy's Place women provided a performance that was touching. They spoke of what family meant to them throughout their childhood and growing up. They ended with speaking of what family means to them now that they have come to Christ and to Patsy's Place.



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*We greatly appreciate your
support of Hope Fest 2016!
You made the night possible!
Thanks to everyone involved,
Hope Fest raised \$150,670*



In Appreciation

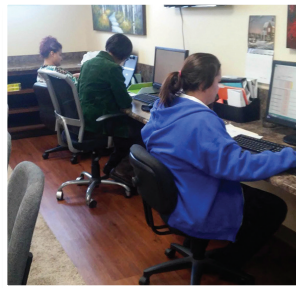
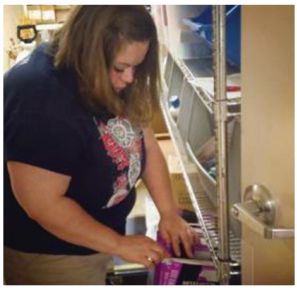
On May 26th Sharing Hope Ministry held a hamburger cookout for Hillside Christian Church's Faithbuilders class as a thank you for their ongoing support. Recently, the Faithbuilders have helped sponsor fundraisers, helped provide new mattresses for Patsy's Place, purchased our rainwater storage tanks, and helped with the irrigation system

for the 7th street Garden of Hope. Thank you Faithbuilders for your generosity and commitment to Sharing Hope Ministry.



Hands of Hope Internship Program

Time behind bars can lead to deterioration in a woman's "human capital". This includes formal education, on-the-job experience, and even her "soft skills" such as punctuality or customer relations. The new Hands of Hope Internship program was created to provide the women who live at Patsy's Place with improved job skills and with experience working in a professional setting. Our goal is to assist the women in finding better paying jobs with opportunities for advancement. Patsy's Place women are interning at the Sharing Hope Ministry office but it is our hope to partner with other employers who can offer our interns productive and meaningful work assignments with a learning component. Practical on-the-job training provides the residents with a competitive edge and confidence when they seek full-time employment after completing the first phase of the Patsy's Place program.



Prison changed my life, but so has Patsy's Place. I had the application for Patsy's Place for months before I filled it out and sent it in. I just wanted to get out and go back to having a normal life. But what I didn't realize is that it's so hard to go back to that normal life, even with a foundation that I had received in a faith-based dorm there in prison. I wasn't ready to be out on my own. Without Patsy's Place, I would NOT be where I am today.

-Brandy, May 2016 Patsy's Place Graduate



7th St.
Garden of Hope

United Way's Day of Caring

April 22nd



United Way and Happy State Bank made it possible for our newest raised planting beds to be filled. Happy State Bank employees came for the whole day to help in the 7th street Garden of Hope. They had some extremely hard workers, and we appreciate that they took the time out of their schedule to help us!

Thank you Happy State Bank employees:

Holly Cardenas, Mark Murray, Stacy Armstrong, Kraig Knox, Kira Kunkel, Mary Beth Bjork, David Weiner

San Jacinto Christian Academy

April 27th



Every couple of months the students of San Jacinto Christian Academy spend a day where they go out into the community to be of service. This year they came to help at Sharing Hope Ministry. They served in many ways, but the biggest task was organizing our basement so we could start storing donated clothing for our ladies of Patsy's Place. They also were able to help out in the garden. They were a great group of 8th graders and we were happy to have them!

Memorials & Honorariums

January – May 2016

IN MEMORY OF:

Bobbye Riddle
by April & Dave Riggs

Fern Mowson
by Berean Circle

Virgil E. Cripps
by Hillside Christian
Church

Harvey Lee Ratcliff Jr.
by Pat & Tom Stout

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by Doris Jean Cain

Chuck Swindell
by Shelia Barr

IN HONOR OF:

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It is time to lace up and get ready for the 3rd annual

RACE4RECOVERY

benefiting Patsy's Place Transitional Home!

*With an option for a 5k run, 1 mile walk,
or sitting at home, there are options for everyone!*

Don't miss out! Registration is online NOW!

Every woman that comes to Patsy's Place is given the gift of a beautiful handmade robe. We need some seamstresses that have experience using a Serger machine for sewing chenille robes for the women at Patsy's Place. Also, if anyone is interested in "cutting out" party. Electric scissors are very helpful for cutting this type of fabric. If you might be interested or have questions, please contact Lota Taylor at 355-3222

*Experienced
Seamstresses Needed!*

**Saturday, Aug. 27th at 8:30 am
Thompson Park**

For More Information or to Register online:

www.patsysplacrace.org

\$25 per Person*

for 5K Run or 1 Mile Walk

**Price increases to \$30 after August 13*

\$20 per Sleep Walker

(Sleep in on race day and still receive a T-shirt.)