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—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
156,751

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
72,212

—VOLUNTEERS—

Jail Ministry: **13**

Office: **37**

Patsy's Place: **21**

The Center: **41**

Prayer Group: **8**

Stepping Stones: **16**

Garden: **12**

—BOARD OF DIRECTORS —

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NEWS

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR...

Nineteenth Annual

Christmas In October

Gift and Craft Show

Sat., October 26, 2019
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sun., October 27, 2019
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Amarillo Civic Center
South Exhibit Hall

Admission: \$5.00

(Children 12 and under are free)

For information visit

www.ChristmasinOctoberTX.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers that can help set up at the Civic Center, foot and fluff the baked goods, or even work a 2 hour shift on either Saturday or Sunday.

BAKERS NEEDED!

Join our amazing team of bakers and help make this year's bake sale delicious! All baked goods must be dropped off on Thurs., Oct. 24th at Washington Ave. Christian Church or Fri., Oct. 28th, at the Civic Center.

Contact Stevi if interested in volunteering
stevi@sharinghopeministry.org

Sign up online to bake!

ChristmasinOctoberTX.org/bake-sale

Christmas in October is one of our favorite events to share with the community. It gives everyone the opportunity to get out, do some Christmas shopping early, AND we offer a wide variety of delicious baked goods. It just makes my mouth water thinking about all of the cakes, brownies, cookies, and more! YUM!

By hosting this event every year, we are able to continue sharing the love of Christ with women by sending the *Life Recovery Bible* and other materials. We hope you will join us this year and help us spread HOPE!

...AND EVERYONE TELLING YOU BE OF GOOD CHEER

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For more information visit
ChristmasinOctoberTX.org

Our New Mission Statement:

Our mission is to assist at-risk and incarcerated women in changing their story by SHARING HOPE through Christ's love

Our Vision Statement:

Our vision is to equip women to be productive members of society, achieve their potential and lead Christ-centered and self-sufficient lives through education, empowerment and encouragement.

Our Core Values: What defines the character, tone, core of our work?

Christ-centered, prayerful, compassionate grace, scripture based, servant's heart, transparent organization, accountable



Lots of exciting things are happening at The Lucille and Leo Caiafa Center for Advancement!

- We partnered with Amarillo College to host an instructor taught GED class for post offending women. Everything has been provided free to our students.
- Dressing for Impressing was offered to post offending women and other shelter women. This class not only taught women how to dress appropriately for a job or interview, but how to make good eye contact, shake hands, and much more. A free interview outfit, shoes, jewelry, and purse was provided to each attendee.
- We began a 5th week Pantry. This pantry day is offered to graduates and past residents of Patsy's Place, and local post offending women. It is a great resource to help women and families either in a time of need or to provide some relief from their everyday food budget.



Women receiving food through the 5th week pantry

Long Range Planning Complete!

After months of prayer, and meetings involving volunteers and staff, our Board of Directors has released our new strategic plan for the next three-five years. Thank you to all who prayed for us!

OUR GOALS:

Goal #1 - Ministry Sustainability

Three areas have been targeted to preserve our ability to fulfill our mission. Actions will be taken to promote financial sustainability, to address future staffing needs, and to ensure adequate technology.

Goal #2 - Program Enhancement

The current services provided by Sharing Hope Ministry are impactful and life-changing, but we can do more!

- Prison and jail ministries -We will be adding the Spanish *Life Recovery Bible* and materials to address the growing Spanish speaking population.
- Patsy's Place Transitional Home -Individual plan of actions will be created for each woman. New forms and curriculums will be available to our staff and volunteers, and changes will be made to our program requirements.
- Center for Advancement -This program has opportunities for great growth by adding more evening classes and resources. We have already added GED classes for post-offending women and a 5th week food pantry.
- Other - we are researching opportunities to provide limited services to offending female juveniles and to human trafficking victims who are at-risk for being incarcerated.

Goal #3 - Extended Aftercare

We are excited to share our ideas of helping more women when they are released from incarceration and we have several objectives:

- Prison and Jail ministries -upon request, aftercare packets will be sent to Texas women who have recently been released from incarceration. These packets will have resource lists for local, recovery and spiritual resources, a plan of action for starting their new life, and tips about triggers for addicts.
- Patsy's Place Transitional Home -We will improve communication with graduates and past participants for ongoing support, and to provide opportunities to be involved with the ministry.
- Center for Advancement -We are researching the option of providing more aftercare assistance to women as they are being released from Potter and Randall County Jail.

OUR BIG, SCARY, AUDACIOUS GOAL - History has shown that God has always had big plans for Sharing Hope Ministry so our planning sessions includes the "out of the ballpark" dream. Almost every group that participated in this planning session stated that they would love to see either a sober-living facility for our graduates or expansion of the Patsy's Place program. For now, we wait and pray for God's leading, and that He prepares and strengthens us.

We Have Been Incredibly Blessed in 2019



We were given \$7,500 by CNS Pantex! Receiving this grant means being able to continue to provide quality classes, shelter for the women of Patsy's Place,

and outreach to families of the incarcerated or addicted in our community.

Accidents happen, and this time the accident involved someone running a red-light and hitting our transportation van for the Patsy's Place women. No one was hurt but our poor van is no longer with us.

BUT, after this accident God showed up and



showed off! A HUGE thank you to Brown Automotive Group for their donation of a Dodge Caravan!



Meet Big Rhonda

Special thanks to Washington Avenue Christian Church for allowing us to purchase a 15 passenger van from them! Thank you Accent Auto Body and Automotive for removing the lettering. Big Rhonda is ready for service!

Thank You for Getting Us to the Next Level

Our 1959 elevator finally gave out on us but a solution to replace it was found! We are currently under construction putting in our new lift! The majority of expenses were taken care of through grants that we received.

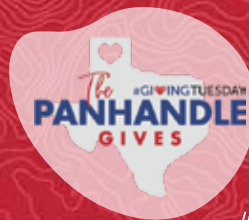
Thank you to:

- High Plains Christian Ministries Foundation
- Anonymous
- Dave & Nona Payne Foundation
- Faithbuilders
- The Mays Foundation



We then turned to our supporters to help underwrite the rest of the cost! Thanks to their help we have all but \$600 collected. **THANK YOU FOR**

HELPING WITH THIS FUND!



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We're part of
#ThePanhandleGives

Helping Women Find THEIR Mission!

Partner with us to help women find THEIR mission in life. This year the funds we receive through this campaign will go to Patsy's Place Transitional Home. In this 12 month Christ-based transitional home we are helping women change their story. We accomplish this by providing Christian love, support, shelter, and education. This year YOU have the opportunity to help us continue this amazing work in changing women's lives!



\$54,480 was received in 2018!

\$41,124 received from Sharing Hope Ministry supporters!

Please sign up to our eblast to stay updated about this campaign by visiting bit.ly/SHMsignup

Here's what you need to know:

- You can give online during November 25th-December 3rd (link will be provided later; sign up to eblast for reminders)
- During "The Panhandle Gives" week you can drop off a check to Amarillo National Bank, Happy State Bank, and First Bank Southwest. Checks MUST be made out to "The Panhandle Gives" with Sharing Hope Ministry in the memo.
- The Amarillo Area Foundation has an amplification fund that we will receive MORE funds based on a percentage we raise for Sharing Hope Ministry.

Memorials & Honorariums **Apr-Aug 2019**

IN MEMORY AND LOVE OF:

Linda Cox
by Welcome Pardner
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by Berean Circle

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IN HONOR OF:

Tom Kitts
by Judy Neese

Dianna Tolk
by Linda McCleary

Cathy Andrew
by Sharing Hope Ministry
Board of Directors and Staff

**Connie and Bob Garrett's
Anniversary**
by Dewanna Adams



IN KIND:

Brenda Blakley, CPA
C&B Marketing
Dixie & Danny Fulton

Graphic Designs by Kim
Tim and Vickie Merrill
Radio by Grace

April and Dave Riggs
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Scott and Joyce Willis

Thank You Supporters!

We Need Your Help!
Help underwrite the cost of

**Christmas In
October**
Gift and Craft Show



\$250 \$500 \$1000 \$1500 \$2500

If interested in sponsoring please contact us at
806-358-7803 or info@sharinghopeministry.org



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SHM Newsletter

Present this ad for **\$1.00** off admission price



Meet Michelle

My name is Michelle Smith, I am married with three children whose ages are 23, 19 and 17. I am so honored to be working with Sharing Hope Ministry at Patsy's Place. It is nothing short of an answered prayer. My heart is to help other women begin to see themselves through Jesus' eyes. There are not many roads these women have travelled, that I myself have not also travelled. I pray that my testimony of my own addiction, incarceration and transformation can offer them HOPE. I want to encourage them that their time at Patsy's Place is a time to allow the Lord to lay a foundation that He will use to prosper them. These women are not defined by their past mistakes, they are defined by who God says they are: Redeemed and Favored.

Watch Michelle's video at
bit.ly/PPTHnewprogramdirector