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A Season of Gratitude

2020 has been a year of unexpected events that have changed so much about how we do ministry but God has not abandoned us. His mercy continues to shine over Sharing Hope Ministry and we are truly grateful. We'd like to share how COVID19 has brought out the best with our community partners, donors and volunteers who are passionate about our mission. COVID19 has also had a negative impact on our ministry so we ask that you check out our prayer section.

Introducing Our



Circle of hope

Sharing Hope Ministry announces the creation of the Circle of Hope to honor volunteers who have faithfully served the ministry with distinction through the years. Our first inductee is Benita Brown, a long-time volunteer and financial supporter of the ministry. While serving on the Board of Directors for six years, Benita chaired the PR Committee, overseeing all our special events. Each year Benita worked tirelessly behind the scenes to put together Hope Fest, which is the biggest fundraiser for the ministry. Prior to her service as a board member, Benita played an essential role in overseeing the interior design of Patsy's Place, making sure that it felt like a home to all who would reside there. Benita also oversaw the interior design of the Sharing Hope Ministry offices and the Center for Advancement. In addition to her dedicated service to the ministry, Benita was a great source of encouragement to staff, other volunteers and participants at Patsy's Place. Although others will follow Benita into the Circle of Hope, Sharing Hope is privileged to bestow the inaugural honor upon Benita Brown with our gratitude for all her hard work on behalf of the ministry.

Volunteer Spotlight!



Meet Gloria Herrick! She was our first SHM volunteer to return to service once our office opened back up. Gloria is a data entry Volunteer.

"I was so happy to come back and

feel like I was contributing again. It felt like things were back to "normal" for me." -Gloria

We would like to shine some light on a few of our volunteer teachers, Leslie Sims and Bobby Demerson.



They were our first teachers to return to in person teaching after we opened the CFA back up.



The Sims Bible study group from Family Life Church missed seeing the women of Patsy's Place, so they held a drive by parade! They are now back to holding their weekly Bible study at the Center for Advancement.



When we work together to share the hope of Christ, women's lives can be changed. Families can be changed. Even our communities can be changed through faith.

**Save the dates for The Panhandle Gives
November 23rd through December 1st**

Online giving has been made easier now that the Amarillo Area Foundation is covering online processing fees for your donation. Visit sharinghopeministry.org to give during The Panhandle Gives. Checks can still be taken to Amarillo National Bank, Happy State Bank, and First Bank Southwest. Please make checks payable to The Panhandle Gives with Sharing Hope Ministry in the memo.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Thanks to the **Mary E. Bivins Foundation** we have the funds to upgrade our technology. We will be replacing old computers and updating our software. A special thanks to **PSA, Inc.** who is designing a new client database that can handle our over 300,000 records. Also, a big thank you to **PC Hotline** for going above and beyond to keep our technology running smoothly. The new changes are instrumental in providing long-term stability for our future.

thank you
to our Board of Directors

Thank you to Tim Merrill, Benita Brown, Deannie Hill, and Hugh Bonifield for their service while on our Board of Directors. You will be missed! Join us in welcoming Jason Riddlespurger to our Board!

Prayers for our Programs!



The chain reaction of this pandemic can be seen through the work accomplished with Sharing Hope Ministry. Over the last couple of months we have seen a decrease in requests for Bibles and Bible studies. Chaplains and ministry volunteers have been wonderful partners by providing our information to inmates, but most facilities are not allowing volunteers into the jails and prisons at this time. Our prayers are that correctional volunteers can soon be allowed back in to serve and our requests will return to normal.

Patsy's Place Transitional Home suspended our acceptance of new women in March but we have recently re-opened our doors to allow released women the opportunity for safe housing again. The safety of our participants is our highest priority so new guidelines and procedures have been put in place to protect our participants and volunteers!

The activities and classes that normally are held at the Center for Advancement have been put on hold due to social distancing requirements. Our spring GED program was limited to 10 women, and the fall session had to be canceled. Our ministry stepped up during this time and provided 131 visits to our food and clothing pantry for post-offending women.

COVID19 has also affected both of our fundraisers and our monthly financial giving. We thank all who continue to support our mission and ask for prayers that donations will soon return to normal.

WE OUR COMMUNITY!

THANK YOU SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

For the dentures for 2 of the Patsy's Place women. Thank you for giving them their smiles back!

THANK YOU Cactus FEEDERS

for meat to help with our food pantry and transitional home.

THANK YOU

Hillside Christian Church, High Plains Food Bank, and Snack Pak 4 Kids for providing extra food

THANK YOU

All of our Eblast subscribers that answered our need for supplies!



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