



NEWS

Sharing Hope Ministry

JANUARY 2020

ISSUE NO. 90

Sharing Hope Ministry
806-358-7803

Patsy's Place
806-418-2480

P.O. Box 7160
Amarillo, Texas 79114

www.sharinghopeministry.org

—STAFF—

April Riggs, Executive Director
April@sharinghopeministry.org

Michelle Smith,
Patsy's Place Program Director
Michelle@sharinghopeministry.org

Debbie Adams, Volunteer Coordinator
Debbie@sharinghopeministry.org

Stevi Larson, Special Projects
Stevi@sharinghopeministry.org

Cherrie Miller, CFA Resource Coordinator
Cherrie@sharinghopeministry.org

Dewanna Adams • Darla Andrew
Gloria Boxten • Susan Hill
Natasha Hooks
Patsy's Place Support Staff

—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
159,808

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
73,336

—VOLUNTEERS—

Jail Ministry: **13**

Office: **36**

Patsy's Place: **21**

The Center: **49**

Prayer Group: **7**

Stepping Stones: **7**

Garden: **2**

Fundraising: **297**

—BOARD OF DIRECTORS —

Tim Merrill, *President*

Margaret Willis, *Vice President*

Rick Brenneman, *Treasurer*

Dr. Kimberly Gilbert, *Secretary*

Hugh Bonifield

Benita Brown

Kayla Carpenter

Danny Fulton

Krystal Hare

Deannie Hill

Sharla Sisemore

Jana Yarbrough



From Prison to Peace
CELEBRATING
Hope Fest
YEARS
2000-2020

Please Join Us As We
Celebrate 20 YEARS of Hope
2000-2020



Thursday, March 26, 2020
7:00 pm
Civic Center, Heritage Ballroom
with Guest Speaker,
Susan DeFace Washington
Author of *From Pom Poms to Prison*
Tickets: \$40 each

For ticket information call 806-358-7803 or visit www.sharinghopeministry.org

Sponsors Needed!
Sponsorships start at \$500
Contact April for more information
April@sharinghopeministry.org

Volunteers Needed!
Contact Stevi if interested in
volunteer opportunities for this event.
Stevi@sharinghopeministry.org

Hope Fest

20 YEARS
2000-2020

We are excited to be celebrating the 20th anniversary of this event! In honor of this special night we have invited Susan De Face Washington, author of *From Pom Poms to Prison* to be our guest speaker.



Susan's testimony brings affirmation that incarcerated women, like those that we serve, are desperate to know Christ in hopes of changing their stories.

Susan DeFace Washington was just your typical girl, born into a typical middle-class family. She was the youngest of three children, living what everyone thought was a typical life. Turns out, everyone was wrong.

Susan and her family endured heartbreaking tragedies and crippling addictions that devastated and almost destroyed them. Susan, alone, survived.

Her story will take you from her years as a cheerleader, to being a special education teacher and ultimately to being a convicted felon, serving time and working on the prison pig farm, cleaning the slabs and feeding the pigs.

It's the story of a woman struggling to survive the suicide of an older brother, the untimely death of an older sister, and the paralyzing alcoholism of her parents, who, in their grief, left her to care for herself for too much of her young life.

Susan struggles with the demons her dysfunctional childhood has caused, turns to drug addiction, is convicted of manufacturing and selling methamphetamines and serves a felony prison sentence. During this time she learns what is most important in life and what the phrase "pulling chain" really means.

Her drug use has cost her many things, including time with her children, and her certificate as a Texas Educator. But, as funny as it sounds, it has also given her some gifts; the realization that her sobriety is vital to her life and her belief in God that is vital to her sobriety.

Finally A Working Elevator!

We now have a working lift! Thank you everyone that helped fund this lift and helping us reach the next level!



Cactus FEEDERS

Has given us \$15,000 to help with our 2020 food budget!

Very special thanks for helping us with our need and provide more protein and healthy snacks!

OVER \$35,000 RAISED for Patsy's Place!



Thank you everyone who gave during The Panhandle Gives! Because of our supporters who gave \$29,576 to this campaign we were able to receive an ADDITIONAL \$5,698 from the amplification fund!

Save the dates for The Panhandle Gives 2020: November 23-December 1st



Thank You HILLSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

For supplying our graduates with Christmas meal baskets, and food support for the Center for Advancement!

And thank you for all of the volunteers that helped!

THANK YOU!

to everyone who helped make Christmas special for each of the women at Patsy's Place Transitional Home!

"We just wanted to tell you all thank you from the ladies at Patsy's Place. Jesus put it in your hearts to do these things for us, thank you!" - Tonya, resident of Patsy's Place

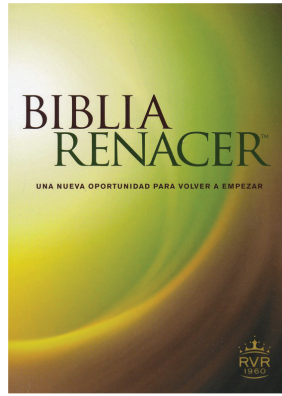


2020 A Year Full of Growth

Looking back at 2019, the year seems like a blur. There were many memorable moments including celebrating twenty years of sending the *Life Recovery Bible* to incarcerated and recovering women. Volunteers have now sent 159,808 *Life Recovery Bibles* since 1999! It was also exciting to have our dear friend, Jud Wilhite, with us at Hope Fest, and we began a partnership with Amarillo College to offer GED classes to post-offending and at-risk women. Volunteers, staff and our Board of Directors spent months in prayer and in meetings, and have completed our 3-5 year strategic plan...let's be honest, 2019 involved a lot of hard work!

We are now renewed with an excitement and passion for reaching the goals of this strategic plan, and in bringing glory to God through this ministry. While 2019 was a great year, 2020 will most certainly bring growth to all of our programs!

Sharing Hope Ministry will be offering a *Spanish Life Recovery Bible*. Our volunteers are currently translating our forms to Spanish so that more women can be introduced to Christ. Volunteers will also be providing new aftercare materials to women across Texas to help them be more successful as they re-enter our communities.



Patsy's Place Transitional Home is adding additional recovery support to our curriculum and we have changed our program to better work with women who have different obstacles to their success.

The Center for Advancement has grown so much since we opened it in the fall of 2017! Our goal in 2020 is to build more partnerships with area organizations and businesses to provide relevant and impactful resources to more at-risk women from our community. We hope to increase the amount of services provided to our area women.

Please pray for this ministry as it continues to grow and we implement new services and changes to our existing programs. As for us, we are going to do just what 1 Timothy 4:15 says to do which is, "Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress."



ON THE LOOKOUT

We are in search of businesses that can offer Patsy's Place Transitional Home women temporary or contract labor work positions. This would be a great opportunity for a woman in the second phase of her program who might be working on her GED or taking a certificate program at Amarillo College. These women are working on their education but have a limited time when they can work to purchase a car, pay off debt and save for their future.

Those interested can contact us at 806-358-7803 or info@sharinghopeministry.org for more information

We are growing!

We are seeking a 24-30 hour a week Outreach Advisor

We will never forget how this ministry began and the amazing things God has provided and prepared us for. But, with a sense of responsibility to keep this amazing work of sharing hope going and with the importance of nurturing the many new relationships and opportunities we have been privileged with, we will be looking to add an additional staff member. This ministry has had 20 years of growth in our programs, volunteers, donors, and events.

You can view the job summary at: sharinghopeministry.org/careers

*we will begin interviewing after February 20th

We Are In Need Of Mentors!!!

Mentors offer one-on-one care while walking alongside a Patsy's Place woman when she is hurting, lonely, worried, confused, doubting or lost. Mentors are "care-givers" who help women seek out God as the ultimate "cure-giver".



Mentor training dates:

February 29th-8am-5pm & March 5th-6pm-10pm
**both days are required*

For more information visit sharinghopeministry.org/stepping-stones-aftercare

Memorials & Honorariums Sep-Dec 2019

IN MEMORY AND LOVE OF:

Art Grice
by Berean Circle

Barbara Brown
by Berean Circle

Beth Lamberth
by Berean Circle

Billy Lauder
by Judy Neese

Buck Jackson
by Lee Barrett & Vera Bruns

D.B. Woods
by Berean Circle

Dorothy Lee
by April & Dave Riggs

Dr. Steve Curtis
by Bruckner Family Foundation

George Shultz
by April & Dave Riggs

George Vangergriff
by Margaret Willis
Lois Fay Good
Don and Pat Ford
Cindy Neseth

Jackie Daugherty
by Judy Neese

Jerry Troidahl
by Judy Neese

Jessie Marth
by Judy Neese

Jimmie Smith
by Wednesday's Bible Group

Joyce Cameron
by April & Dave Riggs

LaJuana Washer
by Johnny & Phyllis Hicks

Marvin Willis
by Bobby & Laurie Pinkston
Mary Elizabeth Youngman Ford by
April & Dave Riggs

Mary Swindel
by Mildred Straight

Noah Hicks
by April & Dave Riggs
Dan & Glenda Hetrick

IN HONOR OF:

Janice Johnson
by Linda Warrick

Mr. & Mrs. Talk
by Linda McCleary

Charles & Melinda Ashcraft
by Paul & Sandra Campbell

Gloria Freeman
by Jeff & Helen Smith

Shirley Daniel
by Bill & Barbara Scott

The Garrett Family
by Dewana Adams

The Willis Family
by Dewana Adams

Pam Pandolfi
by Danny & Dixie Fulton

Patricia Everett
by Amy Page

Patricia and James Everett
by Zachary Scoggin
Brian & Jennifer Everett

IN KIND:

Brenda Blakley, CPA
C&B Marketing Solutions
Dixie & Danny Fulton
Victor B. Glenn, CPA
Graphic Designs by Kim

Cherrie Miller
Tim and Vickie Merrill
Radio by Grace
April and Dave Riggs
Jim Shelburne

Welcome Pardner
Scott and Joyce Willis

Thank You Supporters!



Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.

PO Box 7160 ▪ Amarillo, TX 79114

Non Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Amarillo, Texas
Permit No. 98

Return Service Requested

APRIL 24TH, 2020

SAVE THE DATE

Volunteer
Appreciation
Luncheon

**BEST BAKE
SALE EVER!**

\$9,306 raised from the bake sale! That was \$1,000 more than we raised last year.

Christmas in October raised a total of \$55,425 for Sharing Hope Ministry!

Thank you to every sponsor, volunteer, vendor, baker and attendee for making this event life-changing! Because of your help with this event over 3,600 women's lives will be changed as they endeavor to know Christ more!

Now accepting all Christmas dishes and ribbon donations!

Christmas In October
Gift and Craft Show

