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—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
140,655

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
65,826

—VOLUNTEERS—

Fundraising Volunteers: **182**

Jail Ministry Volunteers: **15**

Office Volunteers: **43**

Patsy's Place Volunteers: **19**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **10**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **7**

Garden Volunteers: **18**

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NEWS

The Journey



This year had plenty of excitement surrounding the opening of our new building, the Lucille and Leo Caiafa, Jr. Center for Advancement, and for good reason. We've been busy in the short three months since this building was opened. Recently released women have come through these doors seeking and receiving help. Parents and volunteers have been empowered by learning more about the issues of addiction. We've had a resource fair and budgeting classes, Bible studies and recovery meetings. This building was created as a place for education, but it has become so much more. Families are meeting here, we've had a graduation celebration, and our holiday events have brought back women who still consider Sharing Hope Ministry as part of their family.

In this building is a hallway that could be easily overlooked but it has a special purpose. It's called the "Journey Hall". On these walls, the story of Sharing Hope Ministry is told. It starts with the first prayer that God would send a ministry opportunity, and it serves as a reminder that God chose these women to show His love to, through us.

We've stayed true to our purpose and this year have sent over 140,000 Life Recovery Bibles and Bible studies out to women who are incarcerated or in addiction recovery facilities across the United States. Volunteers continue to visit our local jails each week, and our prayer teams pray specifically for the women who write us. Patsy's Place Transitional Home has been a safe and nurturing environment for 100 women since it was opened.

As our journey takes us into 2018, there will be more opportunities to be part of this ministry that God so obviously loves. Sharing Hope Ministry wants to say thank you to the volunteers and donors who have made this ministry so effective and so impactful. There is much work to be done in 2018 and we invite all to be a part of this ministry.



Thank you to everyone who came to the open house to celebrate this amazing building! Also, thank you to those who helped stock our shelves with paper goods, laundry detergent, and much more. We also appreciate those of you who purchased an item from our registry helping our new building to be more beautiful and functional!

I am happy to share with everyone who was unable to attend the open house event, that our new building is an educational building as well as an outreach ministry of Sharing Hope Ministry. We provide emergency food, clothing, and hygiene items for women that have been released from prison or jail. We can also provide services to any woman who has ever been incarcerated if she finds herself in a crisis situation. We also provide additional support by offering classes, recovery groups, and contact information for other local agencies.

Do you have a group of 4-12 people that would like to come have lunch with us? We will show you around the new building and share what God is really doing through this ministry!

Call Stevi at 806-358-7803 or
email stevi@sharinghopeministry.org



The Center has a 12 person computer lab that women can use to apply for jobs, do online classes, apply for health insurance, and more.



There is one large and three smaller rooms that women can meet with family, mentors, and financial coaches.



The classroom is used for all of the Patsy's Place classes and other educational seminars available to post-offending woman.



Our graduate wall highlights the women that have graduated from the Patsy's Place program. We had 5 women graduate in 2017 bringing our total number of graduates to 22!



We are able to give out food, clothing, and hygiene items to women that have just been released as well as women who have been out a while but find themselves in a crisis situation.



The Center also features a relaxing patio area overlooking the 7th Street Garden of Hope. Great place to go sit and enjoy some peace and sunshine!



Also in 2017:

We celebrated a volunteer appreciation luncheon in February. We honored our volunteers by picking the theme, "Volunteers are an essential piece of the puzzle."



This ministry thrives because of our volunteers. Each one has different gifts and abilities that they bring with them. They each have been called to a different area and each area is just a piece of Sharing Hope Ministry.

Save the Date - 4/27/18 Volunteer Spring Luncheon

Christmas In October

Thank you to all of our sponsors!

Faithbuilders	General Office Supply
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Welcome Pardner	

We also want to give a special thanks to all of our volunteers for this event! We had around **220** volunteer bakers this year that brought close to 400 baked goods! We also were blessed to have close to **100** volunteers that worked at the event! We were able to raise almost \$58,000 because of everyone's hard work and commitment to this ministry. We thank you!

I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life, my fresh start. Please send me a Life Recovery Bible so that I can continue to build my relationship with Christ. Thank you.
- Karey B.

MARCH



We joined together with the community for a Hope Fest dinner to listen to guest, Scott Riggsby. He shared his life experiences and His journey with God. It's always good to know we aren't alone in this race. God has us and we just need to continue on with endurance and strength!

We celebrated our 3rd planting season in the 7th Street Garden of Hope! It was a great year for growing fresh vegetables. We even added some raised beds on the outside fence for anyone in the community to pick some fresh vegetables if they were hungry. Special thanks to Jim Shelburne and Dan Hetrick for all of their hard work this year! We are looking forward to adding another rain water tank in 2018!



SPRING

NOVEMBER



Every year the current residents, graduates, past residents, and their families join together for a thanksgiving potluck meal.

AUGUST



The Quick Quack duck showed up to the 2017 Race 4 Recovery to help cheer on our runners and walkers! Radio by Grace provided a race day soundtrack, and then the LiveWellFit team won in the 5k team category! It was an inspiring event bringing the women of Patsy's Place and the community together in celebration of Recovery!

We are celebrating!
Patsy's Place
Transitional Home

One of our newest residents, who moved in not too long ago, is the
100th Woman
Patsy's Place Transitional Home has served!

DECEMBER

Memorials & Honorariums Sep-Dec 2017

IN MEMORY OF:

Patricia Kindred
by Kelly & James Savage
Jo & Art Baker
April & Dave Riggs

Bill Summerford
by Game Night Group-
Shelton's, Sizemore's, &
Smith's

Charlie Cox
by J'Melle & Gary Fletcher

Jim Fletcher
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John Hamak

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by April & Dave Riggs

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When you realize God's purpose for your life isn't just about you, He will use you in a mighty way!

-Dr. Tony Evans

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BECOME A MENTOR!**

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January 20th 8am-5pm
& January 23rd 6-9pm

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