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Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:
34,426

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
16,377

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: **25**

Office Volunteers: **38**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **6**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **8**

Teaching Team Volunteers: **15**

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Hope Fest 2006 HAS

RECORD ATTENDANCE



This year's Hope Fest fundraiser was an incredible blessing for the ministry. With over 450 people in attendance, this was by far the biggest event for Sharing Hope Ministry. This

year's event was completely underwritten by several area businesses and individuals which allowed us to raise almost \$34,000!



*Guest Speaker Sheriff
Joel Richardson*

Highlights of the evening included words of support from Sheriff Joel Richardson, a very entertaining live auction with volunteer auctioneer, Jim Shelburne, music from "The Martini's" Jazz Band, fifty-eight fabulously decorated tables and over 160 auction items.



*Auctioneer
Jim Shelburne*



*The Martini's Jazz Band provided
delightful entertainment*

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Hope 2006 Fest



Sharing Hope Ministry would like to give our sincere thanks to co-chair Wanda DeVoll, and committee members Mindy Briggs, Carolyn Holmes, Dianne Sagan, Laura Sims, Sammye Stark, Lota Taylor, and Cheri Vogeler. We also are thankful for all those who decorated tables, solicited donations, and worked the day of the event.



April Riggs, Wanda DeVoll, Mayor Debra McCartt and Laura Sims



Benita Brown places a bid on a lovely cross in the silent auction.



These lovely young ladies are members of the Paramount Christian Church youth group who volunteered at HopeFest

Thanks to our Hope Fest Sponsors

Thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their support:

Shirley Daniel, PC Hotline, Inc., Ron and Cheri Boyd, Becky and John Logsdon, MTS Transportation & Co. , Josephine Anderson Charitable Trust, Amarillo National Bank, Brenda Blakley, CPA, Happy State Bank, Plains Builders, and Financial Payments- A Division of Herring Bank

Other businesses and individuals provided in-kind support for this event. Thanks to Krissa Brown , Graphic Designs by Kim, Nestler's Greenhouse, Panhandle Laundry, Panhandle Presort Services, and The Real Estate Book.



Brenda Blakley shows off one of silent auction items.

High Plains Christian Ministries Foundation Provides Grant

Sharing Hope Ministry is excited to announce that we are expanding our current Bible study curriculum by seven additional studies. This expansion is possible due to funding provided by the High Plains Christian Ministries Foundation. Studies that will soon be available cover issues on depression, suffering, prayer, failure, character, relationships with others, and relationship with God. This is an answer to prayer as we have had several women complete all the studies in our curriculum and show a desire to continue to work through Bible studies to strengthen their faith during their incarceration.

Xcel Community Grant Awarded

A new Bible study on recovery issues is now available to incarcerated women. Funding through Xcel Community Grant allowed Sharing Hope to purchase the first shipment of "Celebrate Recovery Inside". This study is national know and currently being used in many Christ-based Recovery Programs. Women who are incarcerated can use Christian principles as they are working through their recovery of addiction.

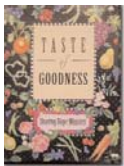


Sharing Hope Ministry Has Several Needs:

- ❖ Christmas items for the bake sale including ribbons, baskets, platters and bowls, and the fronts of Christmas cards to use as tags.
- ❖ An office chair that is in good shape
- ❖ Supplies for the office. (paper towels, Kleenex, and large garbage bags)
- ❖ House cleaning for the Sharing Hope Office.
- ❖ Speaking Opportunities – Provide names of your church contacts and women's groups we may contact to set up a Sharing Hope presentation.

Sharing Hope Wins Contest!

Sharing Hope Ministry was selected as the winner of FABRIC DREAMS charity quilt fabric giveaway. Carolyn Holmes and Linda Stafford presented a compelling application for Sharing Hope Ministry. As the winner we will be provided fabric and advice. This quilt will be used as a fundraiser during the "Christmas in October" Gift and Craft show. Several women are currently working on the quilt which will be on display at the Sharing Hope office in August. Tickets will be available through the Sharing Hope office and volunteers.



Need a Great Mother's Day Present?

We still have Sharing Hope Cookbooks available for \$12.50 each. These make great Mother's Day presents. This cookbook has 500 fabulous recipes submitted by bake sale participants, volunteers, staff and friends of Sharing Hope.

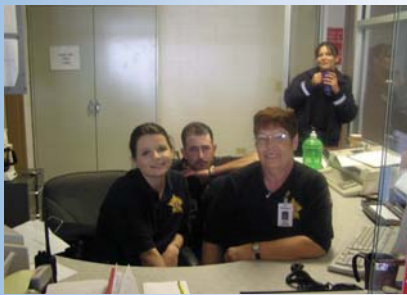
Call or come by to pick up your cookbook. All proceeds from the sales of these cookbooks benefit Sharing Hope Ministry.

From the Jail

The following was related by a Sharing Hope Jail Ministry team member

"Yesterday, Kim, one of the women attending the Randall County Bible study, shared that she has NEVER prayed for herself, only other people. A volunteer shared the story of how Sharing Hope was started, and some of the miracles God has performed throughout the years to provide for all the Bibles and studies for incarcerated women. All six of the women in the Bible study had tears in their eyes as they realized God truly cared about them. As Kim was leaving she whispered to the volunteer that she thought she was ready to talk to God about herself for the first time in prayer... She said that she was going to start praying that God would help her heal and she would have a change in her life. ~March 2006

Special Thanks to Administration and Staff Members at Potter and Randall County Jails



Potter County Jail Staff

Randall County administration and staff also ensure that our volunteers can minister to area women each week. Not only does Randall County show continued support to our volunteers, they also help with set up of both our ministry fundraisers. Sharing Hope Ministry would like to thank the administration and staff and wish Lt. Johnny Sluder many blessings, as he has recently retired from Randall County Jail.



Randall County Jail

It has been our privilege to work with the staff from both facilities as they continue to encourage us through their support as we share God's love and hope to these incarcerated women.

Christmas in October

Christmas in October is scheduled for October 28th and 29th at the North Exhibit Hall of the Civic Center.

There will be many volunteer opportunities and we would love for you to call the Sharing Hope office at 358-7803 and let us know where you would like to serve. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- ✧ Workers during the event
- ✧ Those who can provide items for the Bake Sale
- ✧ Women to make bows before the event
- ✧ Fluffer's and Foofer's to decorate the bake sale items.
- ✧ Women to provide Christmas or Fall containers, clear cellophane, decorations and ribbon for the Bake Sale.
- ✧ Donations for material for white tablecloths that fit 8' rectangular tables or women who can surge the tablecloths



We Love Our Volunteers!

April 23rd-29th

Sharing Hope volunteers provided over 9,000 hours last year working to assist over 14,400 incarcerated women in the State of Texas in their recovery from destructive behavior, by sharing God's love and hope through the teaching of His Word.

These volunteers, representing about 45 different churches, come together to show God's love to the incarcerated women who need Him to make the changes necessary to live a life full of hope. We appreciate not only those workers that come each week but also our donors who keep providing the Bibles and studies that are sent out, and those that keep the ministry lifted up in prayer.



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