



Sharing Hope Ministry

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Patsy's Place
Transitional Home

Year of Firsts - Year of Thanks!



On February 1, 2012, we celebrated our first year at Patsy's Place, and what a year it has been! The support from our community, our area churches and our volunteers has been overwhelming. We have had twelve women benefit from our program, and on March 11, 2012, we will have our first graduation. It is both humbling and exciting to be a part of this great ministry. As we end our first year, we look back at what was accomplished. The first graduate of the Patsy's Place program has given her perspective of her year.

"A year ago I was picked up at the bus station and was received with hugs and love. Nobody knew how much I needed love and acceptance. When they showed me the house, it was nicer than I ever could have imagined. Classes taught me how to live healthy and overcome what I had put myself through in the past. Laura did more than teach me life skills; she made me be honest with myself. When Dixie came in, her presence alone made me feel peace and gave me hope. Then Margaret, she has awesome knowledge from experience, which made me respect and believe her. She's funny, smart, and I knew she had a passion to help others. Connie showed nothing but love from the first time I met her. Going to water aerobics with Earlene was fun, something I never would have done before. Joyce and JoAnn are wonderful Christian role models. I could tell all of the volunteers really cared about us and what they were here to teach us. I always liked to go to morning devotionals with Ersela, because she has a way of explaining the Scriptures that helped me understand and apply them. She is good at making us feel special. Every one that God has placed in my life through this program has influenced how I will live from now on. My mentor, Lorna, was there to help me through all the changes that needed to happen. She gave me good advice and helped me follow through with it. We established a friendship that will never end. I went from never being there for my family, to being the mom, sister and daughter they always wanted. From being totally irresponsible and dishonest, to being someone you can depend on and believe. I had not been to church since I was 15. Now I want to go whenever I get a chance. I always thought I was being judged because of my past. Now I know that I am forgiven and that it doesn't matter what other people think. I'm a completely different person today, because God changed me from the inside out. Not only did He change me, He set me on the right path and brought me to Patsy's Place. Patsy's Place shared hope, and my life was changed. Words cannot describe how thankful I am and how greatly God has used each of you. I love you all." C.R. 2012

"I've been in my addiction since I was 13. I learned this lifestyle from my father, who died in his addiction in a prison cell. When I'm released, I will have \$50 and a bus ticket straight to nowhere good. Sure, there are other programs, but I need yours. I desire to discover the love of Christ and strengthen my relationship with my Heavenly Father."

~ Maria, from a letter received in January 2012

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—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
87,251

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
43,983

—VOLUNTEERS—

Fund Raising Volunteers: **120**

Jail Ministry Volunteers: **15**

Office Volunteers: **41**

Patsy's Place Volunteers: **12**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **3**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **9**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **15**

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Hope 2012 Fest

*a fundraising banquet for Sharing Hope Ministry
& Patsy's Place Transitional Home*

featuring

CHRISTIAN COMEDIENNE
ANITA RENFROE

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 PM

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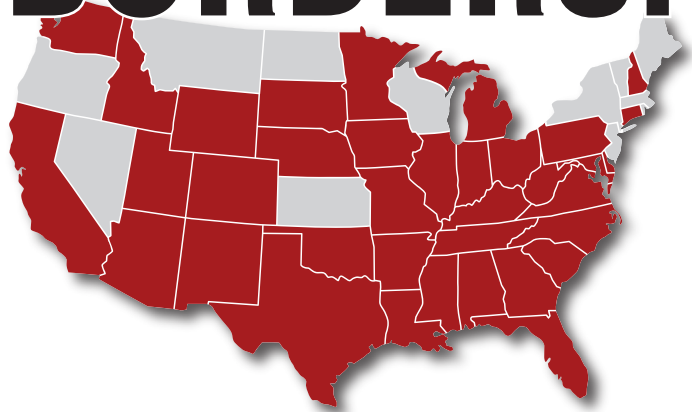

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Proceeds to benefit the programs
of Sharing Hope Ministry

Need not be present to win.

EXPANDING OUR BORDERS!



I would love to have one of your "Life Recovery Bibles". My addiction to crack cocaine took me to a very dark place. In my thoughts and my soul, I never could have imagined such darkness, but I was in it...I didn't know how to stop. I love Jesus and I cried out to Him to deliver me, but I wouldn't surrender, I wouldn't get on my knees. Finally, on Friday, February 10th at 9:00 am, I cried out to Him to deliver me from death. I'm out of prison now and in a faith-based addiction rehabilitation home in Spokane Valley, Washington. I know that what God is doing for me is His gift to me. What I do with that, when I leave here, is my gift back to Him. Thank you for helping me become stronger. ~ Cyndi P. March 5, 2012.

Facilities in the state of Washington and the providence of Washington D.C. have recently been accepted to receive our Life Recovery Bibles, Bible studies and prayer! Sharing Hope Ministry now provides these Christ-centered services to women in 220 facilities in THIRTY-FOUR states!

Thank you to the volunteers and donors who place a Bible in the hands of the women who write asking for assistance in their recovery from their addiction and in strengthening their relationship with Christ.

PASSING ON THEIR THANKS...

Since I've been receiving studies through Sharing Hope, I have become closer to God. Also, the devotionals that are in the "Life Recovery Bible" are helpful to me. It seems like no matter what I'm going through, there's a devotional that helps. Thank you so much for giving me the Bible and books and studies. They have helped me with my walk with God. God bless you.

~ Neisha, Fox Valley ATC, Aurora, IL

"I love my Bible. I have been clean 5 months. I'm in a drug program here at Indianapolis. Thank you for your prayers. This book is the best! I'm well on my way to living my new life through God. I have grown a lot since I began reading this Bible. I never thought I would love myself again. My children even love me again."

~ Annette R., Indiana Women's Prison

Christmas In October



Sharing Hope Ministry's 2012 Christmas in October is scheduled for October 27 and October 28, at the Amarillo Civic Center, South Exhibit Hall. Our 2011 Vendors have a special registration period until March 31 to ensure the same booth location. Open registrations for all vendors begin on April 1, 2012.

The 2012 registration form can be downloaded at www.sharinghopeministry.org. Changes have been made to the registration, so please be sure to read and fill out the form completely. Contact the Sharing Hope Ministry office for more details.



Anita
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