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Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:
44,918

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
22,606

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: 15
Office Volunteers: 40
Prayer Group Volunteers: 5
Stepping Stones Volunteers: 5
Visitation Team Volunteers: 10
Teaching Team Volunteers: 5

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Coming Home to



Patsy's Place

Transitional Housing

It has been estimated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice that in 2007 as many as 300 women will be released from prison and returned to Potter County alone.

Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc. has seen the growing need for aftercare for women who are released from incarceration and who return to our community. These women often return to the same neighborhoods and friends which led to a life of crime and drugs. Sharing Hope desires to show these women a different way of living for these women. Our goal is to provide a prison release shelter located in Amarillo which will provide a stable Christian environment by providing safe housing, establishing mentoring relationships, equipping women with life skills, and assisting clients in securing stable employment to help them become self-supporting.

Welcome to our Prayer Campaign

The ministry needs our Sharing Hope supporters to start praying now for Patsy's Place and for the women who will live there.

Patsy's Place Prayer Requests:

- Sharing Hope is currently searching for the future home of Patsy's Place. We hope to find a building that will hold 7-10 women as they build their new lives in Christ.
- Prayer is needed now for the women who will come to Patsy's Place with the goal of starting a new life through Christ.
- The financial assistance is needed to establish the building, staff, and resources needed for the program.

On-line Prayer Team

We are encouraging everyone to join our online prayer team. Each month, emails will be sent out which give the needs of Patsy's Place and to pass on the praises. We encourage our Sharing Hope friends to email leigh@sharinghopeministry.org to be placed on the prayer list.

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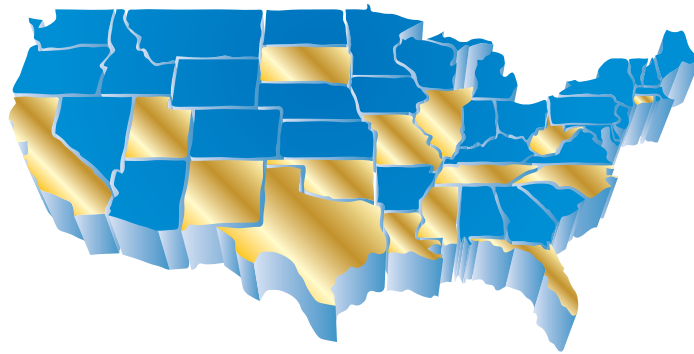
How Will Patsy's Place Be Different From Other Area Shelters?

Currently, there are several wonderful shelters in Amarillo established to provide assistance to women. These women range from being battered, single with children, in recovery, homeless, or are pursuing an education. Because these shelters are designed to meet the needs of so many women caught in the tragedy of homelessness, oftentimes the shelters are filled to capacity and do not have room to accept women upon their release from prison. Moreover, many of these shelters are unable to hold spaces for these women as they travel from their facilities because of the need of the space they have for other desperate women who need emergency shelter.

Patsy's Place would be the first and only shelter in the Panhandle of Texas to provide transitional housing to women who are released from prison. Not only would Patsy's Place be providing much-needed shelter and services to formerly-incarcerated women, but Patsy's Place would also be alleviating some of the burden from the existing shelters in Amarillo.

In addition to providing the women with a firm spiritual foundation, Patsy's Place will also provide classes in job training, interviewing, financial planning, budgeting, parenting, health and nutrition, life skills, and cognitive thinking.

Patsy's Place would be an integral part of the growth of the community because it provides women with an opportunity for personal and professional growth and advancement, allowing them



EXPANDING OUR BORDERS!

Sharing Hope Ministry welcomes Connecticut, North Carolina and Missouri to our area of service. We are now providing the Life Recovery Bible and studies to women in fifteen states!

Our expansion is possible through those who support Sharing Hope financially, and by the volunteers that give their time to send each woman a Life Recovery Bible, studies and Christian words of encouragement.

Our area of service now includes jails, prisons and rehabilitation facilities in: Texas, Oklahoma, California, Florida, Louisiana, Utah, New Mexico, Tennessee, South Dakota, West Virginia, Illinois, Mississippi, Connecticut, North Carolina and Missouri.

Sharing Hope



Welcomes Susan Lewis

Susan has joined the staff of Sharing Hope Ministry. Susan will be a part-time Development Coordinator. Susan moved from Houston in 2005, where she was the Divisional Vice President/ Operations Manager of UBS Financial Services Inc. Susan and her husband Sam have two children: Emma and Claire and they attend Westcliff Bible Church. Please stop by to welcome Susan.

Use **GoodSearch** to Benefit Sharing Hope Ministry!

Sharing Hope Ministry is one of the charities participating in GoodSearch, a new Internet search engine powered by Yahoo!, which donates half of the advertising revenue it earns to charity. Each time you use GoodSearch and designate Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc. as your charity of choice, GoodSearch will donate a portion of the advertising revenue earned from the search to our ministry!

Follow these simple steps and Support Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.:

- 1. Log on to www.goodsearch.com**
- 2. Type in Sharing Hope Ministry in the "I Support" box**
- 3. Hit Verify**
- 4. Search the internet as you normally would.**

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We hope that not only will you use GoodSearch as your main search engine from here on out, but will also pass this message on to your friends and family. The more people who use this, the more money will go to providing Bibles and bible study material to women incarcerated or residing in Rehabilitation facilities

Christmas in October

A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thanks to the work of hundreds of volunteers and the generous donations of our sponsors who underwrote all of our expenses, we were able to make over \$27,000 that will go towards providing services for the hurting women who are attempting to overcome destructive behavior through a relationship with God.

Over 300 volunteers prayed, headed up committees, worked the event, and provided baked goods and supplies. Many vendors have tithed back to Sharing Hope to show support for our mission. We applaud all who were involved in making this a successful event!



Thank You to Our Christmas In October Sponsors

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A special thank you to all those who donated Christmas in October supplies and Bake Sale items.

Volunteer Committee Chairs

Co-Chair: Wanda Devoll
Admissions: Rosemary Robinson
Bake Sale: Earlene Stiles, Trish Bailey
Facility/Dock: Dan Hetrick, Keith and Darla Banks
Finance: Dan Hetrick
Prayer Team: Dianne Sagan
Registration and Hospitality: Mindy Briggs
Publicity: Joyce Schultz
Quilt Team: Carolyn Holmes, Carolyn Williams
Bonnie Green, Linda Stafford, Annette Walkins
Sharing Hope Booth: Laura Sims and JoAnn Danner
Transportation: Jerry Bailey
Vendor Lounge: Bryon Stiles



Alan Mann and Jim Burgess providing the muscle of the event



J'Melle Fletcher Putting the finishing touches on a bake sale item



Volunteers L-F, Darla Banks, Mindy Briggs, Wanda DeVoll, Leigh Link

And the Winner of the
Beautiful Christmas Quilt is...
Wade Blake!



Judy Wilson helping set up the Sharing Hope Ministry Christmas booth

But What Do Our Women Say?

Summary of inmate evaluations 2007

Of the inmates that responded:

93% received their Life Recovery Bibles within 2 weeks of a written request.

95% feel that they have a closer relationship with God.

91% feel they can now better control their tempers.

74% showed improvement in talking more freely about God's love with others.

71% spend 5 or more days a week reading their Bible.

Inmate comments

"When I got my Life Recovery Bible, it began to make me think about my situations or trials that I might be going through and it helps me deal with my problems. I go home on September 14, 2007 and the only thing I regret is not asking for this Bible earlier."



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