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—STATISTICS—

Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:
47,332

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
23,839

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: **11**

Office Volunteers: **37**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **4**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **5**

Jail Ministry Team Volunteers: **14**

Fundraising Volunteers: **145**

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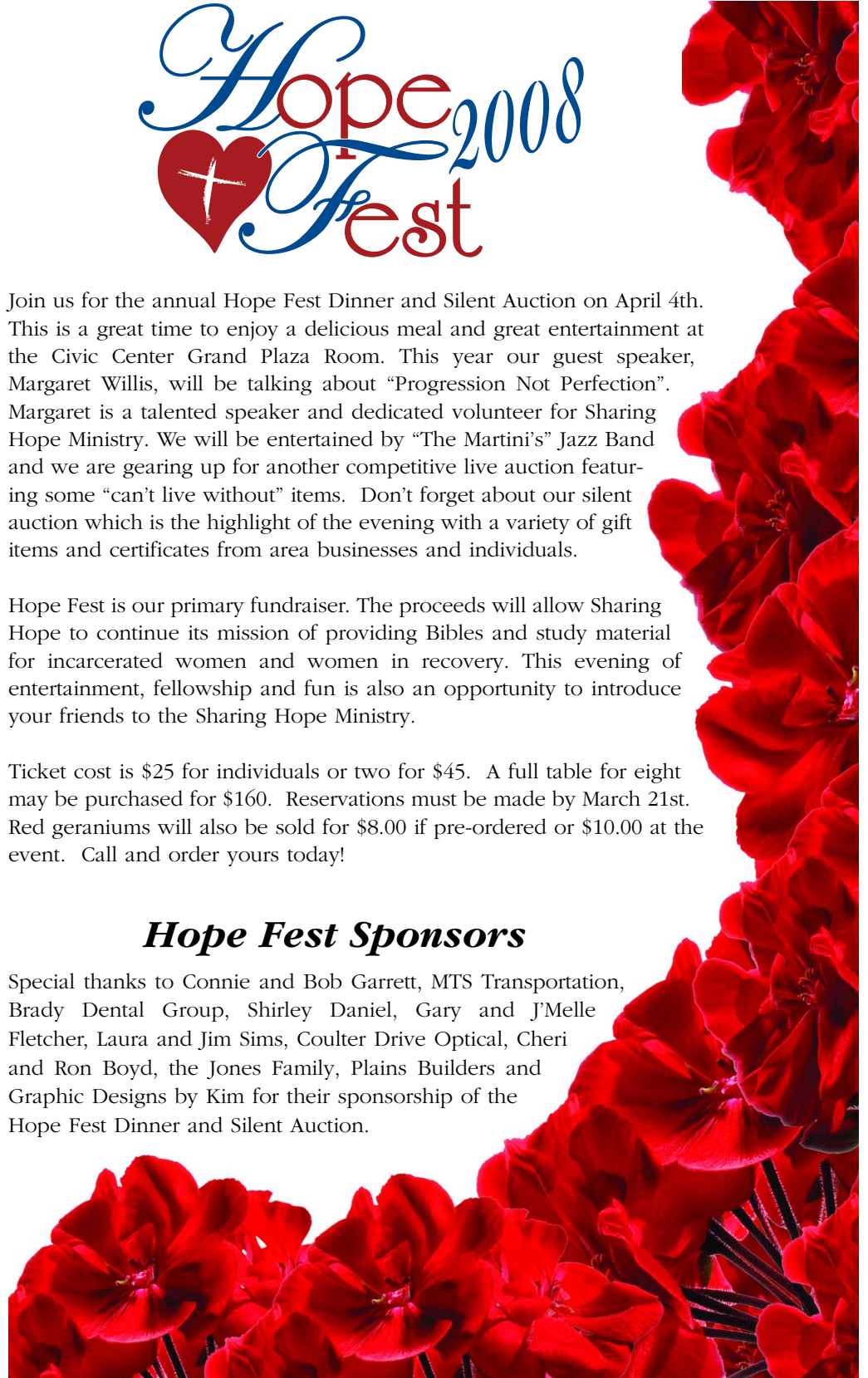
Join us for the annual Hope Fest Dinner and Silent Auction on April 4th. This is a great time to enjoy a delicious meal and great entertainment at the Civic Center Grand Plaza Room. This year our guest speaker, Margaret Willis, will be talking about "Progression Not Perfection". Margaret is a talented speaker and dedicated volunteer for Sharing Hope Ministry. We will be entertained by "The Martini's" Jazz Band and we are gearing up for another competitive live auction featuring some "can't live without" items. Don't forget about our silent auction which is the highlight of the evening with a variety of gift items and certificates from area businesses and individuals.

Hope Fest is our primary fundraiser. The proceeds will allow Sharing Hope to continue its mission of providing Bibles and study material for incarcerated women and women in recovery. This evening of entertainment, fellowship and fun is also an opportunity to introduce your friends to the Sharing Hope Ministry.

Ticket cost is \$25 for individuals or two for \$45. A full table for eight may be purchased for \$160. Reservations must be made by March 21st. Red geraniums will also be sold for \$8.00 if pre-ordered or \$10.00 at the event. Call and order yours today!

Hope Fest Sponsors

Special thanks to Connie and Bob Garrett, MTS Transportation, Brady Dental Group, Shirley Daniel, Gary and J'Melle Fletcher, Laura and Jim Sims, Coulter Drive Optical, Cheri and Ron Boyd, the Jones Family, Plains Builders and Graphic Designs by Kim for their sponsorship of the Hope Fest Dinner and Silent Auction.



HELP!

Sharing Hope Ministry Has Several Needs:

- ❖ Additional Hope Fest Sponsors of \$500 or more are needed to underwrite expenses of the event.
- ❖ Hope Fest Volunteers – Table Hostesses, Auction Helpers, Ticket Sales, Greeters, Set-up and Clean-up crews.
- ❖ Hope Fest items for the Auction. Do you know a business owner that would donate something?
- ❖ Hygiene bag runners – This is a good place for a husband and wife to work together.
- ❖ 2 Book Cases
- ❖ Office supplies including copy paper, paper towels, and Kleenex.
- ❖ Women who are interested in completing the training to become Stepping Stones Mentors to women returning back to the Amarillo Community.
- ❖ Nice quality costume jewelry is needed for an art project.

A Year In Review

2007

- 55 new facilities were added to our area of service which now includes 20 states.
- 11,828 women received a Life Recovery Bible and/or Bible study materials
- Our Jail Ministry teams spent over 1206 hours ministering to 1653 women at Potter and Randall County Jail.
- Our Prayer team spent over 361 hours lifting up 774 women's requests in prayer.
- 7 volunteers guided 47 recently released women through the transition of re-entering the Amarillo Community with Christian support through the Stepping Stones Program.
- The Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund financially helped two clients in successfully transitioning back into our Amarillo community.

Sharing Hope Board of Directors

Sharing Hope Ministry would like to give a heart felt thanks to three of our board members that have recently completed their board terms. Brenda Blakley, Rod Jones and George Snell have given 7 years of service to help guide the ministry. They have given their time, talent, and financial support over the years to help oversee the growth that the ministry has experienced.

We also wish to welcome our three new board members that have made a commitment to Sharing Hope. Incoming board members are Cheri Boyd, Kyle Powers and Jim Shelburne. We are thrilled to have them join the Sharing Hope Ministry Board of Directors.

From the Desk of
Susan Lewis

*Development Coordinator/
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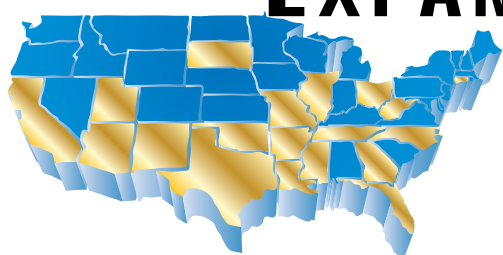
Do you want to help with the 2008 Hope Fest Silent Auction, but knocking on doors is not your thing? You can help us tremendously by purchasing gift cards from the following businesses which we can use to compliment or to buy needed supplies for auction packages. Gift Cards would be greatly appreciated from the following businesses:

- Best Buy (Would like to possibly purchase an I-Pod)
- Pier One
- Radio Shack
- Starbucks
- Lincolns
- Macaroni Joes
- Joe Taco
- Dillards
- I-Tunes Gift Card
- Target
- Hobby Lobby
- JoAnn's
- Bed Bath & Beyond
- Pet Smart

Please mail gift cards to my attention, or drop them by the office. Please call me at 358-7803 or email me at susan@sharinghopeministry.org if you need more information.

Thank you! Susan Lewis

EXPANDING OUR BORDERS!



Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Arkansas and Ohio are the newest states to begin receiving the Life Recovery Bible, Bibles studies, prayer, and encouragement through our ministry. This raises our total to 20 states.

Our expansion has been made possible due to the support of our volunteers and donors and our success in recent fundraising events. Last year, the Hope Fest Dinner and Silent Auction and the Christmas in October Arts and Gift show raised 41% of our 2007 income. We appreciate all who support this ministry. We ask that you continue to be a part of our program to change the lives of these troubled women.



Partners Needed!

Stepping Stones is the aftercare program of Sharing Hope Ministry. It is designed to provide spiritual encouragement and follow-up support for women who have been incarcerated and are living in Potter or Randall County.

Stepping Stones Partners are specially trained women from Sharing Hope Ministry who offer one-to-one care to those suffering personal crisis. Stepping Stones Partners come from all walks of life, age ranges and backgrounds. They are caring and sharing Christian friends who desire to walk beside a woman when she is hurting, lonely, worried, confused, doubting, or lost – all feelings experienced by women who have recently been incarcerated. Stepping Stones Partners will really listen, offer referrals if needed, and offer to pray with and for the women they mentor. Stepping Stones Partners are not professional psychologists, counselors, or therapists. They are "care-givers" who hope to help women seek out God as the "cure-giver".

Stepping Stones Partners are specially trained to deal with the women and the circumstances they face upon their release from incarceration. A new training will be offered for those who are interested in becoming Stepping Stones Partners. The training is extensive and will include training in the following areas:

- Christian Caregiving
- Maintaining Boundaries

- Chemical Dependence
- Using Mental Health Professionals
- Co-Dependency
- Manipulation
- Effective Listening
- Grief
- Self-Esteem
- Depression
- Assertiveness
- Suicide
- Confidentiality
- Available Community Resources

Stepping Stones Partners will participate in monthly Small Group Peer Supervision in which they gather in small groups with other partners under the guidance of a trained group facilitator. In this supervision group Stepping Stones Partners are provided support, encouragement, and accountability for one another. This allows them to continue to mentor to the previously-incarcerated women without being overwhelmed or overburdened.

The Stepping Stones Partners benefit from the expertise of advisors including an attorney, a former inmate and experienced counselors. Their knowledge and experience help to inform and empower the Stepping Stones Partners to continue to grow and learn and provide quality

care for the women they are paired up with. Once a month they are required to attend Continuing Education classes where they learn from professionals and community members skills and topics that enhance their caregiving.

Stepping Stones Partners will be the "face" of Sharing Hope Ministry. They will deliver hygiene care packages to client who are just released from jail or prison and make the initial contact with them upon their release. For those women who desire more, a Stepping Stones Partner will be assigned to mentor them. Once paired up, a Stepping Stones Partner agrees to meet once a week, (on occasion more often than weekly) face-to-face with the women she is mentoring.

Stepping Stones Partners are a key element to the success of the women who will reside at Patsy's Place. All women residents will be required to have a Stepping Stones Partner who will assist her in making the positive transition to a life free of crime, drugs or other negative influences.

If you are interested in applying to be a Stepping Stones Partner and changing women's lives, contact the Sharing Hope office at 353-7803 for more information.

Thank You

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