



OUR MISSION

Providing care in a Christian home for women in transition.



HIS WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS (that is an understatement)!

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."
 Isaiah 55:9-13

During the summer months, it became obvious that Esther's Closet was outgrowing our little room behind Hosanna Home. So in October, Betty Himpelmann was networking and discovered a grant opportunity which seemed a perfect opportunity to try and find funding to move Esther's Closet to a new location with more room.

On November 1, we applied to the **Junior League of Reno** for a \$6,000 grant (which we felt would

be enough to pay six months rent on a new location). What we didn't know is that God had a much better and bigger plan!!!

On November 15th, the Director received a call from **Grace Community Church**, asking for a vision statement of what our ministry would do if we received a special year end gift.

I shared my heart about the need for a larger location for the Closet and a place to train women who don't need to live at Hosanna Home but have the need for discipling.

Well, they adopted us for their end of the year offering. Yes, we had placed a grant application for \$6,000 and God knew that we were not going to be awarded that grant, so He, in His loving and infinite plan, provided over 100 fold from the adoption of Grace Community Church—Yes, that's right!

We lost a \$6,000 grant and received a \$66,204 offering from the Lord through His people at Grace Community Church in a time of economic downturn, without us even asking any human being—just asking Him for the needs of this ministry.

WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE

SERVE!! SHOUT IT FROM THE MOUNTAINS AND SING IT FROM THE HILLTOPS—HE IS MIGHTY TO SAVE!!!

So.....this month (February) we will be moving into a new location on Virginia Street at Vassar—next to (can you believe it?) Romantic Sensations and the Spy Shop.

The Lord **ALWAYS** surprises me. Just when I think I have Him figured out and know what to expect, He does something like this. He is the most amazing and fun person I've ever known!

You can view the video on our **n e w w e b s i t e** (www.hosannahome.org) that Grace Community Church produced for their congregation to tell them about God's work at Hosanna Home.

I am praising the Lord for people like **Debby Hardy** who created our new website and for **ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS** who work tirelessly to bless women who are in need.

Oh, this past week, I thought we were going to be cleaning and painting the ceiling tiles in this new location, but God even took care of that through a donation from **Ted Graney (Home Solutions)** of new ceiling tiles AND installation. **ALL I CAN SAY IS WOW, LORD!**



On November 12, Hosanna Home headed to Sacramento for the Women of Faith Conference.

What a blessing! The event was full of inspirational stories, fantastic music, and everyone who attended had a wonderful time with the Lord.

The residents had an opportunity to fellowship with their sisters in Christ and see how fun the Lord really is...

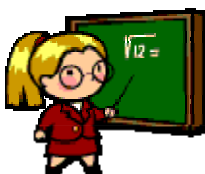
One of our residents received Christ at the event and is being baptized Sunday, January 23rd at Living Stones Church.

Thank you to Covenant Presbyterian, The River Christian Church, Phil Vana's Life Group & Roger Yount's Life Group from Summit, Suzie Prough, and Diane Hickox for sponsoring our residents.



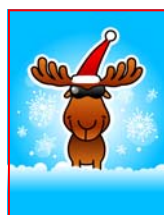
Sande's Baptism on January 23rd At Living Stones Church

The Lord really did multiply the sponsorships. We had the money to buy 5 tickets and we took 11 women & 2 teenagers to the event! Praise the Lord for His amazing math!



Thanksgiving and Christmas!

What a wonderful and blessed holiday season Hosanna Home celebrated. Thank you to the many people who called and asked what they could do for the residents over the holidays. Food and generosity poured in. Fabulous dinners were donated for each holiday celebration. A myriad of gifts for residents were donated to make Christmas Day special.



Feast of Pardon for Mary!



God does amazing things for women in our program. He opens doors to employment, re-unites them with family, and gives them a sense of who they are

in Christ. Mary came to Hosanna Home last May carrying heavy burdens with no hope of how she could change her circumstances. Every resident is asked to set goals but Mary truly believed none of the goals she set would come to pass.

Sunday January 16th, we had a Feast of Pardon celebration to praise and acknowledge God for all the miracles He has done. He has pardoned her past, eliminated a debt, given her a great job at Raley's, paid for her to get her Certified Nurses Assistant training, and offered her six more months at Hosanna Home to finish her schooling and save money for her future.

We thank you Lord for letting us witness how BIG you are in the lives of Hosanna Home residents!

Mary came in with the attitude to never look up, and even though she wanted to quit, she kept moving forward and God lifted her up!!!



JANE GRADUATES



On November 5th, Jane graduated from Hosanna Home. A special ceremony was held to celebrate the occasion at First Baptist Church of Sparks and Jane gave her testimony of what Jesus has done in her life.

During her six months at Hosanna Home, she found a job at a

Doggie’s Dream Kennel, attended school through JOIN, saved over \$2,000 and completed our entire curriculum, including “Breaking Free” by Beth Moore. Even though she had graduated, she also attended the Women of Faith Conference with us.

She built many strong relationships while at Hosanna Home and will continue to be a part of our family.



Staff Changes



Hosanna Home welcomes back **Marlene Gray**. She feels a strong calling from the Lord to return as our Full-time house manager. Please be in prayer for her as she witnesses to the residents about the Light of Christ. Welcome Back, Marlene!

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! Romans 10:15



Danette Gaeke has served Hosanna Home since April of 2008. She has mentored volunteers both as a Volunteer Coordinator and as a Care Partner Coordinator. God has plans and often He re-positions His servants to accomplish them and it’s never easy when we lose people dear to us in ministry. Her father has recently suffered a stroke and she will need to travel to Spokane, Washington monthly to assist her parents. Please keep Danette and her family lifted up in prayer as she begins a new season in her life.



Julie Moss has been a blessing to the staff and residents as our House Manager since December of 2009. She has retired from the House Manager position and will be greatly missed. Hosanna

Home wishes her well in all future endeavors and thanks her for the wonderful service she did while she was here. We believe God will use her in a mighty way wherever He takes her.

We will miss you Julie!

BLESSINGS & THANKS!

Recreation & Food

- ♥ Susan Nelson of Body Rhythms for the chair massages.
- ♥ The Douglas Family for holiday food and Christmas presents.
- ♥ Jeff Frame & Family for Christmas gifts.
- ♥ Helen Colten for the Starbucks Christmas gifts.
- ♥ Erickson, Thorpe, and Swainston, Ltd for all the groceries.
- ♥ Ginny Fox and her weekly box of produce throughout the summer.
- ♥ For all who contributed to a wonderful Holiday Season...Thank you!
- ♥ Kathleen Audit for her make-up class.
- ♥ Deborah Lambeth for organizing the ice-skating trip for our residents.
- ♥ For the on-going generosity of Nancy Pieretti and the ladies of the Continuum.
- ♥ The Driscolls for Thanksgiving dinner & Mary's winter coat and accessories.
- ♥ All of our volunteers for their love and support to the residents.

Community Support

- ♥ Nevada Vision Group for Heidi and Deborah's exam and glasses.
- ♥ Dr. Jason Bolenbaker for Sande's exam and glasses.
- ♥ WalMart donated 2 gift cards of \$100.00 and \$50.00
- ♥ Target for a \$25.00 gift card.
- ♥ Eyelash Connection for the shelving and miscellaneous household donations.
- ♥ For Candy at JOIN for helping Mary with Certified Nurses Assistant Training.
- ♥ Marlene Gray for all the new throw rugs inside the house. We needed them!



ESTHERS CLOSET IS MOVING ON FEB 12TH



Betty Himpelmann was nominated by our Director as a Ruby Award winner for the Soroptomists Club of Washoe County. Betty was not selected as a Ruby Award winner, but instead she was chosen to be the “Light of the Community” winner! She will be awarded a \$500 donation to Esther’s Closet and recognized at their March luncheon.

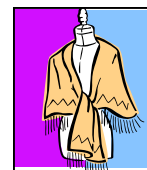
Esther’s Closet will be moving to a new location this month. Come and see what God is doing as He expands our territory to:

**1085 S. Virginia Street, Suite B, Reno, NV
(Just behind the Spy Shop at Vassar Street)**

**We will begin the move in on Saturday, February 12th!
New Store Hours will be Tuesday—Friday from 2:30 pm—6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 10 am—4 pm**

Reminders:

Esther's Closet has an ongoing need for your used department store shopping bags and hangers.



Available Services:

We are available for appointments outside of our normal hours. Call 857-8862 to schedule. Bringing family and friends to shop is a win/win way to contribute to Hosanna Home.

Esther's Closet has sales ladies ready to be your personal shopper. Come in and register your sizes and style preferences with us. When we find items meeting your specifications, we will give you a call.

Volunteers from Esther's Closet are available to assist grieving families if they need help with the difficult task of cleaning out a loved one's closet. We will pick up the clothing to be used by our residents, in our boutique or donate to other charities.

WATCH FOR OUR UPCOMING



HOSANNA HOME NEEDS

- ♥ Bus Passes for women to job seek. 7 day and 31 day passes will help tremendously.
- ♥ High Energy Detergent and Bleach
- ♥ Journals for residents and 2011 planner calendars (the larger ones where residents can stay organized and have room to write notes).
- ♥ Paper products. (Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, and tissue). These seem to go in a hurry!
- ♥ A Patio Awning
- ♥ A large rug or carpeting for our training center
- ♥ 1" binders for training materials
- ♥ Clorox Disinfectant Wipes
- ♥ Kitchen Garbage Bags
- ♥ Coffee (we use a lot of coffee!)
- ♥ Lunch snacks (small bags of chips & cookies)
- ♥ House Slippers (non-slippery, small, medium, large, and extra large) for new residents
- ♥ New Ink Cartridges for our Printer (HP 78 & 15)
- ♥ Used cell phones & inkjet cartridges!

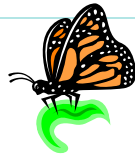
EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT HOSANNA HOME

- ♥ **SHOP AT SaveMart**—Please don't forget to use your Shares card each time you shop at Save Mart Supermarkets. If you need a card, please contact Linda at 232-5416.
- ♥ You can now buy C28—Not of this World Christian clothing through our hosannahome.org website. Just click on the services link from our home page and scroll to the bottom you will see three clothing and jewelry links you can click. If you purchase anything from C28 by clicking through our website, we will earn 10% commission. Occasionally, the company has to update their system and the link will not be good but if you wait a day and go back the link will be reset.
- ♥ **DENNY'S RESTAURANT**—If you eat at Denny's just write "Hosanna Home" on the top of your bill and when you pay your tab, Hosanna Home gets 10% from Denny's as a community donation. **Eat out often!**
- ♥ The video shown at Grace Community Church is available for viewing on the home page of our website.
- ♥ Donate your used ink jet cartridges and old cell phones!



IN HIS LOVE

*Linda Patterson,
Executive Director*



"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death."
Romans 8:1-2

One of the first things that I had to learn when God called me to serve at Hosanna Home was that God moves people around. It was hard for me to understand that He doesn't just bring people to work on His projects and leave them to finish the work together. The first time it happened, I prayed and asked, "Why, are they leaving God?"

As I studied the Old Testament, I discovered that this was a very common occurrence in ministry. I also saw that it is even more common in the New Testament. In fact, even Jesus left His project on earth, although He did tell His disciples that

He would never leave us alone.

He has work for us to do and when that work is done, He moves us to another project or when our work is finally done, He moves us home to Heaven. Sounds like a hymn, huh?

The ending of 2010 brought the moving of several dear friends and although God will fill their positions with other workers, He does not fill their place in my heart.

In December, we had the most wonderful opportunity to help a gal named "Patty." She was disabled and at Hosanna Home it would have

been difficult for her to climb the stairs due to medical issues. Marlene asked if she had family and she said, "Yes, in Oklahoma."

When we called her brother, he was very willing to help if we could arrange transportation. We purchased a bus ticket which cost \$227.00. We packed her food, a bible, warm clothing and helped her on her way.

That night we had a special event at Esther's Closet—Guess how much we raised at that event—Yes, \$227.00—Isn't God amazing?

God Is Always Working Thru His People but Sometimes He Moves Us Around



Dear Sisters and Coworkers in Christ,

Working together with you over the past couple years has been an amazing experience. I am so thankful for each of you, for your commitment to Christ and to sharing his love for others through the care partner ministry at Hosanna Home. It has been a good journey together as we have been challenged by the ministry to grow and change as we have encouraged the residents to develop their relationship with God and to work towards their goals. So it is with a sense of sadness that I write to you, that my season of volunteering at Hosanna Home is over for the present. I am resigning from volunteering at Hosanna Home.

My father suffered a stroke on January 2 which has left him with limited communication ability and limited use of his right side. It appears that I will need to spend time in Spokane each month over the next few months to help my parents adjust to the changes in my father's health and abilities. God is so good...My father is at a great rehabilitation hospital and is making progress every day, but he has a long way to go. He and my mother are in good spirits, trusting God who is surrounding them with support. Another stroke patient at the rehab hospital, Len, came into my father's room the first night my dad was there. Len had hear us singing praises, and after dad's visitors left, asked if he could read to dad from the Bible. He read to my dad, and they prayed and cried together. Len continues, with his wife, to encourage my parents to keep their focus on Christ, not the struggles of the moment. Praise God!

God is so good to send just the right encouragement our way when we need it! Linda did that for me three years ago when I first thought about volunteering at Hosanna Home. I was struggling with insecurities and wondered if God would ever what to use me in ministry again. I was in a dormant "cocoon" period in my faith, waiting and wondering. Linda patiently encouraged and gave me opportunities to "test my wings" as I emerged. Thank you all for the opportunity to work together in a ministry where every success if of God, and he graciously allows us to be a part of it. You are all so dear to me. I will miss meeting with you each month, but will keep you in my prayers. Love, Danette