



OUR MISSION

Providing care in a Christian home for women in transition.



WHO IS “ESTHER” (of Esther’s Closet)?”

This is a question I was asked recently. I smiled and explained that she was an ancient queen in Babylon that saved the Jewish nation from extinction and proved that God uses women in His plans just as He uses men.

If you haven’t read the Book of Esther in the Old Testament, give it a try—it is a wonderful story

“Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.” Esther 2:17

about courage, love of family and the strength of God to intervene in our lives, even when His name is not mentioned.

Esther’s Closet was a dream that began 5 years ago as God planted the vision of Hosanna Home in the hearts of our Board.

Betty Himpelmann and Karen Brown began collecting beautiful clothing for the day when residents would need interview clothes to find jobs. For 4 years there were garment boxes stored trusting that God had a plan for a clothing closet to take care of His girls that come to Hosanna Home.

We had no idea where this plan would take us. Here is a photo showing how much a new store was needed.

When God provided the funds, our Board of Directors began looking for a storefront to expand Esther’s



Closet. We found a downtown location on Virginia that seemed huge—1100 square feet compared to the 400 square feet we had a Hosanna Home. So on February 12th, after prayer, we



moved in. And we discovered it is not big enough.



We had our Grand Opening of the new Esther’s Closet location on March 26th and it was a great day! There were over 50 shoppers that visited us and we are still crowded!

Who's Esther?
Continued

Here's a photo of one of our opening day shoppers:



The new expanded hours for Esther's Closet are:

Tuesdays—Fridays
2—5:30 pm

Saturdays 10 am—4 pm.

NEW LOCATION:
1085 S. Virginia Suite B
(at Vassar)
Behind the SPY SHOP

We are looking for volunteers who want to serve the Lord and enjoy great girl time! Stop by, see our new store and have a cup of tea!



WINTER CLEARANCE SALE!
ENTIRE MONTH OF APRIL
SWEATERS: BUY 1 GET 1 FREE
WINTER COATS: 1/2 PRICE
WINTER BLAZERS: 2 FOR 1 SALE



LOVED ONES AT HOSANNA HOME



Meet Patty....our 2nd in Command at Esther's Closet. You'll know her by that beautiful smile and positive attitude! She recruits, decorates, makes tea and loves everyone she comes in contact with. Her real skill is putting outfits together to create ensembles! She knows color, design and what goes with what! Come in and have her help you create a whole new wardrobe! You'll be so glad you did!

GRADUATION FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH

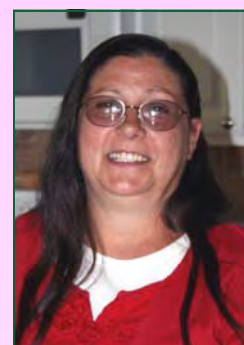
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF SPARKS

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MARY

HOSANNA HOME NEEDS

- ♥ A Patio Awning
- ♥ High Energy Laundry Detergent and Bleach
- ♥ Coffee/Teabags (we use a lot of coffee!)
- ♥ Coffee Creamers
- ♥ 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!
- ♥ Copy paper
- ♥ A 32" Flat Screen TV for our New Training Room

Hosanna Home is once again looking for a House Manager. Marlene Gray has retired due to some ongoing health reasons. She will be deeply missed!

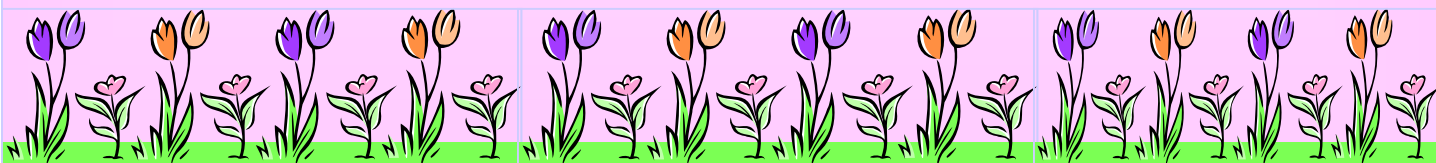
BLESSINGS & THANKS!

SPECIAL CARE OF THE MINISTRY & RESIDENTS

- ♥ TRACY RICHARDSON-CHAIR MASSAGE FOR VALENTINES DAY
- ♥ DR. JENNIFER CARDINEL FOR PROVIDING CHIROPRACTIC CARE TO OUR RESIDENTS
- ♥ SUSAN NELSON CHAIR MESSAGES AND SHE WANTS TO COME EVERY FEW MONTHS! PRAISE GOD!
- ♥ NANCY PIERETTI AND THE CONTINUUM-DINNER SUPPORT, AND MOVIE TICKETS PLUS POPCORN MONEY FOR US TO SEE "THE GRACE CARD"
- ♥ SUMMIT CHRISTIAN CHURCH-MANY MANY PAPER SUPPLIES
- ♥ DORIS ARNOLD-COFFEE, TP CASE
- ♥ COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN-FOOD AND PAPER PRODUCTS
- ♥ JULIE MOSS AND MARY ANDERSON FOR PAINTING OUR NEW TRAINING "JESUS ROOM"
- ♥ WENDY FREEMAN-BEAUTIFUL AREA RUG FOR THE JESUS ROOM
- ♥ KRISTIE WILSON, KELLY LANG, KATHY BROWN, JULIE PAHOLKE, JULIE ADAMS FOR SUPPORTING OUR PAPER GOOD AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT DRIVE FOR THE GRACE CARD!
- ♥ BUCK YAEGER FOR RENTING A TRUCK TO MOVE ESTHER'S CLOSET
- ♥ FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED TO MAKE THAT A SPECIAL DAY (WE WERE FINISHED IN 4 HOURS)!
- ♥ CLOTHING DONATIONS TO ESTHER'S CLOSET—AMAZING ITEMS WITH TAGS STILL ON!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- ♥ UNR- 4 TICKETS TO BASEBALL AND 4 TICKETS TO SOFTBALL
- ♥ ACES-4 INFIELD RESERVE BASEBALL TICKETS
- ♥ \$50 FOOD GIFT CARD FROM SPARKS SAFEWAY—THANKS, ROBERT!
- ♥ OVER 50 POUNDS OF MEAT FOR 1/2 PRICE FROM THE RALEY'S AT OLD TOWN MALL



SCRAPBOOKS, TAMALES ICE SKATING & MOVIES



What do Tamales, Ice Skating, a night at the movies and Scrapbooks

have in common? They are all activities that our new Recreation Team, led by Coordinator, Debbie Lambeth, has provided for Hosanna Home residents to have fun with!

In November, there was game night. In December, ice skating downtown Reno. In February, the girls learned how to make (and eat) home made Tamales and in March, scrapbooking and the movie, THE GRACE CARD, were enjoyed. We held Hosanna Home Night at the Movies and invited all of our volunteers to see THE GRACE CARD at Century Theater! It was great fun to pray before the movie, greet by name as everyone came in and enjoy the wonderful message of the movie together! The residents have had a great winter of activities!

In April another scrapbook event is planned.

Our Recreation Team:
Debbie Lambeth, Kim Bowen,
Jessica Ranftl & Debbie Robbins



OUR 11TH HOUR GOD!

When a new resident comes to Hosanna Home, usually they come with many needs, not the least being a JOB. Hosanna Home extends one month residency without the requirement to pay program fees. We provide laundry facilities, clothing, food, utilities, a bus pass (though we do ask them to replace it for the next lady when they get a job) and toiletries.

During the first month we also provide training and accountability on how to look for a job. We have volunteers who teach them to build a resume, how to dress for an interview and practice interviewing skills. We even have some volunteers who will drive them for a couple of days because job hunting on the bus is difficult.

After the first month, they are required to begin putting program fees into a trust account so they have a nest egg to restart their lives when they graduate.

Every once in a while (in fact, only once before) we have a resident who cannot find a job. We will extend their stay for a little while, but eventually will have to ask them to leave if they are not able to get work.

This month, we had a resident who, after 3 months found herself with a discharge date of Friday. Our prayer team was praying and the work skills team, too! Then on Tuesday before discharge—the call came and even Sherry knew that Jesus gave her that job.

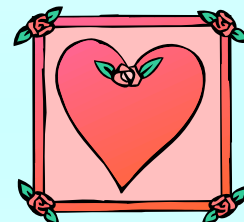
**HE IS AN 11TH HOUR GOD!
AND ANSWERS WHEN WE
CALL!**

**VOLUNTEERS BLESS
HOSANNA HOME!**

The heart of Hosanna Home is our volunteers! This ministry has the love of Christ pumped through every portion of it because of the prayers and time sacrificially given each day. We've had many new volunteers come so far in 2011. Thanks to all of them! They bring blessings wherever they go!

So....to show our appreciation, we will celebrate them and God's amazing blessings on Saturday, May 21st with a luncheon at 11:00 am—2 pm at First Baptist Church of Sparks.

**BLESSING
OUR
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ON
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11 AM—2 PM**



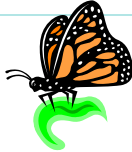
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DON'T FORGET TO RSVP**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



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*

2011 is flying by! I cannot believe we are already in April—wasn't it just Christmas?

We are getting ready to watch two more little eagles soar from our nest and they are certainly ready!

Mary has been at Hosanna Home for a year. She has seen her credit restored, gained a Certified Nursing Assistant designation and grown in the Lord.

Sande has been with us for six months and she has been baptized, has a plan to start college and contin-

ues to surprise even herself with the healing that God is doing within her. She has a job that she enjoys and has been serving as our Head Resident since Marlene retired.

Change is a constant in all of our lives. New beginnings are sometimes rocky, yet God promises to go with us and to make our way smooth.

These ladies will leave Hosanna Home in less than a month, but I know that the Lord will never leave them. He has promised that He will complete the work that was begun.

Please remember them in your prayers. Ask for a special measure of grace for them as they make plans and move forward! I'm not worried at all, though. The one thing I do know without a doubt is that God keeps His promises.

The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth.

Isaiah 26:7

STORY - YOU ONLY GET ONE

Hosanna Home was blessed by Summit Christian Church at their women's conference in March. All of our residents were invited to attend free of charge. They heard the stories of four women who have seen the Grace of Jesus make a BIG Difference in their lives. There was wonderful worship, food and twirling (yes, one of the speakers explained how all little girls like to twirl but as we grow up this world kicks the twirl out of us).

Three women were selected for a special makeover day—and one of them was our own Assistant Director, Joy! She is always beautiful inside and out and she really enjoyed her day of beauty. Here she is "Before" "After" and on Stage!

