
JOSHUA'S HOUSE

2012 Year End Review

The Thrill of Victory



Outreach Team



It all begins with the Word!

Romans 10:14-15

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Greetings!! So many wonderful things have transpired since the last update I sent to you. Things that cause my heart to be filled with joy, accomplished by our mighty God!

Our 4th Annual Benefit Dinner was a complete success! We were able to raise just under \$8,000.00 toward the maintenance budget and the renovations needed to assist more women at one time.

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to Senator Judy Emmons, our keynote speaker, Michael Becker, our guest speaker, Isabella Bank, for facilitating our Silent Auction, Malory McDowell, for providing special music, Joel Johnson for Auctioneering and to all the volunteers who made this event successful!

Without the Word, we are just another homeless shelter. Without the Word we are only giving our opinion to desperate women looking for answers. Without the Word we are an organization that

holds classes to educate. It really All does begin with The Word! At Joshua's House Maternity Home, we are not just looking to temporarily help those in a crisis situation. We are looking to have an eternal impact on their life and the lives of generations to come.

Four years ago Joshua's House was birthed out of prayer and waiting on God for direction. Then 18 months later our first location opened and we have assisted six women to give life to their babies and move on to become successful, loving mothers. Two years since the home began, we have opened The Red Door Thrift Store in Clare to utilize the proceeds to help fund the operation of the Maternity Home and to expand our services to women in the community that are in need of many of our resources.

Most recently, we reached out even further to those victims of Hurricane Sandy on the east coast, and were able to send a large truck of necessities for the homeless victims of this natural disaster. Lives were impacted, hearts were touched and those who had felt as if they were all alone soon realized that their fellow Americans in Michigan had not forgotten them. You were all a part of this great effort to be the hands and feet of Christ. Without your support for the homeless, we could not have completed this urgent task. Below is a photo of volunteers loading the truck with life sustaining items to reach those whose lives have been devastated by this tragedy.

During the Annual Dinner, we updated the attendees on our renovation project to enable our home to increase the number of women we will be able to house at one time. At this time, we are still raising the funds needed to move further with this project. Our original cost to divide a room and complete the room with closets, windows and sound insulated walls was \$2,300.00. Once we began to tear down walls and remove existing door walls, things were exposed and presented a challenge. Construction many years ago was held to a different code standard than what we have in place today. Because of this issue and some damage the roof has suffered, the project came to a sudden halt. After meeting with the engineers and builders, the recommendation came that before continuing this current project, our roof would need to be redone. A trussed roof will be put in place instead of the current flat roof. This is a necessary requirement to completely protect all who will be residing in the Maternity Home. In saying that, our new renovation costs have been estimated at \$23,500.00 not including the \$5,000.00 for the engineering fees, permit requirements and any unforeseen items that might come up as the project moves forward.

Since August 15th we have had to turn down/reroute seven women who were in need of our services.

As of today we have repaired the water based heating system, completed electrical updates and repairs, cleared the property of unsightly foliage and rotting flower beds, completed phase one of exterior landscaping and we have begun the renovation project to divide a large room to provide privacy that a new mother and her infant require.

These are exciting times, however we are in desperate need of your help! Please, will you partner with us by sending a donation to help complete these necessary updates? Enclosed is an envelope for your convenience, may God bless you as you give and we thank you for your support in "Caring for our future, one mother at a time"!

- Rene'e Jeffords, Exec. Director-Joshua's House-