

GHF Fall 2015

GraceSon's mission statement is "housing for teen moms and their children that extends God's love, and reframes their vision of home." What does it look like to extend God's love? How do we effectively reframe their vision of home?



These are questions I wrestle with daily as we serve young moms and children in our home. So many people want to know what skills the moms are gaining and they desire to see measurable outcomes. We teach them life skills in the course of their time here. We hold them accountable to shared responsibility around the home. They attend school, and other required program activities, to further their growth and development. Yet, as I immerse myself amongst the young women we serve, it is not those things that stand out the most. It is the small moments when a resident approaches you with her Bible and says, "I was reading this passage and I need some help understanding what God is saying here. Can you help me better understand?" Or other moments when you see a mom, who comes from an extremely abusive past, teaching her child not to hit and pull hair by calmly and gently saying, "soft touches, we use soft touches." Or times when a young mom has an important meeting with her case worker, and she asks the staff, "will you please pray with me before this meeting?" These are the moments that I stand in awe of all God has done in the hearts of these young moms. These are not outcomes that can be measured; rather they are true heart transformations that happen only by the power of Christ in their lives.

It is not our job to transform these young moms into Christians nor to convict them of their sin. It is not our responsibility to make people do what they ought to do. Our task is to point them to Jesus through love, grace, accepting them where they are at, and He will perform His divine work in their lives!!

Blessings,

Holly Haneke, Executive Director

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GraceSon Housing Foundation's annual fundraiser, the Bright Night of Hope, will take place on February 27, 2016! The evening includes music, dancing, dinner, and a live auction. Please join us and purchase tickets online now at <https://gracesonhousing.ejoinme.org/BNOH!>



"I don't know what I did to deserve being a part of this group. God knew right where I needed to be and the people I needed to make me feel loved...and that's all because of GraceSon!" - Jasmyn, GHF resident

"We think it's important for the community to know that with love and support, and a place like GraceSon house, girls can choose life for their unborn babies and learn how to be a better parent than maybe they have known." Caroline Kloetsch, volunteer

SERVE:

Donations
Coordinator

We are seeking a willing volunteer to plug into churches and the community to lead donation drives and collect donated items.

GIVE:

Corporate sponsorships and live auction items for Bright Night of Hope (please contact Holly Haneke at hhanেকে.gracesonhousing@gmail.com if you know of local businesses interested in donating)

Toiletry Items (razors, shampoo, conditioner)

Household items (cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, paper towels, toilet paper, bath and hand towels)

Contact
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to serve or donate



FORWARD MOMENTUM

We give thanks because Graceson Housing Foundation is only able to exist by the faithful support of our volunteers and donors. Our volunteers and donors have helped make amazing growth and change possible in the lives of GraceSon's residents.

- Two residents recently transitioned out of the GraceSon home to move on to independent living.
- A third young mom is preparing to live with her unborn child and GraceSon House parents; she continues to grow in wisdom and make responsible decisions to give the best life possible to herself and baby.
- Each resident is in school and actively pursuing her education, a vital part of their future success in supporting themselves and children.

Most importantly, the GraceSon staff has witnessed incredible heart change in each resident. No measure exists that could possibly quantify the astounding ways God continues to work in and mold each young woman that has passed through GraceSon doors.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

GraceSon is excited about the numerous local groups, businesses, and individuals that donate their time and resources toward helping GraceSon's residents thrive.

- Casey Family Dental of Liberty Lake generously donated dental services to one of our residents; it was a huge confidence booster for her.
- Valley Christian School volunteers came and did weeding and yard work at the GHF home. Their service helps us provide a clean and maintained home for residents.

- Caroline and Carissa Kloetsch started volunteering at GraceSon this past summer by treating our residents to spa/manicure nights.

We are always seeking more volunteers. If you feel called to serve please contact Anya Boehning at aa.graceson@gmail.com!

