

Hello readers,

I write to you today inspired by your support and love. April through May and entering June has been very productive in our home and busy on the business front. We have had many opportunities to educate and meet future supporters in our serving area. I am proud to say we were gifted the amount needed to maintain and improve our Home-to-Home program, which allows us to help our residents with the home furnishings needed during a transition move. I was honored to share our Shepherd's House mission and the impact United Way's support has had in helping homelessness at United Way's Highway 55 United We Shine event; the night was spectacular. If you follow our Facebook page, I am sure you celebrated with us on Samantha's Move Out Day. Sam worked hard and is one of many success stories I have the honor to share about. Along with Sam, in the month of May, four of our residents, one with a child, were given an opportunity to rise out of their predicaments and into a better living situation and are doing well. Not every resident that moves in at Shepherd's House has a story like Sam's, but every victory is just as important, and the celebration is just as big. Life is hard, and while we have housed many women who are homeless due to their poor choices, we have double the amount who find themselves at our door due to life's ups and downs. And just as the wide span of reasons a lady seeks our help, so too are the success stories the women find while living at Shepherd's House. We continue to serve by providing a temporary safe home with all basic needs provided, free pastoral counseling, and consistent supportive care to encourage personal goals to better themselves. Like many programs, we have had our fair share of residents who do not live up to their potential or are not fully committed to putting in the work needed to rise above their predicament. They may not have left moving into a new home, but I am certain they were given opportunities, had needs met, and were taught new things while here. These needs and opportunities were helped given through your support, donations and prayer. Thank You. At the moment, things are peaceful here at Shepherd's House and we are not in special need of items. I do try and keep an immediate needs list on FB, when one arises. We are always accepting and in need of monetary donations for operational costs and matinance cost. We are currently replacing old plumbing and soon we will be needing to replace a floor joist (normal wear and tear on old houses). We are still collecting funds for a future build. On the subject of the future, I believe Shepherd's House is continuing to grow in the right direction and as our mission continues to reach out through our serving area, we will continue to seek out new ideas, improvement, and keep accountability. If you have a heart for women and believe in what we are doing, please pray and consider serving on our Board of Directors. We do have a need for new members and welcome you to visit and ask questions. You may call or email me, set up a meeting to tour our home, and be invited to come and sit in on our meetings that take place on the 3rd Monday of each month. It has been my pleasure to address you today, and I look forward to the fall letter. We will be announcing our annual banquet and will certainly have more success stories to share. If you have any questions, needs, or concerns, please contact me by email, or call the office at 931-393-4818. Thank you for all your support and taking the time to invest in our mission.

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