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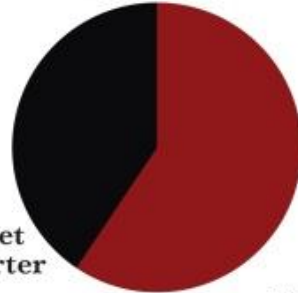
You can be a partner in this legacy of HOPE by purchasing one square foot or more for \$50.00 each to help cancel our construction debt.

### Square Feet Contributors

•Sandra Hayward •Randy & Nan Magness •Lela Speight  
•Grawood Baptist Church •Dave & Stacey Mieding  
•Adult III Sunday School Grawood Baptist Church

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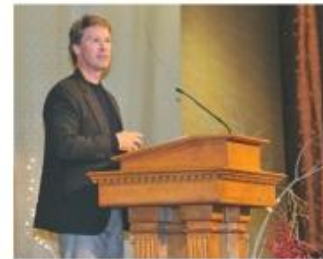
# Words from the Heart

## "I was filled with excitement and anticipation"

As I arrived to the Heart of Hope Banquet loaded down with their new brochures, fresh off the press, I was filled with excitement and anticipation for the night's events! The Executive Director, known to me as mom, had shared in previous weeks all the details of the important night to come. In short, I was

blown away by the generous support of volunteers, employees and attendees who contributed to the night's success. Together with 600 other people, there was no doubt we were all experiencing deep emotion as Kelly Murphy, the keynote speaker, shared her personal story about her daughter's unplanned pregnancy and loving choice of adoption. As both a young mother raising a child and a birthmother who gifted her child to a loving adoptive couple, I was reminded of the grace of God that is shed abroad to those who trust in His plans and purposes for our lives and the lives of our children. At the close of the evening, we walked away full...our hearts as well as our stomachs! I thank God for Heart of Hope and the mission and vision they are called to fulfill for the benefit of every young lady who comes knocking on their door.

Guest Writer, Sara Smoak



Rick Rowe was our MC for the evening. He also shared a video he produced that captured the heart of our ministry.



Kelly Murphy, our keynote speaker, sharing her brave story.



\*Please visit our shutterfly website to view more pictures of the wonderful evening captured by Julie Scoggins

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# One of the Finest Homes in the State!

Dear Lord,  
We have so much to be thankful for!

Every day You have made Yourself known to us by granting a peace that passes all understanding as we walk along side Your precious daughters who have trusted us with this season of their lives.

It has been such a blessing to watch our young ladies learning to trust You with the challenges they face daily. Some of their best times are sharing their lives with other youth at Grawood Youth Group on Wednesday nights. It was especially fun to worship together at Winter Jam at Century Tel last month! There was no doubt that You were there, too!

Thank you for our teachers, Father! We are so blessed to see firsthand how You move on the hearts of Your people, enabling them to love as You love! It is beautiful to experience Christian Community in action! Thank you for leading Diane, Laura, Shannon, Pam and Jennifer as they prepare Your daughters for motherhood. We pray a heaping blessing on them as well as our selfless retired school teachers, Sherry, Barbara, Carla, Charlotte

and Connie, who sacrifice their time daily to organize and cheer the girls on while they work towards their academic goals!

You are so generous, Lord, with your faithful ones as so many eagerly share their time, talents and lives with all of us! Bless Kelly, Donna, Peggy and the other ladies who teach our ladies how to sew! Your girls are so proud of their diaper bags!

Father, we know that Heart of Hope is covered under the shadow of Your huge hand! We experience Your provision daily; those things seen and unseen! Your faithfulness shows up in the people who visit, teach, work, pray, and give! We pray that we will be a blessing to each of them as they release Your love and passion to the Heart of Hope Ministry.

Oh yes, Lord, we are so thankful how You lead us each day to do things well. Even though our reward comes from You, Lord, it was such a treat to hear from our State's Residential Inspector last week "this is one of the finest homes in the State"! We give You ALL the glory!

In Jesus' Name, **Jodi Burns, Director**

# answered prayers

## God's Hands in a Garden of Hope by Early McWhorter



What a marvelous joy it is to be God's tool in creating a garden for one of His ministries. I even learned some lessons along the way about how God provides exactly what we need, when we need it!

I was thrilled when my great friend, Ann Inabnet, asked me if I would like to plant a

prayer garden at Heart of Hope. Immediately, I began to ask God to give me HIS vision for its design. I had the plan in mind, submitted it for approval and began to make it become a reality. It wasn't long before I knew this garden had been designed by God way before I started on it. After I purchased the plants and some other materials, I wanted to plant it all without asking anyone to help, but to my surprise, a new customer of mine begged me to let her help me plant so she could get some exercise. I welcomed her help and warned her about the workout she was about to receive. She was eager to learn and expressed great joy over the experience, exercise, and absence of a cell phone. I told her how God had sent her to my rescue—that through her, God had provided the very thing I didn't think I needed—a helper!

The second phase required securing an entry arch, rose bushes, and a pallet of flagstone. When I drove to each of my trade businesses to buy the items, God spoke to me telling me to ask them if they wanted to have a part in creating the prayer garden. I simply explained about Heart of Hope and told them what I needed from them. Amazingly each one said, "Yes, just pick it out!" I told them they were part of God's plan and that they would be on our prayer list. That was all they wanted to hear!

Another part of my vision for the garden included a large cross made of bark-

on cedar, lashed together with ropes and an octagonal picnic table. I wondered how God was going to make this happen. A friend invited me to lunch at a new restaurant and as we walked up, lo and behold there were three picnic tables exactly like the one I wanted. I was able to get information about acquiring one. Now, how was He going to supply that cross? About the time I decided to drop the idea, I saw one in the yard of one of my friends. Her husband offered to make one for me if I would supply the wood. Driving home one day, I saw a man constructing a new fence with all things, the 6 foot logs I needed! I stopped and shared my story; I left with the 2 logs and a promise from "Wild Bill" to come see the prayer garden. My cross was completed the next day!

On "cross installation day", I and my helper headed down I-20; the pickup loaded with rocks, plants, sakrete mix, and the lovely cross. We stopped to deliver some of the plants and as I glanced in the rear view mirror, I yelled, "Where is the cross?" As impossible as it seemed, the cross had flipped out over the tailgate without either of us noticing. We were dumbfounded. We spent an hour and a half driving between Texas and Bossier City but found not a trace of the 6 foot cross! Tearfully, we pulled into Heart of Hope, planning to plant the pink dogwood and accent it with the rocks. We were met at the door by Kay who was full of hugs, prayers and empathy. It wasn't long before it hit me; God



had another plan for THAT cross, I am just his laborer and in His perfect time, He will provide another cross for the prayer garden. Just like He is not finished with us yet, God's garden is a faithful work in progress!

# upcoming events

**It's Time To Eat! Monday, May 16th, 2011**

**Cantina Laredo Authentic Mexican Restaurant**

6535 Youree Drive (in Belle Meade Shopping Center)

**5:00PM to 10:00PM**

Be sure to tell your waiter, "I am eating for Heart of Hope!"



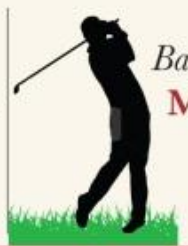
**1st Annual Heart of Hope Lifecycle (Bike Ride)**

**Saturday, June 25th, 2011**

**Tinsley Park in Bossier**

**8:30AM to 10:30AM**

A Family Event - Visit Our Website for more details!



**Back In Swing Golf Tournament**

**Monday, Sept 19th, 2011**

benefiting Heart of Hope at the Shreveport Country Club

The following Gifts Were Received in Thoughtful Tribute to the Memory or Honor of a Relative, Loved One or Friend

- In Memory of... • DANIEL WOOTEN - Tom and Judy Ivey • JOYCE MUDD - Tom and Judy Ivey
- LESLIE FRANK IVEY - Tom and Judy Ivey • JOHN ELDRIDGE - Tom and Judy Ivey • JOE HARMON MORING - Tom and Judy Ivey
- MARY ANN HINES - Debbie Doss • REGAN LITTLE - Choparral Foundation • TAMMY WOODBALL - Mr. and Mrs. William Long
- THOMAS GASTON - Lynn Henderson • THOMAS GASTON - Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dadd

In Honor of... • KELLY MURPHY - Heidi Griffith • HANK GROLL - Heart of Hope Board Members



Join Our Heart of Hope Family on Facebook. Look for Heart of Hope, A Sanctuary for Women



**Answered Prayer!**

Heart of Hope received two donated Vans last month! Thank you **Mrs. Patricia Scholling** and **Cypress Baptist Church** for meeting this HUGE need!



## On our knees...

If you, or someone you know, have experienced the power of effective communication with our Creator, come join SanDec every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. for an hour of prayer with others. A beautiful, serene room has been designed just for prayer in our gym building. It is also open during the day Monday-Friday if you would like to come and pray for our girls and our ministry.

If you cannot come to our facility, perhaps you would like to be a part of our email or text prayer team in which you would receive a notice of a specific need for our ministry and commit to spend time in prayer with that need. As you can see, there are lots of opportunities to be involved in our prayer ministry. Please call our office and Debbie will put you in touch with our team leaders.

## After four short months, Heart of Hope has come full circle!



On December 13th we received our license. December 14th our first two young ladies moved in. The babies of our first two residents were scheduled to arrive on the same day, April 8, 2011. God does have a sense of humor. We immediately began wondering what that was going to look like. Do any of you remember seeing the movie, Father of the Bride? Well, if you haven't you need to rent it. We began visualizing ourselves running between two rooms while both our mommas are deep in focused breathing, if you know what I mean! Well, thankfully they delivered one week apart, but we were in for another interesting surprise...

**IT'S A BOY**.....Born 3/23/11 @ 8:31AM, 5lbs14ozs and 18 inches long  
**IT'S A GIRL**.....Born 4/6/11 @ 9:54AM, 5lbs14ozs and 17 3/4 inches long

Be sure you become a fan of our facebook page, Heart of Hope - A Sanctuary for Women! Along with ministry updates, we also keep you posted of the health of our mummies and babies.