

A nurturing home for both mother and child, offering love, accountability and support along their journey.

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JOURNEY HOME UPDATE

You never know what you'll walk into at Journey Home. It could be that none of our guests are at home; one is at work, the other is at a doctor appointment, and someone else is dropping her child off at daycare. You'll be busy later in your shift, picking someone up, helping another to fill out a job application, taking another to the grocery store. OR you might walk in and review Lamaze breathing techniques with a guest in active labor and take a little drive to the hospital!


Assigning and discussing BrightCourse lessons, tailored to each guest, cover a variety of topics including physical, emotional and spiritual health. Not only do our ladies earn points from these assignments to spend on baby equipment, but I believe they start to see themselves differently and they learn positive, effective parenting techniques. Another challenge is to bring the morning devotional and hear some intriguing questions about God, His will, His sovereignty. No question is out of bounds, and if we don't know an answer, we'll search to find it for her.

Anything that happens in your home happens at Journey Home: cooking, cleaning, hair-styling, gardening, child-rearing, schoolwork, Bible study, games and more. The tasks are varied, the guests are unique, and it is a joy to get to know each one - her strengths, her needs, her fears, her hopes, and to be a little part of her journey. My hope is that we can change our guests' trajectory and their eternity.

Teri



Thank you for supporting the life-saving work of Journey Home at: www.givejhtx.org

We  VE our VOLUNTEERS!
We cannot do this without you!
There are many ways to help. Some jobs need training, and some do not. We invite you to read what three volunteers wrote about helping here and see what others do!



Leah helping us sort donations.

Theresa working at our mission booth.



Lisa and Shaun mentoring one of our young women as she works on her goals.

I've been a volunteer at Journey Home from the beginning. I feel extremely blessed to play a role in the lives of the clients during their stay at Journey Home. My favorite part is getting to know the clients and rocking their sweet babies. *Kim*



Amy helping with a baby shower for one of our guests.

CrossRoads Life Group planting our garden!



"The Crew" helping move furniture and fix a door & dresser for a Journey Home Guest.

Journey Home has given me the opportunity to practice genuine Christian discipleship. Unlike other ministries where you may only see the same people you are ministering to once or twice, at Journey Home you get to be a part of the women's day to day life. Whether that's leading them in Bible Study, becoming a mentor, or driving them places, the atmosphere at Journey Home gives opportunity for life on life connections. *LEAH*



Journey Home is a place where pregnant women and their children can call home and find safety. This is where they can truly be on a journey to becoming independent and productive members of society. This all happens through mentoring, counseling, coaching, and encouraging them with the love of Jesus Christ. My experience as a volunteer here has been wonderful. I, Lorena Santos, have seen God's love in action by what is provided for these beautiful young girls through the staff and volunteers. Journey Home has a very good program in place that can help these young ladies get past this challenging season of their lives. They are being plugged into the word of God in more ways than one. I can see the difference this does for them. There is a schedule they follow which brings consistency and structure along with other activities including church attendance. I am blessed to be of service at Journey Home because it is very rewarding and very dear to my heart. Journey Home has a lot of needs in every area from cleaning, organizing, cooking, gardening, daily devotionals, relief, praying and listening ears. Again, I am grateful to be part of Journey Home and would invite anyone to be part of this Journey!

Pray with us!

- We have a FULL house with several new guests! Pray for them to feel safe and ready to make the changes necessary for success.
- We have a new baby due at the end of the month. Pray with us for a safe and uncomplicated delivery.
- Summer is coming and that means volunteers/staff on vacation. Pray for God to provide everything we need in people and finances.
- For our Clay Shoot to be a success and everyone to have fun!



Lorena



Action Items

- Call and see about volunteering
- Share this newsletter with my friends at church
- Help a mom with her school expenses

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