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BATTLING THE PANDEMIC

Keturah's Haven has weathered the pandemic. We were able to maintain a steady inflow of women who were pre-tested for COVID before they were admitted. We have a new set of twins, Kamiah and Kamia, who were born late September. We are thrilled to say they are thriving. As usual, women are steadily coming and going for which, we are grateful because we know that they have been brought here by God for seeds to be planted even if their stay was short.

FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Our first annual "Games Night Under the Stars" at the Bowery House held on October 24th was a success! We sold 20 tables and hosted approximately 70 guests, raising nearly \$4000. The food truck donated 50% of their proceeds to the Haven. Thanks to the women on our advisory board who worked effortlessly to make this a success.

'The Lord always keeps his promises, He is gracious in all He does' Psalm 145:13b







CURRENT NEEDS:

- Monthly supporters:
 - \$25 a month helps provide welcome baskets which include toiletries/blankets/journals/bibles
 - \$100 a month provides transportation/counseling/life skills classes
 - \$500 a month helps pay rent/utilities/staff salaries
- A 12-15 passenger van, balance of \$10,000 to make purchase. Your end

- of year contributions will make this possible.
- Volunteers with administrative skills
- Volunteers to relieve House Parents
- Volunteers to teach Life Skills

Your financial donations are tax deductible and every dollar goes toward program expense. We have no paid staff at this time. To donate, click on the following link: Donations

PAST RESIDENT TESTIMONY – Amber



Hi, my
name is
Amber. I
went to
Keturah's
Haven
when I was
6 months
pregnant.
I became

homeless during Hurricane Harvey when I lost everything, including my 2 children who had to go live with my sister in Ohio. God provided a home for me and my unborn child at Keturah's Haven. The serenity of the outdoors and the beautiful pond overwhelmed me with comfort and peace. I was fed healthy meals -fruits and vegetables - oh yay! Can't forget the smoked turkey. Thanks Mr. David! Mrs. Ruhamah and Mr. David taught us how to be a family by sitting together for meals, movie and game nights, going to church and proper etiquette. As a family, we made a schedule for Monday to Sunday which helped to give us structure, discipline and bond with the other residents. During the day we had a nap and quiet time to write in our journals about how we can better ourselves and our dreams for our lives and our children. We also had Bible study and prayed together for healing and growing spiritually. God bless the staff who were very friendly, thoughtful and loving. Thanks Mrs. Ruhamah for being an example of a true mother!!! I am very grateful to have you in my life. Being at Keturah's Haven gave me hope and faith that God was restoring me

and my family and a fresh start. I will always remember the love that was shown to me. Thank you so much, I love you all.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This is a couple who have supported Keturah's Haven wholeheartedly from infancy. Maribel was with the initial group of planners

preparing for the opening. She has been faithful, steadfast, overly generous, reliable and always goes above and beyond what is asked of her. She has a knack for anticipating the needs of the house even before they arise and providing the same. She not only gives but she rallies the troops together (including their children) to provide additional support as needed. She even helped us to recruit her husband, Oscar to be the Vice President of the Board for over a year. Oscar has been a real trooper and staunch supporter who displays true godly and honest leadership. He has also helped with significant financial contributions. Without Oscar, Maribel and their family, Keturah's Haven would not have been as successful. May God continue to bless them! Oscar, Maribel - because of your kindness to the ministry may God supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Donor Spotlight



Kingsland Baptist Church – Pastor Omar Garcia and his team have blessed Keturah's Haven above and beyond what we could have asked for. The Haven has benefitted from their financial contributions, help with staff to clean the house, provision of toiletries, continuous encouragement, prayers and so much more.

Thank you Kingsland Baptist for being your brother's keeper!



Christian Brothers Association – gifted us with \$10,000.00 towards the purchase of a van we can use for the multiple appointments our residents have during their time with us. Keturah's Haven having its own vehicle will save costs long term. We want to express our gratitude to Christian Brothers for their generous financial and community support for our mission.

'Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ'. Galatians 6:2

THANK YOU to all our donors/supporters!

- **Harris Center for Mental Health** for offering free counseling to some of the women to help with combating the issues which made them`homeless.
- **Pregnancy Help Center in Katy** which offers help with parenting classes and with needed items for newborns and up to age two.
 - Counselors from **Katy Cares**
 - All others who continue to bless the ministry with the generosity of time, provision and financial support.

WE HAVE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR MISSION

- ❖ Attend our Second Annual Gala on February 25, 2021, at the Bowery House and Garden.
- Become a monthly partner. <u>Explore Giving Options</u>
- Volunteer your time at the Haven.
- Share our mission with your network