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# Hosanna Home

## WOMEN'S SHELTER

OUR MISSION: *Providing care in a Christian home for women in transition.*

## CHRISTMAS - GOD'S TRUE GIFT

Every holiday season is different at Hosanna Home but each is special as God showers our residents with love and gifts that say how much they are loved by Him and our community! This year was no exception. We had only two residents and a new house manager to provide for this year, but each was blessed with special things they needed and wished for.



## OUR VISION: HELPING WOMEN FIND GOD'S PLAN

Hosanna Home December 2021 to February 2022 Residents

Please Pray for these Ladies



Linda



Nicole & Lexxie



Diane



Tara



Tanya



Valarine



Heather

*Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah! I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.*

*Psalm 32:6-8*

## Gifts from Austin, NV



For many years, Hosanna Home has been adopted by the Austin Baptist Church at Christmas time. They bring gifts for all of our residents and house managers to show how much God loves the women at Hosanna Home.

The gifts are filled with toiletries, gloves, perfume, and other treats and this year they also blessed our home with new kitchen towels (which were very much needed).

Each gift is special and filled with unique items that gets paired with the recipient needs. It's fun to watch the girls open these gifts and discover the treasures inside.

This year Kathy Vaughn, who usually delivers the gifts, was recovering from surgery so her helper, Cynthia, made the long drive to ensure the girls were once again blessed by the work of their hands.

*Thank  
You*



## VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE



Due to Covid, we are no longer able to have our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, so this year we held a Volunteer Open House and invited all of our volunteers to join us for goodies and fellowship! It was a wonderful alternative! Everyone enjoyed the time together and some great food.



## HOSANNA HOME STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY





## Esther's Closet - a Place of Blessing!

Esther's Closet continues to be a place where God is blessing! We are so rich in donations and we love our customers! In March, our 50% off Sales will be green tags, shoes & coats! Come visit!



Christmas Sale at Esther's Closet - so many blessings from the Lord! Customers were very blessed by our 50% off sale!



## VOLUNTEERS ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF MINISTRY

Meet our newest volunteers at Hosanna Home & Esther's Closet. Every woman that comes to this ministry comes by God's design for His purpose. God answered prayer from our last newsletter. Four new Care Partners and two Esther's Closet volunteers! We welcome them into our ministry family!



Trish



Jana



Christy



Gala



Heidi



Shari

## CURRENT HOSANNA HOME NEEDS

- ☐ Snack bars, Crackers & Chips
- ☐ Cake Mixes and Frosting
- ☐ Dryer sheets
- ☐ Fresh or Canned Fruit & Juices
- ☐ Toilet Tissue, Kleenex & Paper Towels
- ☐ Laundry Soap HE
- ☐ Pudding & Fruit cups
- ☐ Coffee Creamers
- ☐ Quart sized freezer bags
- ☐ Comet Cleanser
- ☐ Hair Spray
- ☐ Mascara (All Colors)
- ☐ Sugar Substitutes





## SPECIAL THANKS FOR SPECIAL DONATIONS!

*Thank You*



You can support Hosanna Home with all your Amazon purchases. Just go to Amazon Smile and select us as your charity.

The address is: <http://smile.amazon.com/>

- Hults' Life Group: Chips, flushable wipes, toilet tissue, beef has, trash bags, Paper towels, fabreeze, zip lock bags, dishwasher detergent, toothpaste, Tylenol, razors, cereal & pumpkin, facial towelettes, deodorant, qtips, soap, lip balms, hair conditioners, coffee cake.
- Living Stones Church: Journals, Pens, underwear, hygiene products & blood pressure tools, copy paper, crackers, soups, tuna, Epson salt, face mask & candy, kitchen knives, cutting boards & bedding set.
- Julie Kalisiak: Paper towels, toilet tissue, dish soap, hair products & lotions
- Deb Ward: 3 Crisco sticks
- Christy Bingham's life group: food, personal hygiene, zip lock bags.
- Karen Campbell: Bicycle & helmet, oatmeal, body spray, hygiene.
- Lydia Hedlund: 3 lasagnas
- Jessica Fuhrmann: 10 Christian study books.
- Carole Faeth: Fresh yellow tail tuna
- Marcy: lap top computer, household decorations
- Women of BSF: various toiletries, coffee, candy and goodies.
- 7th Grade Life Group from Summit: Total Ham dinner for Christmas
- Deb Reeves: Stew meat, peppers, milk, yogurt, celery, cookies.
- Kathy Brown: 6 pounds of hamburger, spaghetti, spices.
- Faith Cacoon Life Group: Sandwich bags, toilet paper, hand soap, headache meds, hygiene & hair products, misc. food items, cleanser and trash bags.



## BIRTHDAYS ARE SPECIAL AT HOSANNA HOME!

When residents come for six months, they often have birthdays during their stay with us. We work very hard to make the day special for them with gifts, a wonderful dinner and birthday cakes. We celebrated Diane's birthday in February with Poppa Murphy's Pizza, cheesecake and a clothing gift certificate from Esther's Closet. Her friends from Sparks Christian Fellowship also took her out for brunch. She says it was a blessed day!



## SASSY CAT - CARING FOR RESIDENTS IS HER JOB!

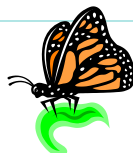
Sassy came to Hosanna Home as a feral outside kitty that residents won over by feeding her. When we moved our facility from Reno to Sparks, she became an indoor kitty and she has become the in-house therapist. She dries tears, makes people laugh, watches tv, attends Bible study, supervises all office work and listens to the struggles of all who come into the house. She was recently voted as Miss January in the Pet Network 2022 Calendar. It is true what they say, "Love comes in all sizes and shapes." She is definitely a gift from the Lord!







IN HIS LOVE  
Linda Schmitt,  
Executive Director



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

If you look up the word "Addiction" in the 1828 Webster's American Dictionary, you'll find the definition as 'the state of being devoted.'

Strange that today's Merriam Webster's online dictionary defines addiction as a strong inclination to do, use, or indulge in something repeatedly.

When God gave the children of Israel the 10 Commandments, the first one says "You shall have no other gods before me." In other words, He wanted His children to be devoted or addicted to Him only.

Today, there are many things human beings are devoted to and most of these things bring destruction to the lives of the devotee and those around them.

But we are not without hope!

*For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you. Titus 2:11-15*

This is the message of Hosanna Home. This is what we strive to teach to every lady that comes to us for help.

*"Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13), Paul went on to discuss the importance of those who preach the gospel: "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things'" (Romans 10:14-15).*

## The Hosanna Home Program

Hosanna Home is NOT a homeless shelter, nor is it a drug/alcohol treatment center or rehabilitation program. We have no clinical expertise in overcoming addictions, mental illness or criminal behavior. Hosanna Home is a second chance program that introduces women in transition (where something has ended in their lives) to a Biblical world view that strives to bring hope, freedom from addiction and a new way of thinking-Jesus' way of thinking.

Romans 12:2 says

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

The program is six months in length and tries to instill the Biblical principles that lead to a safe, character-building practice of life. Each resident is provided with a place to stay, clothing, meals, laundry facilities and opportunity to look at their choices from a different perspective. The first month's program fees are free. She is provided with staff that aids with goal setting, resume development, job search assistance and budget guidelines when a job is secured. In month two through six, residents agree to pay a \$600 program fee which she can receive a matching gift of up to \$1500 if she also saves that amount during her stay. Since everything she needs (not everything she wants) is provided to her, saving, though not easy, is attainable.

Residents attend Bible Study classes, Life Skills teachings, Celebrate Recovery (12-step Christ-centered meetings) and monthly recreation events.

Matthew 28:19 says:

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

This is the calling that Hosanna Home adheres to - making disciples that obey the commandments of Jesus. We desire that all ladies that come to Hosanna Home see Jesus in all that we do. Unfortunately, not everyone who comes finds the road easy - but it is definitely eternal!