

January 2023



Hosanna Home

WOMEN'S SHELTER

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

GRADUATIONS ARE ALWAYS A BLESSING

On August 30, 2022 we gathered at to celebrate a great accomplishment - Graduate Valarine Tarkong giving her testimony of God's amazing grace and answer to prayer. She expressed her faith in Christ and the joy of getting her children back with her as she prepares to move into her own apartment. Gifts, laughter and celebration were definitely the highlight of the night.



OUR VISION: HELPING WOMEN FIND GOD'S PLAN

Hosanna Home May to December 2022 Residents

Please Pray for these Ladies



Nicole & Lexxie



Diane



Valarine



Jade



Kirsten



Keri



Arrie

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

Gift of Moving



Helping to get graduates settled into their own apartments is one of the ways we help end homelessness. One of our Community Partners is **Wolf Pack Movers**.

On September 1st, the Wolf Pack Guys moved another resident into her apartment. As Valarine prepared her home for a reunion with her two kids, the guys moved in all of her new furniture to the third (3rd) story apartment in Sparks. We are so very grateful for this partnership.



Esther's Closet - a Place of Blessing !

The Blessings that God brings in monetary things doesn't really count as much as the joy of being a part of the wonderful team of volunteers that have become our loved ones. We got ready for Christmas together. You can see the joy as we decorated for our customers blessings.



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



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION IS BACK

Our annual Volunteer Luncheon was back (after Covid shut downs) on October 31, 2022. It was wonderful to have an opportunity to all be together again and to enjoy a wonderful lunch together. Gifts were presented to each attendee and much gratitude was expressed. Thanks to Sparks Christian Fellowship for allowing us to use their facility for the party.



RECREATION IS IMPORTANT TO OUR RESIDENTS

Our residents work very hard at making change in their lives and we want them to know what it means to have fun without using substances that harm their lives. Here is our Rec Leader teaching them to bake banana bread to take to Brookstone Senior Living Home. I know they were surprised at how much fun this turned out to be.



Jana
Rec Leader



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
- Pine Sol & Window Cleaners
- Pudding & Fruit cups
- Coffee Creamers
- Quart sized freezer bags
- Comet Cleanser
- Hair Spray
- Mascara (All Colors)
- Sugar Substitutes
- Trash Bags (kitchen & Lawn)
- Soups, Canned Meats
- Dryer Sheets



SPECIAL THANKS FOR SPECIAL DONATIONS!

- Vickie Johnson: Rolls, honey buns and cream cheese, assorted snacks, hot chocolate, coffee, creamers & cookies
- Annette Lewis: Fresh Veggies
- Gela: Fruit bowls
- Carolyn Van Stralen: Instapot, Nutra bullet, kitchen items, comforter and ironing board, wipes, tool box, pillows, rubber gloves, pot holders
- Marcy Santino: 2 bags of hair ties (100 each)
- Patti McCord: 2 cases of tuna, canned turkey, stuffing, sauerkraut, Cranberry Sauce, rocking chair, table, pillows, rice & beans, antique clock, 2 chairs, mirror, copy paper, teas, pitcher & bowl
- Sandi Jackson: tea bags, veggies, pear sauce, pear bread
- Carole Faeth: Office supplies and paper products, dishes
- Summit Tuesday Women's Group: Van full of food, paper products, hygiene & clothing
- Mary Pelton: household & grocery items
- Deb Ward: Salad dressing
- Karen: Watermelon
- Hults Life Group: Canned fruit, ceareal, soups, toilet paper, laundry soap, dryer sheets, toilet paper, chicken soup & cookies, toiletries, crackers & parmesian cheese, freezer bags
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church: Ten (10) Handmade Quilts
- Chris Ormsby: hygiene products, office supplies, water flosser
- Tammy Whatley: household items
- Kelly LaCruze: clothing



**Holy Cross Lutheran Church makes
our bedrooms beautiful!**

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 Jade's birthday in December with dinner, brownies & ice cream and gifts galore.



Christmas at Hosanna Home is always Special!

This year at Christmas we had only two residents, but they were treated royally with a great Xmas Eve service at South Reno Baptist and wonderful gifts from a myriad of places. God always blesses us with Austin Baptist gift boxes and many other amazing things for their joy.



GOD IS GLORIFIED EVEN AFTER A GRADUATE LEAVES

Diane graduated in June—but she was baptized in September at Sparks Christian Fellowship and, of course, Hosanna Home was there to celebrate this momentous occasion. It was wonderful to see other graduates and friends as we enjoyed a luncheon in her honor.



LIFE GROUPS, RETREATS & MORE

October was a very busy month as we had Serve Week from Summit and we were blessed with a special Life Group that came with dinner. The next day we left for a Retreat with Covenant Presbyterian Church in Zephyr Cove (Tahoe) with residents and new friends.





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

We begin our 15th year in March 2023 at Hosanna Home. We've seen over 290 women in our program and we've seen God's provision in very special ways—Miraculous really.

We've had several of our loved ones leave this world—Residents and Volunteers but all loved! The truth is this is a temporary place and all that truly matters is what we have done for the Lord.

Psalm 90:10 says "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

This is an important scripture for me as this March I will pass that milestone—and turn 70 years old.

I see so much darkness in our world and so much devastation in the lives of the women God brings into our home so we can tell of His marvelous ways to save us from Hell.

I am grateful for the work that we are privileged to do and the joy of knowing others who love our Savior like I do. It is especially precious when a lady who comes to Hosanna Home truly discovers the TRUTH—His Name is Jesus.

Blessings and Honor and Praise are due to the Lord. Please help us pray for our ladies and thank you for the gifts and support you bring into this ministry.

We are grateful!

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:8)

IN LOVING MEMORY



Mrs. Lorraine Smith left this world and stepped into the next with her Lord in January 2023. She was a great part of Hosanna Home's legacy through her teaching, encouragement and singing with residents from 2008 through 2022. Even in sickness her love of Christ and others was the sweetest part of this beautiful lady.

With her wonderful Pastor husband, John Smith, Lorraine served Jesus at Washoe County Jail for many, many years as a chaplain to the women who were incarcerated. She taught God's Word to everyone with her life and sometimes she used words. She always had a smile and a scripture for anyone who would look her way and listen.

I am so grateful for the years of joy I had in serving with her at Hosanna Home. And the last time I had the privilege of hearing her sing her song, "Shake, Shake, Shake—Shake the Devil Off" was at the retreat we all attended in October.

I know we will have a Hosanna Home reunion when we get to heaven and the Lord will be singing with us and smiling at Lorraine for her life well lived!

She will be missed!