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JANUARY 2026

# LOVE HEALS

## Message from the Founder

We are so excited for our Love Heals Youth Gala this week—Friday, January 23, 2026! This past year has brought tremendous growth in our ministry as we've deepened relationships and expanded our reach with orphanages across our community.

This gala is critical as we raise the funds needed to continue growing and to begin serving the orphanages currently on our waitlist. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and generous support—you are truly part of every life changed through LOVE.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
**Rebecca Smith-Nash**  
Licensed Professional Counselor & Supervisor



## Volunteer Opportunities

Check out our new Events Calendar on the LHY website to find upcoming opportunities and the right contact info.



Check the calendar often—there's a perfect place for you to serve!  
[www.LoveHealsYouth.com/Events-Calendar](http://www.LoveHealsYouth.com/Events-Calendar)

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## Donor Spotlight

We are deeply grateful for the Heidmeyers and their generous hearts. They faithfully give their time, resources, and love to Love Heals Youth. They even regularly serve at our Day of Counseling. Their commitment reflects what it truly means to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and we are so thankful for their ongoing support of foster youth.



### A Prayer for Protection

Heavenly Father, watch over foster youth and protect them from harm. Surround them with Your angels and keep them safe.

"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." (Psalm 91:11)



## Meet Malaisha LHY Counselor of the Month

We are proud to recognize Malaisha as our Counselor of the Month! She is always ready to take on new endeavors and has quickly become an essential part of our team. Malaisha exemplifies dedication and heart. Her drive, resilience, and leadership make her a true role model for the youth we serve. We are so grateful for her commitment to LHY.



## Meet Christina, LHY Volunteer of the Month

We are excited to recognize Christina as our Volunteer of the Month! Through her partnership with Woodforest Bank, Christina equips our youth with critical financial literacy skills in fun, engaging ways. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and heart for empowering youth leave a lasting impact, and we are so grateful.

## The Power of LOVE Gala

JANUARY 23, 2026

Ticket are Now Available

[LoveHealsYouth.com/2026-gala](http://LoveHealsYouth.com/2026-gala)

## Upcoming Events



## What changes the story?

The statistics are sobering. More than 30% of youth who exit foster care have spent time in detention by age 17, and over 40% are incarcerated by age 20. Many call the child welfare system "a highway to homelessness," as it is the story for 30% of youth aging out. By age 17, nearly half have considered suicide.

**But there is one thing proven to change the story: a consistent adult relationship.** Someone who shows up and says, "I care, and I won't leave." That presence helps keep youth off the streets, find stability, purpose, and hope.

When you support Love Heals Youth, this is what you're supporting—relationships that truly heal and change lives.



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FEBRUARY 2026

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## Message from the Founder

From the bottom of my heart—thank you. Our recent Love Heals Youth Gala was nothing short of extraordinary. For the second year in a row, the event sold out, and it was a powerful reminder of what happens when a community shows up in love.

The night opened with a moving message and candlelight vigil that set the tone for an evening filled with truth, testimony, and hope. We heard from board members and counselors whose stories reflect the very heart of our mission, and we were inspired by an unforgettable live performance from speed painter Tom Varano. God’s presence was undeniable. The Holy Spirit filled the room, and many guests shared how deeply moved they felt.

Because of your generosity, we exceeded our fundraising goal and welcomed new volunteers into our growing grassroots movement. There truly is no such thing as too much love—and this gala helped secure the future of Love Heals Youth as we continue to expand our outreach.

With more than 30 orphanages, four organizations serving aged-out foster youth, six homeless shelters, and multiple partner nonprofits requesting Love Heals Youth mental health services, the work before us is great—and so is the calling.

I invite you to continue this journey with us. Please consider getting involved, volunteering, or supporting Love Heals Youth so our most vulnerable know they are seen, valued, and deeply loved. Above all, please pray—for protection, provision, and that the hearts of those we serve would be drawn closer to our Lord.

Through love, we heal.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
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We are grateful to recognize Laura Sweatt as our Donor of the Month! Her generosity and heart for giving back to foster youth help make our mission possible. Through her support, we are able to provide counseling, resources, and meaningful opportunities that bring hope and healing to the lives of the youth we serve. We are truly thankful for her partnership and compassion.



## Meet Tiffany, LHY Counselor of the Month

We are excited to recognize Tiffany as our Counselor of the Month! She is determined, dedicated, and highly respected by her peers. Her commitment and professionalism make her a valued part of our team.



## Meet Sarah, LHY Volunteer of the Month

We are grateful for Sarah, an incredible volunteer who serves faithfully as a board member, gala committee member, and more giving her time in countless ways throughout the year. Her heart for service and meaningful impact truly strengthens our mission.

## Upcoming Events



## A PLACE TO CALL HOME

EXCLUSIVE EVENT

03/26/26 | 5:30 PM - 8 PM

## Love in Action...

At 9:00 a.m. the morning after our Gala, several group homes called us with an urgent need—winter coats for the freezing temperatures ahead. Unsure how severe the cold would be, they reached out for help. Within hours, our team dropped everything and went into action. By the end of the day, 49 winter coats had been delivered to several group homes across our community.

It wasn’t planned, and it wasn’t easy—but it was love in motion. In moments of crisis, Love Heals Youth shows up to keep kids warm, supported, and reminded they are never alone.

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Three years ago, Love Heals Youth was simply a vision placed on my heart — a calling to bring counseling, leadership, and the healing power of love to foster youth living in orphanages. Today, I am overwhelmed with gratitude at what God has done.

In just three short years, our organization has experienced 260% growth — expanding our service hours from 1,500 in 2022 to 5,400 in 2025 as the demand for our services continues to surge. What began as a small outreach has grown into a movement of love, leadership, and restoration. And now... we are stepping into the next chapter.

We have officially launched our Capital Campaign to find a permanent home for Love Heals Youth. Currently, we host our monthly Leadership Series with tremendous effort — setting up, tearing down, and transforming borrowed spaces into places of belonging. But with 33 orphanages now connected to LHY, we know it is time to build something lasting. A permanent home will allow us to open our Leadership Series to all 33 orphanages consistently, expand our counseling services, house our mobile clothes closet, and create a space where foster youth truly feel seen, known, and valued.

This campaign is about more than walls and a roof. It is about building a house of hope.

*“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.” Proverbs 24:3-4*

I am filled with excitement and faith as we move forward. God has been faithful every step of the way — and I know He is guiding this next step as well.

Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for believing that through LOVE, we HEAL. And thank you for helping us build a home where healing can flourish for generations to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Rebecca Smith-Nash, Founder & CEO  
Licensed Professional Counselor & Supervisor



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### Meet Jamie, LHY Counselor of the Month

We are excited to recognize Jamie as our Counselor of the Month! Jamie consistently demonstrates compassion, professionalism, and a heart for youth. Jamie continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our clients and our team.



### Meet Rachel, LHY Volunteer of the Month

We are grateful to recognize our Rachel for faithfully leading our Welcome Home Bags initiative. From sorting and organizing donations to thoughtfully filling each bag, they ensure every youth receives the essentials they need!

## Donor Spotlight



We are proud to recognize Crash Champions as our Donor of the Month. Their generosity and community-minded spirit help make our mission possible. Through their support, we are able to provide counseling, essential resources, and meaningful opportunities to foster youth. We are grateful for their partnership and commitment to making a lasting difference.

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## Upcoming Events

### CONCERT FOR HOPE

SPRING CONCERT SERIES AT  
MARKET STREET IN  
THE WOODLANDS  
APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:45 PM



At our most recent Day of Counseling, we handed out 20 Welcome Home Bags to youth in group homes. Each bag was thoughtfully packed with essentials—items many of them didn’t have when they first entered care.

But these bags are more than supplies. They are a reminder that someone thought ahead, prepared for them, and cares about their dignity. For youth who have experienced constant transition, that gesture matters.

Sometimes love looks simple. Sometimes it looks like a bag filled with care.

At our next day of counseling we anticipate giving out 30 more bags. We need your help to refill supplies! Visit our Facebook page to find our Amazon wishlist.



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As I reflect on this season at Love Heals Youth, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for what we are building together—and the lives being changed because of your support.

Over the past three years, we have experienced an incredible 260% growth in services. What began as a small effort to reach foster youth has expanded into a movement of consistent, meaningful care for some of the most vulnerable young people in our community.

Today, Love Heals Youth is providing some level of services in 33 congregate care facilities—modern-day orphanages—along with 6 aged-out foster care programs and 6 homeless shelters. In addition, our mobile clothes closet and outreach efforts are now supporting 10+ other organizations, helping meet tangible needs while opening the door for deeper healing.

This growth is both a blessing and a responsibility. As more youth and organizations reach out for support, it has become clear that we need a place to call our own—a centralized home where healing, leadership, and connection can happen consistently.

As we continue to grow, we have launched our *Coming Home Campaign* to establish a permanent home for Love Heals Youth—a place where healing, leadership, and connection can happen consistently.

We would love to share this vision with you in a more personal way. If you are interested in learning more about the Coming Home Campaign or how you can be part of this next chapter, I would be honored to connect.

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We are proud to recognize New Era as our Donor of the Month. Their generosity and commitment to giving back make a meaningful impact in the lives of foster youth. Through their support, we are able to provide counseling, resources, and opportunities that bring hope and healing. We are grateful for their partnership in furthering the mission of Love Heals Youth.



## Meet Tricia, LHY Counselor of the Month



We are proud to recognize Tricia as our Counselor of the Month! She consistently goes above and beyond for Love Heals Youth, taking initiative and serving in ways that extend beyond counseling. Tricia is eager to learn and grow in her role. Her heart for service make her a valuable part of our team.

## Meet Donna, LHY Volunteer of the Month



We are grateful to recognize Donna as our Volunteer of the Month! She faithfully serves in our Clothes Closet, helping sort and prepare items so youth can shop. Her consistency reflects a deep commitment to our mission, and her care makes a meaningful impact in the lives of the kids we serve.

## Upcoming Events

### Concert for Hope

April 16<sup>th</sup>

5:45pm-7:00pm

The Lawn at Market Street

9595 Six Pines Drive, The Woodlands, TX



## PRAYER GATHERING



Northshore Park  
2505 Lake Woodlands Dr

April 24, 2026

7:30-8:30am

## Love in Action...

In our new Leadership Gift Shop, youth “shop” using bucks earned through our financial literacy program—choosing items like crafts, stuffed animals, and beauty products. Last month, two boys didn’t have enough to get the cologne they liked. Instead of walking away, they chose to combine their “leadership bucks” and share one bottle.

It was a simple, tender moment—but powerful. These aren’t problematic kids—they are kids who need opportunities to practice generosity, kindness, and connection. And when given the chance, they rise to it.

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