



HOPE  HOUSE
OF COLORADO

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

EMPOWERING
TEEN MOMS

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Hope House of Colorado empowers parenting teenage moms to strive for personal and economic self-sufficiency and to understand their significance in God's sight, resulting in a healthy future for them and for their children. Hope House is metro-Denver's only resource providing teen moms free residential, mentoring and GED services, equipping them for long-term independence. Additional supportive services include parenting and life skills classes, healthy relationship classes, certified counseling, and social activities designed to promote community among the teen moms. Hope House relies on numerous volunteers and local business partnerships to accomplish its mission.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT



This past year we launched our Bedrock Builders Monthly Giving Program and watched this grow by 13% over the course of 2012. Many of you have been giving monthly to Hope House since we began. Our Bedrock Builders are champions who provide a foundation that we count on every month. Your gifts of all sizes add up over the year and make up \$70,000 of our annual income! Please consider joining our Bedrock Builders in 2013.

Nearly \$50,000 was raised by Hope House Champions hosting small events throughout the year: Eichters Garden Center, Olde Town Acupuncture, Moosehill Cantina, A-1 Chipseal and Trendz Boutique to name a few. We are thankful for gift card drives that churches like Broomfield United Methodist held, Diaper Drives sponsored by K-LOVE, and the numerous fun events like Blackjack Boogie held by MOD Moms. Every one of these individuals raised not only money but awareness for Hope House. Lisa Lowe from Olde Town Acupuncture said, *"We are excited to be able to support teen moms and their babies and be part of helping them navigate this time of their lives in a way that sets them and their children up for lifelong success."*

Thank you to all of our Hope House businesses and champions in 2012! You are a blessing to our teen moms.

Lisa Schlarbaum

Lisa Schlarbaum
Director of Development

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



Hope House is the definition of unconditional love.

This is a text message sent to me by Residential graduate Danielle after the Hope House Christmas Party. It was a magical evening: 90 kids filled the gym with laughter; volunteers filled tables with food; and you filled the hearts of our teen moms by providing Christmas

gifts. It was the perfect ending to a year filled with reminders of God's unconditional love for our teen moms:

In April, we learned that a champion wanted to help us purchase the land surrounding the Residential home in Arvada – laying a foundation for building a Resource Center in the future.

In June, we found we had “outgrown” our city permit -- which was for Residential Program use only – and needed to move our Mentoring and GED programs and our Healthy Relationships/Parenting classes out of the Residential home – no small undertaking!

In December, we moved into what we lovingly call “the warehouse,” graciously rented to us at a discounted rate by another champion. The Residential Program remains at the home in Arvada and can host six teenage moms again!

How like our amazing God to provide an interim location for our Resource Center, a place to “practice” before we build our own Resource Center on our land. *So, thank you, Danielle – if Hope House is a reflection of God's unconditional love for teen moms, then we have met our mission!*

Lisa Steven
Founder and Executive Director

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT



2012 was a busy year! We kept all of our programs running while moving our GED and Mentoring Programs and Healthy Relationships and Parenting classes to our new Resource Center in Westminster. This was a big transition, and we knew that the move would impact our teen moms -- we just did not know exactly how!

First, however, let me give you a recap of 2012...

We served 113 teen moms and approximately 180 children from all over the metro-Denver area:

- **Residential Program:** 17 teen moms, including graduates
- **Mentoring Program:** 50 teen moms
 - 81% originally started in the GED Program
 - 29 new mentors trained
- **GED Program:** 46 teen moms
 - 90% received college or career prep assistance
 - Volunteers provided over 800 hours of tutoring assistance
- **Parenting Program:** 52 teen moms
 - 58 classes
 - 26 Lunch Bunch/Moms Night Out meetings
- **Healthy Relationships Program:** 33 teen moms
 - 141 individual counseling sessions
 - 48 classes

So... what was the impact of our move to the Resource Center?

The teen moms in our Residential Program in the house in Arvada are still moving forward and working hard. They like the feel of the house better now because it feels more like a home and less like a place of business. The teen moms in our Mentoring and GED Programs love the new Resource Center and report that they used to “feel like guests in the Residential home – but now we feel like the Resource Center belongs to all of us!”

Clearly the impact of the move has been nothing short of positive – a beautiful picture of God's love for our teen moms and their little ones.

Robin Scott
Program Director

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM REPORT



"We are very proud of her..."

Early in the year, Miss Aerial Lower graduated and accepted a paid internship with Avalon Motorsports through our pilot Business Partnership

Program. We are very proud of her -- Aerial is doing great in her own apartment and is working hard at the permanent job she found as a result of the training her internship provided. Aerial still shows up at Hope House whenever there is a Parenting or Life Skills class. She is a great example to the other teen moms in our programs. Other exciting news: Because we moved our Mentoring and GED Programs to our new Resource Center space in Westminster, the Residential Program will be able to house additional teen moms and their children in 2013!

Aerial and daughter Payton
Residential Program Graduate

GED PROGRAM REPORT



"Working to get my GED has made me feel good about myself..."

Our GED Program was blessed this year by our new GED/Career Prep Specialist, Katie Morton, a teacher and behavioral specialist. She improved the college prep and career counseling aspect of the program, instituted regular field trips to community colleges, and assisted college-bound teen moms with admissions and financial aid paperwork. This program effectively empowers teen moms, as evidenced by Jacqueline, who said: *I have never thought of myself as smart. Working to get my GED has made me feel good about myself, and I actually feel smart for once!* Jacqueline is now enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program at the Emily Griffith Technical College.

Jacqueline and daughter Genesis
GED Program Graduate

PARENTING PROGRAM AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAM



"What I like about it is that I can relate..."

Our Parenting classes grew tremendously in 2012, largely due to our Parenting Educator, Melinda Smith. Melinda's introduction of "Mom's Night Out" and "Lunch Bunch" created a new sense of community among our girls! We are also excited about our new

Healthy Relationships curriculum: *The Story of Hope: The Journey of a Teen Mom*. Unable to find good curriculum for teen moms, Hope House counselor Trisha Daly and Robin Scott, our Program Director, wrote their own! Available on Amazon, it was an instant success with our teen moms, including Patience, who said: *What I like about it is that I can relate to Hope - she is struggling, just like me, and trying to figure out if she can go to college now that she's a mom.*

Patience and son Eaven
Parenting Program and Healthy Relationships Program Participant

MENTORING PROGRAM REPORT



"You guys have been there nearly every step of the way..."

This program is highly structured, with trained Mentors guiding teen moms through the same self-sufficiency markers used in the Residential Program. Our goal is to help them become responsible, nurturing parents who also give back to the community. We love seeing them mature, such as when Mentoring graduate Megan invited one of our teen moms to shadow her at work. We also love hearing from Mentoring teens like Lauren, who wrote us after the Christmas party: *I just want to thank Hope House and the family who adopted us for the party. These gifts symbolize the love Hope House has shown my little family... you guys have been there for me nearly every step of the way since my daughter was born.*

Lauren and daughter Sofia
Mentoring Program Participant

2012 PHOTOS

Costume Party at our teen moms Halloween Party.



After six yrs of faithful service, Volunteer Coordinator, Sue Pilon, passes the torch to Lynn Martinez; Hope House runs their first 5k in support of our teen moms.



"Christmas in July" sponsored by Noerr Programs.



Highview Church sponsored the Mentoring Program annual picnic; Our teen moms show their excitement at one of our many GED Graduations.



Catering by Design donates \$10,000 in catering services for our "Just Imagine" event!



Hope House opens a Resource Center in Westminster!



11th Annual Hope House Gala raises over \$226,000; And Pastor Ken Davis from BUMC helps out our auctioneer, Gary Corbett.

VOLUNTEER REPORT



***Our volunteers gave 9,424 hours to Hope House last year...
Our volunteer hours are valued at \$207,000...
Our volunteers rock!***

I started at Hope House four years ago as the Mentoring Manager and recently took over the role of Volunteer Coordinator for Sue Pilon, who retired to spend time with her family. It is a privilege to work with our Hope House volunteers, who are champions for our teen moms and their children. They played a big part in our success last year when they invested over 9,400 hours in Hope House by tutoring, babysitting, leading life skills classes, landscaping... the list is long and we are grateful!

Lynn Martinez

Lynn Martinez
Volunteer Coordinator



IN THE NEWS

The Denver Foundation and local media recently honored Cheryl Aggus, who has volunteered regularly at Hope House for the past eight years. In July Cheryl received the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award for her work at Hope House. In the words of the award committee: *"Cheryl's time and dedication not only affect the life of a mother and a child, but all of us in our community, as her actions today influence and prepare citizens we may interact with one day."*

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Right: Hope House volunteer, Cheryl Aggus, reading to one of our little ones. **Middle:** Thanks to hours of hard work from many volunteers, Hope House was represented in the Arvada Harvest Festival, and we won best decorated booth!



WHAT HAPPENED THIS YEAR:

- 215 individual volunteers gave 9,424 hours
- Volunteer time value totaled to \$207,000, according to the *Independent Sector*
- 55 new volunteers trained
- 26 groups served
- Iron Mountain and Milender White Construction Company joined Prime Trailer Leasing in providing jobs for 4 teen moms in our Business Partnership program.

COME AND SERVE...at the Resource Center or at the Residential house

- Answer the phone and door
- Help with transportation to the GED Lab
- Join a committee
- Help with Fundraising
- Tutor in the GED Lab
- Babysit
- See a complete list of opportunities on our website

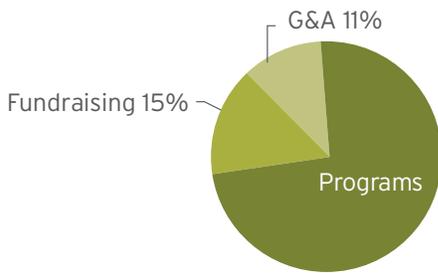
FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2012:

- Corporate Donations increased by 77%.
- For the first time ever, our Hope House Classic Golf Tournament raised over \$100,000, making it one of the most successful in the state.
- Our Bedrock Builder monthly giving program grew to 8% of our annual income.
- Our champions hosted 51 small fundraising events, raising a record \$50,000.

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SUMMARY OF EXPENSES*

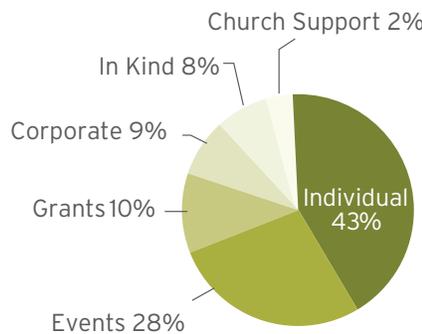


Total: \$927,193

*Unaudited, Cash Basis Results

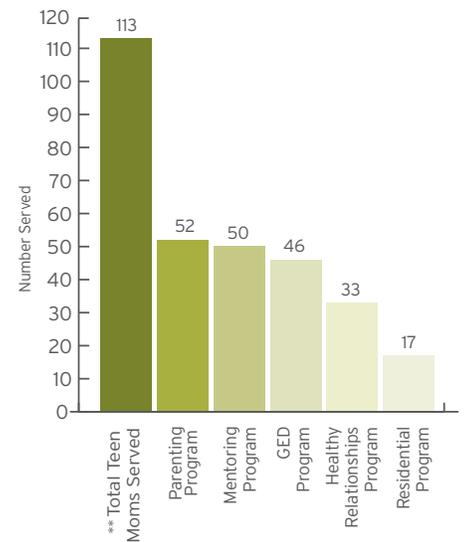
**Total excludes parenting figure; teen moms served in parenting are already enrolled in Hope House Programs

SUMMARY OF INCOME*



Total: \$997,742

TEENAGE MOMS



MAJOR CHAMPIONS (\$5,000 AND ABOVE)

A, Rick & Kristi
 Berger, Jim & Theresa
 Bernum, Eric & Lindsay
 Bloss, Dr. Michael & Kimberly
 Broomfield United Methodist Church
 Brown, Mindy & Richard Inman
 Comfort Dental
 Gardner, Wes & Allyson

Graeber, Jack & Mary
 Ideker Family
 Lundquist Associates
 Majors, Randy & Debbie
 Manweiler Telecom Consulting Inc
 Houglund, Sam & Stacy
 Ryan, Nick & Teresa
 Smith, Steve & Lisa

Veit, Andrew & Amanda
 Wehner, Bill & Donna
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 Community First Foundation
 Denver Foundation
 Encana Cares Foundation

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 Janus Foundation
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 Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation
 XCEL Energy Corporate Citizenship Foundation



BEDROCK BUILDERS

Fendia is a graduate of Hope House... and she gives every month. Won't you join her?

Monthly donors are the bedrock of Hope House... which is why we call them our Bedrock Builders. They include Hope House graduates like Fendia, who was born in Haiti and found herself pregnant - and homeless - at age 17.

Fendia arrived at Hope House with her newborn and a broken car seat... and that was all. Through our Residential Program, she earned her GED and began pursuing a Licensed Practical Nursing degree. Fendia graduated from Hope House in 2005, and today she is married, owns her own home, and is a managing LPN. **And she gives back to Hope House, every month.**

Monthly giving is the best way you can support Hope House. Won't you help us meet our goal of adding 30 new Bedrock Builders? Call Lisa Schlarbaum at 303-429-1012, ext. 241, or go to hopehouseofcolorado.org and click on Donate!

WHAT WILL YOUR MONTHLY GIFT PROVIDE?

- \$20** Two cans of baby formula
- \$40** One counseling session
- \$75** One month diaper supply
- \$100** Gas for Hope House vehicle