



Pregnant. Alone. Lost. Not on our watch!

"I used to be a party girl, but the moment I got pregnant with my oldest child (who's three now), I got clean and sober. For awhile, my boyfriend did, too, but it didn't last. Before I knew it, I was pregnant again, and he was back to the party lifestyle. I became a single parent about a week after our youngest son was born, and my boyfriend was eventually locked up for drugs. Of course, it's been hard. It's hard to date, hard to pay bills, and even hard to keep my sanity at times! But I've pushed through, and things are finally looking up. One of the things that I'm really proud of is that I've found an inner core of strength that I always thought was missing in me. It was there, but it was buried, and now it's out for the world to see!" ~Debbie

"When my son was just six-months old, my fiancé and I split. He'd battled with a long-time addiction to prescription pain killers, and I finally realized there was nothing I could do anymore. My son was my biggest priority, so at the tender age of 22, I packed up my stuff and became a single mum." ~Nikki

We hear almost identical comments over and over at Bethany House.

Addiction. Abandonment. Struggle. Three similarities common to most.

Granted, not every story is identical, but many share these common themes. But what we also see is how single moms, like our precious 'Bethany House women' find strength, hope, and courage and are able to move forward, overcoming obstacles and challenges that some of us, dare I say, might find overwhelming.

Another commonality is the fact that the families who succeed have **help**.

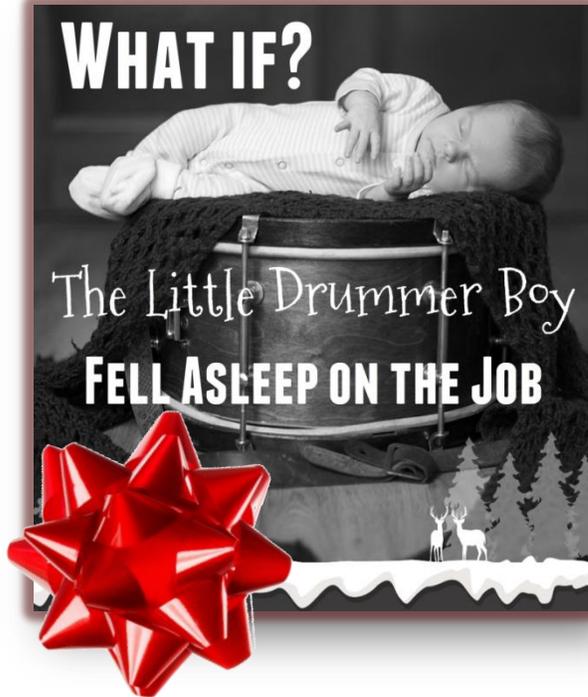
None of us are made to go it alone. Bethany House has been an example of that truth through the decades. With your help we will continue to provide the services and support needed to help single moms embrace success and change the dynamic of their family's future. We hope this Christmas you will consider joining our cause of—**Changing and Touching two lives at a time, and generations beyond, with God's love and provision.**



Did you hear the news?

Bethany House has teamed up with another local ministry to help mentor even more women and children! There's so much work to be done. Together we can!

WHAT IF?



➡ A Compelling Question for Sure

Most of us are familiar with the story of the Little Drummer Boy. He has a big heart and wants to honor the baby Jesus, but he doesn't have any fancy or expensive gifts to give. He does, however, have a special talent.

He plays the drums!

Ultimately, by being faithful, he alone is the one to bring comfort to the child with his music. Had he not given his gift or as the title suggests—fell asleep on the job—a divine appointment would have been missed.

Right now our nation is in turmoil. Some people are thrilled others terrified. Thoughts are on elections and government. Now more than ever, it is important for us to remember who the ultimate authority is. There is only ONE King of Kings and Lord of Lords. His Word and Great Commission do not shift or sink like sand. His truth is rock solid, yesterday, today, and forever.

Loving our neighbors as ourselves and giving of our treasure to help others, especially the 'little ones', the children Jesus so frequently mentions, is not a duty we can ignore. We must wake up, reach out our hands, open our hearts, homes, and, yes, even our pocketbooks to bring hope, healing, and help to women and children who have none.

Just like the drummer boy picked up his sticks, shouldered his drum, and played his special song for a baby in a manger, let us determine to do whatever it takes this Christmas to take up God's call to reach His children who are hungry, hurting, and homeless.

Won't you allow Bethany House the honor of continuing our mission of providing the resources for women and children? We have an amazing history of success and big dreams for the future. Your support will allow us to continue what we do best: Touch two lives at a time and generations beyond for God's purposes and glory.

We're excited to share the success of several Bethany House ladies whose daughters, now grown up, recently graduated from high school, just one way your donations help. We have connected 25 women with housing during one of the worst housing crisis's in Oregon's history, while continuing to provide services and supplies for infants, pregnant moms, and single moms with young children. Thank you for 'picking up those drum sticks' and partnering with us.

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Bright Futures for Graduates!

Congrats to: Raelynn, Kayla, and Tayla with their families pictured below.

