

BETHANY



HOUSE

SPRING EDITION 2003

PROVIDING A LOVING HOME AND SERVICES FOR SINGLE PREGNANT YOUNG WOMEN

Molly's Story of Success...

When Molly came to Bethany House 10 yrs. ago she stated she was the sorriest person you could hope to meet. Her life was in virtual ruin and she felt ashamed, humiliated and very much alone.

The pressure of trying to find out what she was going to do with her own life was starting to depress her even more than having an unplanned pregnancy. Finally, Molly went to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Beaverton and was directed to Bethany House. Once there, she quickly adjusted to the structured life. She began to enjoy attending a local church where she accepted the Lord. After her son,

Daniel, was born Molly lived with a sponsor family for a short time.

Molly recently sent us this update on her life: After Daniel was born I went to live with a sponsor family where I completed my two-year associate's degree at Clark College, achieving a perfect GPA and was elected the valedictorian at my commencement ceremony. After this, I worked for almost 2 years for the Vancouver Public School system where I was the executive assistant to Title VII grants. I moved to Albuquerque, NM in 1999 and married Daniel's father, Michael Payne, in 2000. About a year later we had another baby, Josh. I now work as the Office Manager for a high-tech manufacturing firm called Quasar International. We own a home in Albuquerque, and Daniel has been able to attend private school here in town. Thankfully, we are all doing very well.

I recently came back to town for my grandmother's funeral. She had been a supporter of Bethany House for 10yrs. Every

time I went to visit her, she made me feel as if I was bringing her the greatest gift she could possibly receive. She was always delighted to see me or talk to me on the phone, and she always made me feel like I was important, someone special to her.

Even though I had made many mistakes in my life, and she knew about all of them, she never reminded me of them.

She just assured me, through her gentle grace and wisdom, that I was capable of doing better. I am humbled and honored to know that I was important to her. Bethany House was another place where I felt as if I were unique, loved unconditionally, and encouraged to be a success. I am so thankful for the blessings that have come to me

through Bethany House. I honestly don't know where I would be today without their help. I pray that other young women in my situation would find and glean the same wonderful rewards that I did from such a needed community service as Bethany House.

We are encouraged to see that the fruit of our labors has been reaped so rewardingly through Molly.



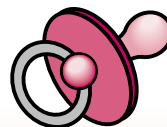
Babies Soon to Arrive...

July 22
August 16
October 15



Director's Desk

Find out about the annual fundraisers and what they mean to the future of Bethany House...INSIDE



Did You Know...

the Fall Benefit Banquet is scheduled for Nov 1st: Call and sign up now for your table.



Special Feature...

Kim and ???? are our newest residents...take a moment to get to know a little about them. INSIDE.

Spring is in the Air

A MESSAGE FROM
THE DIRECTOR

Spring-time at Bethany House is an exciting time, but this year we are especially joyous. Our fundraising has been a great success. Our Third Annual Radio-thon raised 17,000 which exceeded our goal by \$2,000. Our Mother's Day letter raised an additional \$2,750 which brings us up to a grand total of \$19,000. Our goal at Bethany House was to raise a total of \$20,000 and we are only \$1,000 shy!

We could not have done this without our KPDQ listeners and Bethany House supporters that responded to our Mother's Day letter. We would like to thank Jan Weston from Weston Pontiac/ Kia, who started our Campaign for the second year with a challenge match of \$1,000. Jan Weston has been involved with the ministry of Bethany House for over 10 years and has dedicated much of his time and energy in assisting not only the girls at Bethany House, but also aiding in the maintenance of our vehicle. Having a prominent businessman in the Gresham area like Jan, come along side these young women, to support and promote them throughout the years has been a wonderful blessing for us. We would also like to thank Ernst Manufacturing, Emerald Seed and Supply, Pediatrics Association of Gresham, Dr. Cynthia D. Grey M.D.P.C., of Washington and Daniel and Anton who came forward with \$1,000 matches. We would also like to thank everyone who sent in a donation to support Bethany House. We are so grateful to those who continue to help us in our mission to provide a loving home to our young women. As you read on the front page, your contributions are really making a difference.

At Bethany House we help one girl have the necessities for \$37.50 a month. This provides food, utilities, transportation, clothing and a loving home. However, much more goes into a day at Bethany House. We also offer counseling, job training, basic living skills and learning to be responsible and accountable for their life choices which will lead to personal and economic self-sufficiency and reliance. We are committed to providing a future and a hope to each young woman and their unborn child that walks through our doors.

We take our commitment to these girls seriously, that is why on August 15 and 16, Bethany House will be having its annual Garage Sale Fund-raiser which will help off-set costs throughout



the year. Please keep us in mind when you are doing your spring cleaning. We would appreciate your donated items to raise funds that directly benefit the young women at the home. Here is just an idea of what we are looking for: household items, beds, furniture, electronics, appliances, tools, sporting goods, computers, children's clothes, and toys. If you have larger items that need to be picked up call Mil & Alice Galer at 503-658-5818. To drop your items off, or if you would like to volunteer your time to help clean and price items before the sale, please call Bethany House at 503-667-8409 and talk with Becky. All donations are tax deductible.

Lastly, this year's Radio-Thon would not have been a success if it were not for the support and determination of the staff at KPDQ. We



LEFT: Maurice, a neighbor of Bethany House, stopped by to say hello and try out some of the merchandise at last summer's annual garage sale fund-raiser.

TOP, (LEFT TO RIGHT): Jan Weston, Weston Pontiac/Kia Beth Rhinehart, Founder/Director of Bethany House, Carrie Anne Mathews, past resident and weekend staff, Les Moore, pastor of Shekinah Christian Ministries and our very special person that made our radio-thon come alive, Andy West of KPDQ.

BOTTOM (LEFT TO RIGHT): Becky (house-mom) Kim (resident) and Beth Rhinehart at The Boeing Employee's Community Fair.



would like to make special mention of Constance Grecco, Andy West, Dennis Hayes and all of the other staff members who were there in the early morning hours answering the phones. In a heroic effort to bring in the high dollar donations, KPDQ offered sold-out Michael W. Smith concert tickets. KPDQ offered 1 box suite at \$1,000 and several pairs of tickets for \$500, all proceeds going to the young women at Bethany House. KPDQ also offered several CD packs of today's Christian artists for a donation of \$150. And if this wasn't blessing enough, Bethany House was given a last minute guest spot on Consumer Magazine, as one of the other guests had a last minute cancellation. This is a \$1,000 cost, which was donated to Bethany House for airtime. Several young ladies gave their time to answer phones and join me on the radio: Carrie Anne Mathews, Denise Dobbs, Laura Veach, Becky Coleman, Kimberly, Kristen Zabloudil and board member Donnie Thompson. Thank you all for helping us once again share the ministry of Bethany House to so many KPDQ listeners.

Becky Mathews

OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS



Kim has been with us for only a short time but has been in community service with her mother for quite some time and is continuing to serve at Loaves and Fishes in Gresham. Her baby is due in October 2003. Kim is 23 and is looking for work. If you can help, call us at 503-667-8409.



Meet Neosha and Steve, a young couple who came to our door wanting help. They were having some problems communicating and they needed to have a time to get things back on track. We took in Neosha who was four months pregnant and very stressed out. We helped her and Steve work out some issues and now they are back together. We were glad we had the space to help them.



RESIDENT UPDATES: Ashley, pictured with her Big Sister volunteer Laura, just having a fun and relaxing Sunday afternoon. Ashley just turned 18 and congratulations is due because on June 18 she will be graduating from High School and her baby boy is due in August.

SARAH AND JENNIFER UPDATE: Thank you so much for all the household items that so many of you provided for Sarah. Sarah is very grateful and has just moved into her new apartment and excited to be able to set up house again for her and Makenna. Jennifer and Jamie still have a large funeral cost to cover so please pray for them as they

move on with their lives after losing baby Joey on Christmas day. Because of the generosity of Mrs. Alice Beers both families received a gift of \$200.00 each. Thank you!!

BABY ITEMS NEEDED:

Nail clippers
Medicine Spoon
Pacifiers
Receiving Blankets
Baby Spoons Dishes & Cups
Baby Lamps
Lotion, Shampoo, Powder
Little Gowns and Outfits up to 12 months
Infant Care Seats

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS NEEDED:

Toilet Paper
Ziploc Freezer Bags (Med,Lg)
Dishwasher Detergent
Basin Tub and Tittle Bowl Cleaner
Pledge
Canned Foods, vegetables & fruit
Meat
Paper Towels
Gifts Certificates from Fred Meyers,
Target, Walmart, Motherhood Maternity

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