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Thank You!

Our LHM garage sale fundraiser was held on June 14th & 15th and was a great success! We brought in over **\$2,000.00** and we had some great networking prospects! Our volunteers were amazing and dedicated, working long days preparing for the sale! We appreciate everyone that made this event a wonderful success! This money was used to purchase diapers and baby wipes for single moms in our community!

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.
Proverbs 13:12

When you get a group of women together all it takes is one small mention of pregnancy and soon every mother is sharing her pregnancy/birth story in detail...the aches, pains, and waiting with anticipation. Many of them share about experiencing a burst of energy during their pregnancy that drives them to clean their home or prepare the baby's room until every detail is done! Many people believe "nesting" is a natural part of a woman's nurturing DNA, that gives her an overwhelming desire to prepare for this brand new little person.

When a pregnant woman experiences homelessness or sleeping on someone's couch it's extremely stressful and exhausting not knowing what the next day will bring. They don't have the ability to nest and prepare a place for their baby, which can spiral them into depression, shame and guilt. Their hope is gone, deferred, and it literally makes them sick. The limited housing options for single pregnant women and single moms in North Snohomish County, past Everett, are temporary shelters and 2 housing programs with a waitlist of 9 months to 8 years.

I received a phone call from a woman that runs a program for single women in Everett, and she encountered a homeless 21yr old mom with a 10-month-old baby. This young mother didn't do drugs, didn't struggle with mental health issues, and wasn't in a domestic violence situation, however, she found herself without a place to live and was so desperate to find her baby housing that she called CPS hoping they would temporarily place her baby in a foster home, but CPS wouldn't intervene. This agency was able to find someone to take this young woman's baby and eventually found another person to take the young woman in. Unfortunately, separating the child from its mother was the only option they could find.

Life House Ministries is setting up a program called Hope Homes. Hope Homes will consist of local families within our community who will be assessed, trained & confidently prepared to invite a young, pregnant woman into their home for 6-12 months while she works the LHM program. Each young mom will be pre-qualified through an in-depth assessment, and commitment to our intense program of case management and life skills classes. This endeavor might feel like a far-reaching step for some, but the rewards far outweigh the fears of welcoming a young woman into a home, and with Life House Ministries walking beside each family and client, it really helps to set each of you up for success! We hope you'll join us on this journey as we move this much-needed program into action! Check out our website and look at two more housing programs we're working on as well! www.lifehousewa.org

Join us for our Friends & Family BBQ at Lake Goodwin Community Park in Stanwood:

August 17th, 2013

We'll be there from 10am-3pm

BBQ served at 12:30pm

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Many Blessings,

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