



May 2013

Life House Ministries is officially launched!

Many of you know Crystal and I (Michelle) from another local ministry that we were blessed to be a part of, and now you can see what we've been up to the last few months! This has been an incredible journey of watching the Lords faithfulness first hand. He has orchestrated every detail of Life House Ministries and His timing is always perfect! We are thankful that the Lord has kept us working together and we invite you, our friends, to join us on this amazing journey of reaching single moms and women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy!



*It is the mission of **Life House Ministries** to encourage, comfort and strengthen hurting women left vulnerable by painful experiences into a process of healing by providing a safe environment and an array of services that restores independence, dignity and a healthy identity through the love and truth of Christ.*

"But blessed is the woman who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. She will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8

This particular scripture has been an outcry from the heart, and something that has been bathed in prayer for a number of years for founders Jim & Leslie Oosterwyk and Brad and Kathy Hudec. The Lord opened the doors for them to join together and begin the process of implementing their dream of reaching out to women in Snohomish County that are in the midst of pain, hardship and loneliness. Women that have found themselves with an unexpected pregnancy as well as single moms, often deal with other issues such as abuse, divorce, abortion and more. Life House Ministries is on the path of building relationship with these women to help bring healing, restoration and the beginning of self-sufficiency!

We are currently working with a young woman that was due at the end of May but delivered a healthy baby girl a few weeks early. We are happy to introduce Life House Ministries' first baby; Sophia Rose!



Sophia Rose 6lb 14oz



We are excited to share the next steps we plan to take this first year in which we covet your prayers and support during this season of breakthrough!

Phase 1-

***Volunteer Recruitment** – We are networking and looking for LHM volunteers. This includes all areas of support such as; *mentors, group leaders, prayer team, grant writers, fundraisers, church liaisons and more!*

***Support Groups**- Groups began May 13th at Michelle's home in North Marysville. This is temporary until we can secure another location that will accommodate more people and childcare.

***Networking and Fundraising**- We are currently getting to know local services and similar organizations, and planning future events that will generate financial support.

***Getting to know our community!**- We are putting on a garage sale June 14th & 15th in Bothell that will benefit LHM. LHM will have a booth at the Arlington Street Fair on July 12th-14th, and Kla Ha Ya Days in Snohomish on July 20th. We are also putting together a Car Care Day for single moms sometime this summer. Check out our website at www.lifehousewa.org for more information.

Phase 2-

***Housing**- We are looking for a home in the North Snohomish area that will accommodate pregnant women 18 & older, along with their children, and enough space for an office. We will also be training local families to host a new mom for the first 6 months to a year after the birth of her child.

***Benevolence Fund**- Life House wants to meet the immediate needs of women in crisis whether a single mom who needs help paying a utility bill, school needs or childcare, we want to have the ability to reach out and love her in a tangible way.

***Support Group Expansion**- Expand our groups to allow for specific types of groups and one-on-one mentoring as well as meeting the needs of birthfathers.

***Retreats & Workshops**- Offering retreats & workshops throughout the year to minister to specific groups such as; single moms, birth moms (post adoption), co-parenting workshops, relationship classes, birth father support and more.

This is only the beginning and we are dreaming big! There is a huge need in Snohomish County for a ministry like Life House! We're honored to partner with you and see it all come to fruition! Thank you for your patience as we get the foundational components up and running. Our website address is: www.Lifehousewa.org! There is also a place to donate online that will save us a great amount otherwise spent on paper, envelopes and stamps. Thanks for helping us get the word out about Life House Ministries!

Blessings,

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