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**—STATISTICS—**

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:  
**78,370**

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:  
**40,871**

**—VOLUNTEERS—**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **4**

Office Volunteers: **51**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **7**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **11**

Jail Ministry Team Volunteers: **18**

Special Event Volunteers: **150**

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## Christmas In October



Saturday, October 23rd  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 24th  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

South Exhibit Hall, Amarillo Civic Center

Get ready to deck the halls and get your Christmas shopping done early! Come to the "Christmas in October" gift and craft show. Vendors from a tri-state area will host booths with a variety of arts and crafts, fine artwork, jewelry, gift items, and a large holiday bake sale.

Join the festivities and check off some of the items on your holiday list before the rush. Proceeds benefit Sharing Hope Ministry and Patsy's Place Transitional Home.

Admission: \$4.00 (Children 12 and under are free) See our \$1 off coupon on the back page or visit our website at [www.sharinghopeministry.org](http://www.sharinghopeministry.org) for coupons for your family and friends.

### Can You Help?

As we gear up for "Christmas in October", we have many volunteer opportunities available and would love to find a place for you! Please contact the office at 358-7803 if you can help.

- We need workers (both men and women) during the event. You get a cool "Christmas in October" T-shirt for helping. You can request a "sitting" position if you'd rather not stand for the entire 2 hour shift.
- We need help getting our posters distributed to area businesses. Stop by and pick up a few. They can be delivered at your convenience.
- Sign up to provide a baked item for the event. We have a new coordinator this year, so if you haven't been contacted, please contact Aletha at [aletha@sharinghopeministry.org](mailto:aletha@sharinghopeministry.org) or 358-7803, and let her know you can help! The proceeds from the bake sale provided an estimated 500 women with Bibles last year!
- Can you be a financial sponsor? \$500 - \$1000 can help underwrite the expenses associated with this event.



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# Carol Kent

knows better than anyone that sometimes you cannot force life to meet your expectations. Instead, you must adjust to

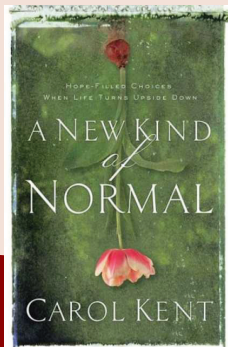
## “A New Kind of Normal”

Sharing Hope Ministry is again highlighting books by our 2011 Hope Fest Speaker, Carol Kent. “A New Kind of Normal” is a book about choices. It’s about discovering fresh hope and renewed courage when we would rather give up.

This book follows the journey of Carol and Gene Kent as they watched their comfortable lives take a horrible detour when their beloved son was arrested and eventually sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. At the time, they could not know that this was only the beginning of a journey that would never again settle into their expectations. From failed appeals to losing their granddaughters, the heartache has not abated. And yet, they have not despaired.

Carol Kent is hilariously funny, biblically sound, and heartbreakingly transparent in person and in print. Founder and president of Speak Up for Hope (a prison ministry) and Speak Up Speaker Services, Carol is an expert on public speaking, writing, and evangelism. She travels the world, speaking to tens of thousands each year at events such as Praise Gathering, Vision New England Congress, THRIVE, Extraordinary Women, Women of Grace, and Women of Faith. And when they are back home in Florida, Carol and her husband, Gene, visit their only son on Sunday afternoons.

We are excited to announce that Carol will be our guest speaker for **Hope Fest 2011!** I encourage you to plan to attend Hope Fest on March 24, 2011 and hear Carol’s story. “A New Kind of Normal” can be purchased online through Amazon.com or you can contact the Sharing Hope office for help. Books will be also available for purchase at **Hope Fest 2011.**



## Thank you to our Christmas In October Sponsors



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# EXPANDING OUR BORDERS!



“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others and go out to search for the one that is lost? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn’t wander away!” **Luke 15:3-7**

*“Is it true? Can I get a Recovery Bible? I’m currently at the Wyoming Women’s Center. I’m here because of drugs, and I’m ready to change my life. I’m also hoping you can help me get started with a Bible study. Thank you!”*

– Maren D.

Sharing Hope Ministry has recently added Wyoming as the 30th state that has facilities that can receive our evangelical and addiction recovery materials. Sharing Hope Ministry provides the Life Recovery Bible, Bible studies and prayer to women in 193 state, federal and addiction rehabilitation facilities!

There are several ways that you can provide a Bible for a woman like Maren. Visit our website at [www.sharinghopeministry.org](http://www.sharinghopeministry.org) to print off a donor form or use the optional Bank Draft Authorization form, and each month, your designated donation will be deducted from your account without the hassle of writing and mailing a check. The office also accepts MasterCard, VISA and the Discover Card.



# Patsy's Place

Transitional Home

A Program of Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.

**INVESTMENT: To make something grow. The means, however, varies dramatically based on the amount being invested, the state of the market, and your own investing style. ~ Wikipedia**

## Do you know your investing style?

With the economic situation in the news each day, much is said about investments. Experts are giving conflicting advice in every newspaper and on talk shows.

Sharing Hope Ministry has asked our supporters and our community to invest in the lives of the women who are returning to our community. The growth expected from these investments promises to be dramatic. How can we be so sure? We have our own expert advice...

**So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11**

An investment in a woman who desires to make a positive change is an investment in her children and family, as well as a positive investment in our community.

*"Can you help me? I am writing about Patsy's Place Transitional Home. While I have been incarcerated, I have learned a lot about myself. I have grown up, and I am now ready to deal with reality and responsibility. I feel if I am released to your program I will learn and accomplish a lot. The only other place I have to go is my mother's home. My mom is still in her addiction, and I don't want to be around anyone that is using. I need and want better things for my children and my life. Please consider me for a chance at life with Christ and staying drug free."*

~ Brenda

Already, forty-four women have written heart-felt requests for an application to the Patsy's Place program. These women understand that they need help to make the life changes necessary to stay free from crime and drugs and to be good role models for their children. They are clinging to the promise that all things are possible through Christ.

Our completion date has been pushed back to early 2011, but construction continues as walls have come up and colors are being picked out. We are again asking that you make an investment in Patsy's Place as we work to raise the first year's operating funds which will allow us to provide services to an expected 12-18 women each year.

## Let's Give a Big O' Thank You to Zachry Engineering



Cheri Vogeler and Delonda Singleton

What happens when employees of Zachry Engineering get together to help out? Blessings flow! Patsy's Place Transitional Home now has a computer for our women to use as they work on resumes and computer skills.

Also provided was \$250 of office supplies and a \$250 check to benefit Patsy's Place.

Zachry Employees know that an investment in Patsy's Place Transitional Home is an investment in our community.

*"I am willing to invest in the life of a woman living at Patsy's Place Transitional Home."*

### PATSY'S PLACE DONATION CARD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Pledge:**  I will make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month.  
 Draft my bank account each month for this amount. *(Please contact us for a bank draft authorization.)*

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 Charge my Credit Card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *(circle one)* M/C VISA DISCOVER  
Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

*You may designate your gift as a memorial, honorarium, or Christmas gift. Please enclose the name and address of the individual(s) you wish us to notify.*



The Tenth Annual

# Christmas In October Gift and Craft Show



Saturday, October 23rd • 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday, October 24th • 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
South Exhibit Hall, Amarillo Civic Center

## RECEIVE \$1.00 OFF One Regular Admission

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## WE NEED MORE FRIENDS

Thanks to you who joined our Friends Group. We're getting off to a slow start, but we're still trying to build the Friends network. So what is a Friend? A Friend is anyone who wants to participate with the ministry but cannot commit to a regular volunteer position. Some of you have been unofficial Friends for years by providing in-kind services or volunteering when specific needs arise.

Our Friends will receive occasional emails when an unusual need arises. Just a few examples would be assisting with fundraisers, joining a Speaker's Bureau, restocking Bibles when our regular volunteer is out, helping with minor repairs, or passing on contact information of someone who can help us. This takes additional stress off of the staff that normally would make a personal call but hesitates wondering if they are asking too often or at an inconvenient time.

This program is simple and guilt free. An email will be sent to the group by one of our current board members. If you can assist with the need, contact our board member and let him know you are available. If you can't help, simply disregard the email. We understand that not everyone can be available or have the necessary skills for each project. As a group, you represent additional community support for the work that this ministry does.

To join, simply contact us at:  
[april@sharinghopeministry.org](mailto:april@sharinghopeministry.org)

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