



# Sharing Hope Ministry

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**—STATISTICS—**

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:  
**90,678**

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:  
**45,704**

**—VOLUNTEERS—**

Fund Raising Volunteers: **120**

Jail Ministry Volunteers: **15**

Office Volunteers: **41**

Patsy's Place Volunteers: **8**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **3**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **4**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **13**

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*If we pray, we will believe; If we believe, we will love; If we love, we will serve."*

*~ Mother Teresa*

## Thanks to our Volunteers for Serving

Mother Teresa once said that when you answer God's call to serve Him, you are allowing God to send a love letter to the world through your actions. I think that is especially true of the volunteers of Sharing Hope.

Our volunteers provide hurting women with the understanding that God will see them through their recovery. We, as the Body of Christ, want to embrace each woman and make them feel the love of God as we join together in providing them with the services and support that will bring hope through Christ. Our desire is see each searching woman reach her fullest potential as a daughter of God. Through this, we have the opportunity to see beautiful testimonies of God's power to change, heal and mend broken lives. Each woman who benefits from a volunteer's gift of time and love feels the touch of God's presence. Because our volunteers have been faithful, almost 12,000 of God's love letters went out last year through the actions of sending, praying and doing. Thank you for being the love letter from God to your sisters.

*"I was raped and abused as a child, but my mother led me to Christ when I was 21 years old. I later struggled with addiction and grief when my mother was murdered. I went to the Sharing Hope "church" while in county jail where I received my Bible. I'm currently incarcerated in a faith-based dorm where we are working on Beth Moore's "Breaking Free" study. It is amazing. God is truly doing a great work in me. I love Him. He is the only one I can rely on never to let me down, and God has a great and wonderful plan for me. I know this now." Margaret K., June 2012*



### Summer Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to mail out the weekly Bibles and Bible studies. Contact Leigh at 358-7803 or [leigh@sharinghopeministry.org](mailto:leigh@sharinghopeministry.org) if you can help out for an hour or two each week.

# Thank You!

## We Have Been Blessed!

### Thank You to our Hope Fest Volunteers, Supporters and Attendees

Sharing Hope Ministry wants to give a big thank you to all those who had a part in making this year's Hope Fest our best event yet! This year, \$157,000 was raised to benefit the programs of Sharing Hope Ministry. The almost 1,000 guests who were in attendance were treated to a great program. Be watching our future newsletters and website for the announcement of our 2013 Hope Fest speaker!

### Thank You to Welcome Pardner!

Welcome Pardner! honored Sharing Hope Ministry during their monthly networking breakfast which was held on April 27th at La Fiesta Restaurant. The ministry received an inspiring introduction from Potter County Sheriff Brian Thomas and many wonderful gifts of appreciation from the businesses who are involved with this group. A special thanks goes to D.J. Stubben for such a wonderful honor.

### Thanks to Stout Safe and Storage

A donation of land adjacent to Patsy's Place Transitional Home was recently received from Stout Safe and Storage. Future plans include enlarging the existing parking area that surrounds the building. Many thanks for the generosity of the Stout Family.

### Thanks to the Clouch Family

The remainder of the parking area where Patsy's Place Transitional Home is located has been made available to Sharing Hope Ministry due to the generosity of Dennis and Cindy Clouch. This land will allow the ministry to eventually provide a secure fence or building for the Patsy's Place vehicles. This extended property also gives the ministry the ability for future expansion.



### Thank You to Our Board Members

It's hard to say goodbye to any of our volunteers, but we have had several board members who are leaving the Board of Directors. We want to give a heartfelt "thank you" to Brenda Burns, Shirley Daniel, Carter Karr, Steve Land and Vonnie White. These Board members will be greatly missed.

Sharing Hope Ministry is excited to welcome new board members Vian Elms, Dan Hetrick, Thomas Maldonado, Dr. Robert Pinkston and Joel Price. We appreciate all of our Board of Directors for the gift of time and of their oversight while ensuring the ministry stays true to its mission.

### Thank You to Brumley for the 12-Passenger Van

Patsy's Place Transitional Home has grown and recently experienced a need for additional reliable transportation. In April, a 2011 12-passenger van was purchased with the financial support of the Brumley Foundation. We appreciate the Brumley Foundation's partnership with Patsy's Place Transitional Home.

# Christmas In October



***Can you imagine being finished with your Christmas shopping by October AND supporting Sharing Hope Ministry at the same time?***

This can be the year for stress-free holidays. Christmas in October will again have many fabulous booths where you can find the most unique items for yourself or to give for Christmas gifts. Don't forget to swing by the Sharing Hope Ministry Bake Sale and pick up baked items that can be immediately enjoyed or frozen, and used at a later date for your holiday company. As an attendee, when you buy a cake at the "Christmas in October" Bake Sale, you are subsequently providing the funds which can allow us to purchase and provide TWO Life Recovery Bibles! You get the cake; the ministry gets more Bibles and studies to send out.

## ***Sponsor opportunities are currently available.***

When our event expenses are underwritten by sponsors, 100% of the event proceeds directly benefit the ministry. Can you help? Sponsor opportunities start at only \$250.00 and go up to \$5,000.00. Interested sponsors can receive recognition on select forms of printed material generated after August 30, 2012. Publicity will include advertising in newspaper and magazine ads. A "Christmas In October" poster with the sponsor name and logo will be placed by the entrance of the South Exhibit Hall. If requested, while booth space is still available, sponsors of \$500 or more can request a complimentary 10X10 vendor booth.

Our twelfth annual "Christmas in October" will be held October 27th and 28th at the South Exhibit Hall of the Civic Center. Contact the office at 358-7803 or [april@sharinghopeministry.org](mailto:april@sharinghopeministry.org) if you are interested in being a sponsor of this year's event

We also have plenty of opportunities to help with this fundraising event. Opportunities include:

- Join the Christmas in October planning committee
- Sign up to work a 2 hour shift. Volunteers receive free admission and an event t-shirt.
- Provide baked items, candies, pies and mixes to be sold at the bake sale. Taking bake sale sign up sheets to Sunday school classes, organizations and work are a wonderful way to help ensure that we have enough items for the event.
- Sign up to work a shift on Friday at the "Fluff and Foo" section where the baked items are prepared.

Contact the Sharing Hope Ministry office at 806-358-7803 or [aletha@sharinghopeministry.org](mailto:aletha@sharinghopeministry.org) for more information or to volunteer for this event.



# Patsy's Place

Transitional Home

A Program of Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.

*"My name is Paula, and I came to Patsy's Place in January of this year. The first phase has been tough but so rewarding! I guess anything worthwhile is always tough. I'm learning so many things about myself and how many untruths have been planted in my head. Thankfully, the classes in Phase One have given me the tools to start reprogramming my mind: Bible studies to strengthen my knowledge of God's Word and promises and practical lessons like our financial classes and anger management.*

*I'm now preparing to enter into Phase 2 and am seeking employment. I'm so grateful for all the guidance and support I've found here. I have so much more confidence in myself now and am comforted in the love and guidance I have come to rely on in all the staff, volunteers and other Patsy's Place participants. Most of all, I thank God for allowing me to be a part of this program and the new beginning that has been given me through Sharing Hope and Patsy's Place. I love you all!"*  
*Paula completed Phase One of the program and currently has a job!*

## Patsy's Place Needs

- Cars that can be donated or purchased very cheaply for the women who are entering Phase Two and working towards self-sufficiency.
- Jobs for the women who progress to Phase Two of the program.
- Paper items – especially paper towels and toilet paper. We would love for groups to have "paper drives" this summer to help get us through the remainder of the year.
- A volunteer teacher or co-teachers are needed to present the "Jobs for Life" curriculum to the Patsy's Place women. Contact Ersela Demerson at 418-2480 for additional information about this need.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Because we needed a BIGGER Post Office box, our address has had to change. You can now send your correspondence and support to Sharing Hope Ministry or Patsy's Place Transitional Home to

**P.O. Box 7160, Amarillo, TX 79114.**



# EXPANDING OUR BORDERS



## Sharing Hope Ministry is now in 37 States!

Women from correctional and addiction rehabilitation facilities in Alaska, North Dakota AND Wisconsin have recently requested and received Life Recovery Bibles, Bible studies and prayer from Sharing Hope Ministry. Our ministry goal is to never again have to turn down a woman's request to know Christ. Thank you to the volunteers and supporters who make these Christ-centered services available to these women across our nation who are looking for a new life in Christ for herself and her family.



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