



# Sharing Hope Ministry

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### —STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:  
**147,272**

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:  
**68,658**

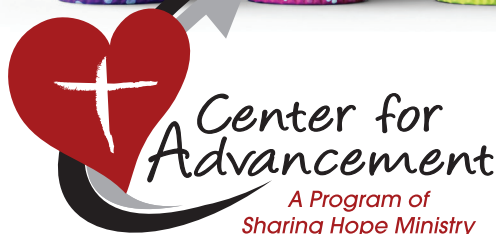
### —VOLUNTEERS—

Fundraising Volunteers: **121**  
Jail Ministry Volunteers: **15**  
Office Volunteers: **35**  
Patsy's Place Volunteers: **21**  
Prayer Group Volunteers: **4**  
Stepping Stones Volunteers: **7**  
Garden Volunteers: **5**  
CFA Volunteers: **18**

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# NEWS



Center for  
Advancement

A Program of  
Sharing Hope Ministry

## Year ONE Was A Piece of Cake!

Speaking of cake, you should come get some! We will be having a birthday celebration for the Lucille and Leo Caiafa, Jr. Center for Advancement and you are invited to celebrate with us! Since opening the building in October of 2017, we have expanded our current Patsy's Place Transitional Home life skills training classes and moved them to this building. We have also provided food, clothing, evening classes, and events for 160 post-offending and shelter women, and their families in the Amarillo area. Through this new program women have learned about finances, job prep, health issues, and about the area resources that can help them move from a crisis lifestyle to one of stability. Support and education has been offered to family members who have experienced the pain of living with loved ones who have been incarcerated or who are dealing with addiction. The Center for Advancement has allowed Sharing Hope Ministry to enhance and expand Christian services and support to our Amarillo Community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we want to give our sincere appreciation to our volunteers and donors who have made this new program possible.

### Stop by on October 4th

#### Anytime during regular business hours!

Feel free to bring us a birthday present! Here are some gift ideas:

- Keurig coffee pods
- Copy paper
- Styrofoam cups, paper plates
- Pens and Pencils
- \$10 Gift cards to be used as an incentive to bring women to the CFA



Meet **Cherrie Miller** our new **Resource Coordinator for the Center for Advancement**. She comes to you with several years of experience working with women, children, and families. She's passionate about empowering our women to succeed and excited for this new season God has her in. She's looking forward to planning new events and taking the CFA to the next level.





**5K RUN AND 1 MILE WALK**

*Thank You Sponsors!*

**PLATINUM**

Coldwell Banker First Equity, Realtors

**GOLD**

Amarillo Town Club  
Choice Media  
Radio by Grace  
Robert Branum Trucking  
Sappenfield Properties  
Service Solutions of Amarillo

**SILVER**

Border States Electric  
Brady Dental Group  
Brown Automotive  
Jim & Lonna Burgess  
Conder, Kletchka & Associates  
Procrete Construction  
Scottco  
Vitel Communications  
Western Builders of Amarillo  
Vonnie & Kin White

**BRONZE**

A-1 Rocket Industries  
April & Dave Riggs  
Duke Electric Co., Inc.  
Edward Jones  
The Fairly Group  
Guys Plumbing, Heating and Air  
Hi Plains Canvas Products, Inc  
Laurie Pinkston  
Rocking T Inc.  
Yvonda & Larry Stokes

**COPPER**

Dewald Homes LLC  
Quality Carpet and Flooring  
Lynda & Pat Riverman  
Quick Quack Car Wash  
Total Nutrition

*Thank You to all of our wonderful volunteers who make this event possible!*



*This year we had some visitors! Eileen, Jay, and Sarah are on a flight crew that was on a layover, so they decided to come out and race with us. We received an email after the event with this picture. They even let us know they wore their medals all the way home!*

**Thanks to those involved!**  
**We raised \$15,000 for Patsy's Place Transitional Home!**



*Board President, Tim Merrill, with the Quick Quack duck*



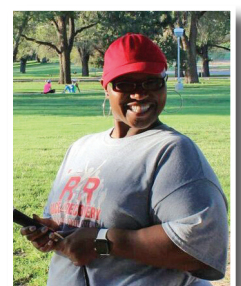
*5k runners line up at the start line*



*Volunteers from St. Paul UMC helped pass out water to participants*

**Patsy's Place**  
Transitional Home  
**Praises**

It seems as if someone flipped a switch and life is going at warp speed. How is it that we're already in September?!?! May we always remember to BREATHE! We have served 23 women so far this year. 12 women currently reside at Patsy's Place. To date we have served 115 women. God has entrusted us with this awesome privilege to minister to these precious women. I am reminded of the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:5 which says, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God." It is sometimes overwhelming and daunting when I consider the level of need each woman has that comes to us, but some way, somehow God faithfully makes a way for us to serve each woman uniquely and individually. Please keep the staff and residents of Patsy's Place in your prayers. There are big obstacles, and big challenges that we all face, but we serve a God that is BIGGER!



Soli Deo Gloria

~Ersela, Program Director of Patsy's Place



WE NEED  
YOU



## Volunteers NEEDED at Sharing Hope Ministry:

*Prayerfully consider joining us in our mission! Our volunteers are what make our programs run smoothly.*

- We need volunteers to help send out Bible studies every week. This volunteer opportunity would be on a Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 am
- We need prayer volunteers. This is a great "volunteer-at-home" opportunity. Each Friday you will receive prayer requests from women. We provide your supplies, and you pray and send personal postcards letting them know that you are praying for them.

**If interested please call our volunteer coordinator, Debbie at 806-358-7803**

### **CFA EVENT VOLUNTEERS:**

Help set up for events as well as other duties depending on the type of event. Examples: help with food distribution, manage a giveaway station, make sure everyone that enters has signed in.

**If interested please contact  
Cherrie, the CFA Resource Coordinator  
cherrie@sharinghopeministry.org 806-358-7803**

### **SEAMSTRESSES NEEDED**

As a labor love, we give the Patsy's Place ladies a chenille robe. We are in need of experienced seamstresses who have a SERGER sewing machine to sew these robes. If you do not have a serger, but would like to cut the robes out and get them ready for serging together, we need your help.

**Please contact Lota Taylor 355-3222 or 654-0767**

## **WE ARE IN NEED OF MENTORS!**

**Mentor training scheduled for  
October 6th 8am - 5pm  
October 11th 6pm - 10 pm**

*If interested or if you would like more information about mentoring please contact*

**Stevi at stevi@sharinghopeministry.org**

**Get ready to give!**



ThePanhandleGives.org



## **Help Us "MAKE IT MORE" This Year!**

This year for Giving Tuesday we have partnered with the Amarillo Area Foundation. They were given \$100,000 for the Giving Tuesday Campaign to spread amongst the panhandle non-profits.

### **Here is how it works:**

- The more money we raise through the giving Tuesday campaign, the more of that extra \$100,000 Sharing Hope Ministry will receive!

### **Ways to give:**

#### **Must give during November 19-27th**

- To give online visit [thepanhandlegives.org](http://thepanhandlegives.org), find Sharing Hope Ministry, or go do our direct link: [bit.ly/GT\\_SHM](http://bit.ly/GT_SHM) (You will not be able to go to the websites until November 19th)
- Drop off money to Amarillo National Bank, Happy State Bank, and First Bank Southwest. Checks must be made to The Amarillo Area Foundation with Sharing Hope Ministry in the memo
- On November 27th, United Supermarkets will be doing a scan tag donation service

**Please save the dates of November 19-27th for giving an end of year gift and help us**

**MAKE it MORE!**

# Memorials & Honorariums **May-July 2018**

## IN MEMORY AND LOVE OF:

**Mackenzie Homan** by  
Gene and Joyce Marshall  
Linda Pierce

**Barbara Hedger** by  
Peggy Arnhold  
April and Dave Riggs  
Rhone and Dan Gary  
Richard and Kay Hamburger  
Virginia Kincaid  
Vianna LaRue

**Mary Swindell** by  
Marsha Gentry  
Doyle and Laura Porterfield  
April and Dave Riggs  
Mildred Straight

**Carolyn Merrill** by  
Wayne and Melanie  
Beigle  
Ken and Louise Plunk  
Bobby and Laurie Pinkston  
Joel and Karolyn Price  
April and Dave Riggs

**Susan Hill's brother** by  
J'Melle and Gary Fletcher

**Jody Blaylock** by  
Richard and Kay  
Hamburger

**Bonnie Bailey** by

## IN HONOR OF:

Judy Neese  
**Dick Hill** by  
Judy Neese

**Dave Thomas** by  
Betty Swann

**Marlene Johnson** by  
Berean Circle

**Margie Gambrel's stepdad** by  
Berean Circle

**Connie Garrett's birthday** by  
Dewanna Adams

**Jeff and Helen Smith** by  
Gloria Freeman

**Diana Talk's Birthday** by  
Linda McCleary

## IN KIND:

Brenda Blakley, CPA  
Ron and Cheri Boyd  
Choice Media  
Display Concepts Party  
Rentals

Dixie & Danny Fulton  
Graphic Designs by Kim  
Herring Bank  
Dan Hetrick  
Dale McKee

Plains Dairy  
Radio by Grace  
Jim Shelburne  
Texas Tea

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*Eighteenth Annual*

## Christmas In October

### Gift and Craft Show

Saturday, October 27, 2018

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 28, 2018

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Amarillo Civic Center  
South Exhibit Hall

Admission: \$5.00

(Children 12 and under are free)

SHM Newsletter

Present this ad for **\$1.00** off admission price

## Christmas In October

### Needs your help!

Please prayerfully consider partnering with us to underwrite the cost of **Christmas in October**. The expense of Christmas in October is \$15,000. We have several sponsorship levels available.

**\$250 - \$500 - \$1000 - \$1500 - \$2500**

If interested in sponsoring please contact us  
at 806-358-7803 or  
email [info@sharinghopeministry.org](mailto:info@sharinghopeministry.org)

God has blessed **Christmas in October** over the years by taking it from a small gift and craft show held in a Church gymnasium to now being held at the Amarillo Civic

Center with 3,000-5,000 in attendance every year.

We hope you will join us this year for our **18th Annual Christmas in October Gift and Craft show**. We are excited to announce that we have quite a few new vendors this year with many new gift ideas. I don't know about you, but I also like to shop for my own Christmas gifts.

By attending this event and by buying something from our famous bake sale, you are helping to provide women with the *Life Recovery Bible* and Bible studies.

### Sign Up To Bake Online!

Go to [www.christmasinoctobertx.org/bake-sale](http://www.christmasinoctobertx.org/bake-sale)

This is a great opportunity for you to help us reach our goal! Join close to 200 other volunteers that bring goodies for us to sell at our Bake Sale!