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Patsy's Place

It has been 10 years since Patsy's Place Transitional Home opened, and since that time we have had 145 women walk through our doors seeking a safe home and a changed life.

Patsy's Place Transitional Home was named after Patsy Britting, a volunteer who was a part of the initial team that prayed for the ministry outreach that would later become Sharing Hope Ministry. It was her passionate desire that these broken women would experience the grace of Christ and have the abundant life promised to all believers. Patsy's vision was that one day a home would be available to these women as a safe and stable environment. One where they could grow in their relationship with Christ, and also learn necessary life skills enabling them

to return to our community as changed women. Since it's inception, thirty-three women have graduated from the oneyear program. There have been fifteen women who've received certificates, and nine who've received emergency housing. Currently, we have three of our



graduates working for Sharing Hope Ministry; two 2013 graduates are on staff at Patsy's Place, and one 2015 graduate is our Special Projects coordinator.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has ever been involved with this amazing program. From all of our early donors and volunteers to everyone today that continues to support these precious women. Thank you for believing in this program and helping these women change their story!

# Volunteer Spotlight!

Laura Sims was part of the original group at a local church that prayed for a community outreach project. She was asked in 2000 to serve on the



advisory board. When Sharing Hope Ministry was formally certified as a 501c3 non nonprofit she became the Board President.

Currently, she teaches a Cognitive Life Skills class twice a week at Patsy's Place. She trains and supervises our mentors for Patsy's Place. For the past 20 years she has served on the Randall County Jail team and is eager for COVID to be over so she can get back into the jail and teaching women. We asked Laura what her favorite part of volunteering for Sharing Hope Ministry has been. She said that she had two answers for that question. The first is seeing God and His Word change women's lives. She feels privileged to be used by Him to bring hope and healing to hurting women. Her second favorite part is seeing how God answered the prayers of that first group of women and how He has continued to grow Sharing Hope Ministry into the multi-faceted ministry that it is today.

# My Life Was A Wreck... P

My name is Cara and before I came to Patsy's Place my

life was a wreck. I had been lost for so long. I was in my addiction for 25 years. I had tried to stop a few times but I was only able to make it for a short time before relapsing. Then, I ended up in jail.

Since coming to Patsy's Place my life has changed



dramatically. The most beneficial part of this program for me has been the accountability and knowing that I am expected to do what is right. The love of the staff and the volunteers has helped me to overcome each and every situation. The most important thing that I have gained from living here has been the relationship that I have built with Jesus Christ. Gaining the knowledge that I am loved by God simply because I am me is the best gift Patsy's Place could have ever given me.

Since coming to Patsy's Place I have obtained a job. I have finished college to get my CNA certification. I have a valid drivers license, and bought a car! I am now currently enrolled in a medical assistant associate degree program. Because I was able to save money, and because of donations given to Patsy's Place, I was able to put a new smile on my face which now matches the inside smile that I have. Since coming to Patsy's Place I have become even closer to my children than I ever thought possible. They are so proud of the woman that I have become, and it is all thanks to God and Patsy's Place.

After I leave Patsy's Place, I plan to continue my education and my walk with Jesus Christ!

# atsy's Place Saved My Life

My name is Misty and before I came to Patsy's place my

life was full of drugs, addiction, and chaos . I had been in and out of prison for 15 years.

I would have to say what's helped me the most here has been the structure. I've never had structure in my life. My life's just been run by uncontrollable



chaos. It's amazing to know that I can live a confident life and be successful.

Since I came to Patsy's place on March 21st of 2020 God has blessed me in so many ways through this program. I've been able to hold down a job which I've never been able to do before. I have saved my money and believe it or not paid cash for my very first car! I have been blessed with the opportunity to have my family back in my life. I've spoken to my mother for the first time after almost 20 years. My father and brother have seen me sober after 15 years. It is truly amazing.

In March of this year, for the first time in my life, I plan to move into my own apartment. Yes, my own place! My long term goals are to continue in my sobriety in my walk with Christ. I hope to stay involved in Patsy's Place and hopefully one day become one of the staff members that helps women like me.

Follow us on Facebook @sharinghopeministry to watch Patsy's Place graduations live!



Who wants to learn how to cook a new dish? Cooking for a cause is a fun way to support Sharing Hope Ministry and allows you to learn a new skill in the kitchen! From learning to make an oyster stew and bacon wrapped scallops to homemade pizza, there are plenty of mouth watering options to choose from.

This at home event gives you the opportunity to help Sharing Hope Ministry continue providing Life Recovery Bibles and Bible studies to women who are incarcerated or are in addiction rehabilitation facilities across our nation.

## Registration is \$25 per class.

Purchasing 4 classes gives you special access to a bonus cooking video! Ticket sales end on March 19th.

### Visit

www.sharinghopeministry.org for more information and to purchase tickets

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**Become a Patsy's Place** Mentor!

Training dates will be: March 27th 8:30am-5:00pm April 1st 6:00pm-9:00pm (Both Dates are required)



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### **Over \$89,000 Raised During** The Panhandle Gives! he **#GI**♥INGTUESDAY

Thanks to the aracious donors that aave during the 2020 Panhandle Gives campaign we were able to come together and raise the most we have ever received from this

campaign! We received the full \$10,000 match from the David and Nona Payne Foundation and \$10,700 in amplification funds from the Amarillo Area Foundation! These funds will benefit Patsy's Place Transitional Home. Having this great support ensures that we are able to provide a safe home and numerous resources to help women get back on their feet and with changing their story through God's love!



Postponed until September 2, 2021

Our goal is to provide a safe and fun event when the threat of COVID-19 has been reduced. Watch your mail and social media for more information.

**Please visit** www.sharinghopeministry.org /stepping-stones-aftercare for more information and to apply

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