



2015 Newsletter

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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It's been an entire year since we sent out our last newsletter, and what a year of blessings it's been for us. We look back at 2015 with praise and awe for the Lord Jesus Christ as He carries us from victory to victory.

And while it seems like just yesterday we were opening our doors to the first women, this spring we celebrate six years of New Beginnings. We look forward to the relationships God will continue to send in our paths as we follow Him.

A New Creation:

*Since the release of the book, *A New Creation* complete with testimonies from myself and the girls of NBBC, we have ordered over 1,200 copies. Books are reaching the women in jails and prisons in Texas and surrounding states and more than 500 have been freely given to them. Each book purchased pays for one given. It was designed that way from the start, to give hope to those still incarcerated. As the women of NBBC testify what they have come through, it encourages the ones still waiting, that they, too, can change and live differently than the chaos from which they came.*

Fund raising:

We hosted two great yard sales, and we prepare all year for them with your donations. While many of the donations go straight to the women here, the overflow is stored up for these fund-raisers. The spring raised \$6,100 and the fall \$7,400. They were HUGE blessings and both set records for us. The girls pitch in and work days setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Things that go unsold are donated to area non-profit agencies, so nothing is wasted. The money helps with bills and repairs on the houses and apartments, appliances and automobiles.

Program:

We are currently housing 36 women and one of whom just married. Now we have our first married couple living in the apartments. The husband, Orlando, has been a tremendous help to Rocky volunteering his time picking up donations, moving furniture, etc.

We also had our first baby born at NBBC. On May 15, 2015, baby Liberty was born. It was definitely a step of faith for us. We were able to meet the needs of the mother and baby, through the loving donations of the body of Christ.

Setback:

We had a minor set back in June 2015. An electrical fire broke out in our Phase 4 location. It was a tri-plex and housed 3 mothers with their children either full time or on visits. Once again God showed up and provided what was needed and no one was hurt. Summer and her son were able to transition out into their own home. She still volunteers helping us give back to help the women.

Suzanne and baby Liberty moved to an apartment and Mabelle transitioned out to a job that placed her closer to her family. We had a generous outpouring from the body of Christ and the local community. Much of the



Serving lunch to the homeless at Loving Care Ministries

furniture was damaged from smoke and water. The Salvation Army and Red Cross really helped as well. We also received several large donations to help us purchase another home free and clear. Details of that testimony will be coming in the next few months.

Faith House:

Because of the amount of women wanting to come, we have had to double up in the apartments. Many spend their first week or so on the couch at Hope House waiting for a bed, and they never complain.

We decided that we needed another Phase 2 house instead of replacing Phase 4. We have had many women transition out some reunited with their families and some leave before their really ready, but we continue to pray for the seeds that were planted and believe one day they will bear fruit in their lives. The ladies that choose to push forward we have a great base of volunteers.

Volunteering:

Martha Sue Thomas took the helm as volunteer coordinator for the volunteers. We are so thankful for her help. Please feel free to contact her at 806-577-9211 if you wish to help. Also we continue to be blessed with Brandy Foster teaching art class once a month, and now we have added a finance class to help prepare them to handle transitioning out of NBBC. I also want you to know that we have so many volunteers that teach Bible Study weekly. We are so thankful for their time and devotion to helping NBBC.

Christmas:

The volunteers came together and made the Christmas party so special. One of the local day cares: His Little Angels, had an Angel Tree for the women's kids. Their staff and parents went above and beyond with gifts for the children. Junk Warehouse also helped us with Christmas gifts for some of the women. We are so thankful! It's always a hard time for the women and this was a huge blessing.