



# The Rose

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## *Mother's fighting to overcome...*

Since our last newsletter publishing, our residents have transitioned in and out of the home. In January, two women and two children embarked on a new venture by renting an apartment together. Currently separated from their husbands, these two ladies decided they could share household and parenting responsibilities and provide emotional and financial support to the other. These girls completed *RoseHaven's* program of working toward self sufficiency by coming closer to God, understanding God's unconditional love and acceptance, examining their downfalls, gaining life and parenting skills, and receiving emotional, financial and material support. We are so proud of their accomplishments.

Both women left *RoseHaven* with a new outlook on their lives and it was all because of your help. Without you, we at *RoseHaven* could not be the successful program that we are. It is with your love, prayers, and support that we are able to spread God's love and we thank you!

In February a 20 year old mother of two and expecting her third child in June, joined us. She has experienced the worst life has to offer and is finding peace, faith, friendships, love, and God, here at *RoseHaven*. It is exciting to see her growth in the short time she has been here. She doesn't expect to stay long. As housing opens for her, she will be moving closer to her mother who lives in Bedford. Ashley will greatly need her mother's help with three very small children. Please remember her in your prayers as she is just getting a taste of God's *agape* love and understanding, and has so much on her plate.

In March a woman was referred to us from Southeast Christian Church and Center for Women and Families. The following is her testimony. Please pray for her as she has many issues to overcome.

*My name is Karen Lackey and I would like to share with you how God led me to RoseHaven... I was saved on January 17, 2003. My family has been broken since my children were very small. Sebastian is 10 yrs old. My father and stepmother raised him from the age of two. My daughter Samantha is seven and is at St. Joseph Children's Home in Louisville.*

*I was married to Samantha's father for 5 years. We were together on and off for 8 years. Needless to say this was not a Christ centered relationship. After one of our many violent separations and Samantha's placement in foster care, my sister and stepmother decided that tough love was not the answer. They were going to show me Christ's love. I was in West Virginia and they brought me home to my father's house in Indiana. This is where I gave my life to Christ. But again, I went back to my ex-husband, after he too was saved, but we both fell back to our old ways.*

*After a year of total darkness and more hurt than I could say, God gave me another chance. On January 7, 2005 I boarded a Greyhound bus and came to Louisville where my daughter lives, and to stay at the Center for Women and Families. There I rededicated my life to Christ. I lay face down on the floor and gave Him everything. He came into my heart like a I had never experienced. All things became new! I had smoked since I was a child. I have not had a cigarette since that day.*

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## From Betty's Pen

As I write today my heart is Celebrating the life of a precious, devoted, dedicated friend. And, as we prepared to do this newsletter my heart is missing him all over again. "Mr. Bill" Hayden in the three years that he worked as the "leader" of our newsletter team, was the most devoted volunteer ever know to RoseHaven. With a definite slowness to his walk and other medical problems, he never missed the opportunity to serve his "Risen Lord" through service to others.

Mr. Bill always presented himself with the most delicious desserts each time he appeared to do his work. Bill always asked Ray what Ray wanted him to bring for the next newsletter day, giving the guys a choice of his delectable sweets.

Mr. Bill would stay until the last newsletter was folded, stamped and ready to be mailed. "Mr. Bill, we miss you, and know you're being Celebrated today in your Heavenly Home!"

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*God led me to Southeast Christian Church with Teresa Oechsli. She is involved with Twice Touched Ministries. They meet the medical needs of the less fortunate, and then share Jesus Christ with them.*

*One Sunday they gave out the Southeast perpetual prayer calendar, called the "360 Join the Revolution." On February 7th I turned my calendar to pray (my prayer had been to find a place where I could heal, learn to walk with God, and have a place for my children). This was the February 7th prayer... "RoseHaven, a transitional home for women and children in crisis, whose lives have been disrupted by several things, including, domestic violence. Pray that each women and child will come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Pray that God will continually provide space for those in need."*

*I prayed right then, "God if it's your will, open the doors. If it's not I don't want to go." A week later Alison, my advocate at the center called me to her office and said, "I hope you don't mind, I called RoseHaven and all I can say is, Wow!!" Two weeks later I moved in to the room, home, and family of believers God has been preparing for me.*

*It is in His time, but when we seek Him, He will not let us down!! We serve an awesome God!!*

*Jeremiah 29:11-13, "For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me, and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart."*

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OUR GRATEFUL THANKS!



As Mother's Day quickly approaches, RoseHaven would like to acknowledge all of the mothers who give freely of themselves each day in an effort to raise their children properly. Mothers everywhere can empathize with all that goes into childrearing in the 21st Century. It is truly a daily battle.

Would you like to acknowledge your mother who gave all of herself to give you the best life has to offer? Is there a mother figure in your life (grandmother, godmother, friend, etc.) who went above and beyond the call of duty to provide for you a maternal presence in your life? We want to give you the opportunity to make a contribution to RoseHaven in honor or memory of these women, which will allow us to continue teaching; nurturing and loving the homeless, abused and neglected women and children we serve. We want to give these women the opportunity to truly love and to truly be loved, many for the first time. The form below allows you to designate your gift to the memory/honor of someone special in your life, whether a mother, grandmother, neighbor or friend.

Please don't miss this chance to honor this special person in your life, and to bless this ministry to the special women we serve!

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My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) In Honor or ( ) In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(relationship)

Special Message (optional):  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Needs List

- Your prayers
- \$10 Kroger cards
- \$10 Wal-Mart cards
- Car for a young mom of 2
- Copy machine
- Lamps
- Window unit air conditioner
- Aluminum foil
- Toilet paper
- Multi-vitamins
- Baby wipes
- Diapers



If you have not been online and seen our website lately, you may want to check it out...

[RoseHavenKy.com](http://RoseHavenKy.com)

"Thanks Lambert & Terri Franklin!  
You do a superb job! "

## Calendar of RoseHaven Events

*March 17th*    **St. Patrick's Day...** Pam Cole from Northeast Christian Church delivers St. Patrick's Day cupcakes.

*March 25th*    **Good Friday...** office closed

*March 26th*    Volunteer, Pam Bergklint and girls have an Easter egg hunt and party for the children of RoseHaven. Northeast Christian delivers Easter dinner to RoseHaven residents.

*March 27th*    **Easter Day**

*April 4th—8th* **Spring Break**

*April 6th*    Spa night for residents

*April 12th*    Money Management Classes begin, sponsored by RoseHaven, Red Cross, Metro United Way, and Center for Women and Families.

*April 16th*    Volunteer Velda Hall from River Valley Christian Church will bring a group to babysit RoseHaven children while mothers can have a little time away to themselves.

Volunteers Jim Pearson and boys from Crestwood United Methodist Church mulch all the flower beds.

*April 26th*    Inter Church Council meeting at RoseHaven

*May 8th*        **Mother's Day**

*May 30th*    **Memorial Day**

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