



The Rose

RoseHaven

Transitional Home for Women and Children

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

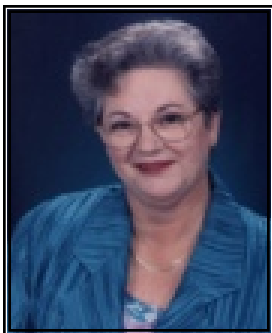
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What Rosehaven means to me is hard to put into words. Rosehaven has been a shelter from the storm - Rosehaven has been a family to me that has shown me love that I have never felt before in my life. My children and I have a safe and beautiful place to live, thanks all to the wonderful people at Rosehaven, and I am more thankful for that than I could possibly put into words. When I am having a rough time in life I know I can call and pray with someone at Rosehaven or ask for prayer for my family and myself and they are right there for us asking how they can lend a hand. The love that I have longed for in a family is there with the wonderful people at Rosehaven and I have been so blessed by the things they all do daily. I hope that God will continue to bless all of their lives as they have blessed mine and my children.

Sincerely, Carrie Boyd

*"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you."
Deuteronomy 5:16 (NIV)*



BETTY DECKER -
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A Mother's Day Message From Betty

"All that I am, or can be, I owe to my angel Mother." Abraham Lincoln, U.S. President

Mother's Day is a day to honor all mothers. This is the day to stop, remember, and pray for that special person in our life, without whom we would not have been what we are today. Mother's Day is a day to be grateful to God for being so kind as to bless us with an angel in the form of a mother. This edition of The Rose is a tribute to all current and former RoseHaven mothers. Many have written personal letters to let you, our supporters, telling you how living at RoseHaven has helped them to be the best mothers they can be. Thank you for supporting our mission to help homeless women and children rebuild their lives and families. Happy Mother's Day and may God bless you!

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**Thank you to everyone who
has donated to the ministry
since the first of the year.
You have truly been a
Godsend!**

Client Testimonies . . .

To my friends at RoseHaven Transitional Home for Women and Children:

When I came to RoseHaven I was basically at the end of my rope; I had a job, but I wasn't making enough money to pay rent, my car payment, car insurance, gas in my car, etc. I thought I was left to sleeping in my car. I went to the Center for Women and Families and was given a list of places to call. RoseHaven was first on the list and there was a room available. RoseHaven and the staff here have been more than helpful. Not only do I have a roof over my head, there is plenty of food here and I've received clothing items both new and like new. I'm also receiving beneficial training to deal with my individual crisis situation.

Anonymous

To RoseHaven:

I thank God everyday for the time I spent at Rosehaven. Though my circumstances were not good, I felt safe and loved there. As well my stay there placed me back on track to rededicate my life to serving Jesus. Rosehaven touched every aspect of my life. The staff, volunteers, and residents showed me how to parent, how to be dependable, how to listen, how to care about others, and so much more.

Megan Caldwell

MORE CLIENT TESTIMONIES . . .

Being a resident at RoseHaven has been a wonderful experience for myself and my two children. I am a single mother of two small children. We are ever so thankful for everything RoseHaven has provided for us. I don't know what we would have done had RoseHaven not been there for us. Mainly providing a safe, secure place to stay away from the situation we were living in has been a total blessing. No one can fully understand how scary it is to be living in a home of physical and mental abuse and dealing with someone who is an alcoholic and never knowing when you're coming home to a safe one or one of fear. It's such a blessing to know you're coming home after a long hard days work to a place you actually feel safe in as well as a home where there are your friends and someone to talk to and relate with. RoseHaven is a wonderful place to be thankful for as it has not only given us that feeling of security, but also provided us plentifully as far as food, etc. when times are tough and there's not much money. Also, it has been an educational experience for myself and my children in learning, as a single mom, how to discipline and take care of my children. I've also learned how to be a more responsible mother in how to budget my money, going to church, doing daily chores to keep up and maintain a clean home and with setting goals for myself and for my children for the future. I am also very thankful for RoseHaven for making the holidays extra special with all the gift giving and special dinners provided for us to make the holidays very special for us such as Christmas, birthdays, Easter, etc. I do not know where we would be now had we not had such a special "home" to come to. Thanks so much for everything you have done for me and my two children. *Anonymous*

There are times in all of our lives that we need a little extra help for whatever reason our situation may bring. Asking for help or admitting we need it is a very humbling experience. Especially for someone like myself. I am a doer and a giver and feel very uncomfortable on the other side as a receiver. But I am now at that time in my life when I need that little extra help. I have had to step back and allow myself to be helped because I was at my wits end and didn't know what to do. Unfortunately I had made some not so wise choices and was not such a good judge of character and therefore allowed myself to get to where I am now. Had it not been for someone at my church taking the initiative to look into RoseHaven, I would have never known about the wonderful ministry they offer. RoseHaven is allowing my son and myself to live in an environment that is allowing me to get back to a self-sufficient status. I am able to focus on the road ahead and not constantly worry about "what next?" I am not a failure for being here, I am that much stronger for making the move to RoseHaven. I could not have been the best mother or provider for my son if I had stayed in the situation I was in prior to coming here. I am thankful to everyone who supports RoseHaven... *Anonymous*

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your financial contributions to RoseHaven enable us to serve and meet the needs of the women and children who come to us for refuge, hope and healing.

Any financial donation would help tremendously and is fully tax deductible.

NEEDS LIST

- Diapers
- Kroger Cards/Gas Cards
- Wal-Mart Cards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May:

11—Mother's Day
16—Family Fun Night at RoseHaven
26—Memorial Day

June:

2- Spa Night for the Ladies of RoseHaven
14- Trip to the Zoo for Mother's and Children
15- Father's Day

July:

4 - Independence Day

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