



*Happy Father's Day
and 4th of July*

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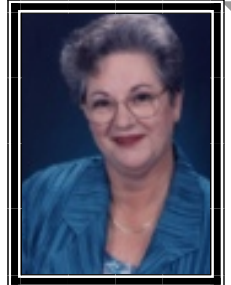
RoseHaven

Transitional Home for Women and Children

July 2008

A Message From Betty

*Lest we forget what our mission is about and what we do here,
let me reiterate now, just after Father's Day and at the 4th of July Holiday:*



**BETTY DECKER -
FOUNDER and
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

ROSEHAVEN STATEMENT of FAITH

We believe that in our brokenness we can come to know the love of God through Jesus. Because He lives, we can experience emotional and spiritual healing.

ROSEHAVEN SCRIPTURAL DIRECTIVE

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to bring good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the physical and spiritual captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.....To grant consolation and joy to those who grieve in Zion. Giving them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and the garment of praise instead of despair. Isaiah 61:1,3

A Father's Day Note from a Resident of RoseHaven



When most people think of a dad, they think of the person who fathered them. In most cases this is true, but not in mine. Not many people know that my dad is not my biological father. There really has been no reason for anyone to know because he IS my dad and he is the greatest man I know.

When I was three years old, my mom married my dad. The amazing thing about him is that he was only 19 years old when they got married. He took on a wife and a daughter at the age that most men are just getting started with the single life and just being a guy. Not only did he take on an "instant family", he also was working two jobs just so my mom could stay home with me. He worked so hard for a woman he just married and a daughter that wasn't even his own.

My dad adopted me officially once they had been married and he was from there-on-out my dad. He treated me as if I were his own flesh and blood and loved me more than I could have asked for. He really wanted to give me and my mom the life he never had and to make sure every opportunity was set before me. He really stepped up to the plate for his family, which is more than you can say for some biological fathers.

As I got older, my dad and I had our typical father-daughter moments of good and bad, but he was always there for me no matter what. He was always one to practice tough love, which was difficult to understand at times, but I completely get it now. He would never allow us to go without anything we needed or wanted, but if we found ourselves in a rough situation, we had to try and get ourselves out before he would jump in and rescue us. I so appreciate that quality in him now, although I thought he was being mean then. He taught me to work it out on my own and in the end I would be wiser and stronger.

My dad is the greatest man I have ever known and I look up to him so much. He is a very godly man and very knowledgeable of the Word, and loves sharing it with others. He is the teacher of our first grade Sunday School class and does this so well. He loves children, which is apparent considering he took me on as his own. He is a great role model to the children of our church, as well as my son. He is looked-up-to by the church body as a whole, and also serves the church as an usher during offering.

He has worked his fingers to the bone to insure my family has always been taken care of. My mother has been a stay-at-home mom for 24 years as a result of his hard work and determination. He has fully succeeded in giving us the life he never had.

When I think of my father, he is the only man I think of. He is my dad, and I love him very much. This just goes to show that any man can become a father, but it takes a REAL man to become a dad. Here's to you, Dad, the best man that's ever been in my life!

"Every father is the architect of his home life." (Reed Markham, Educator)



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FREEDOM . . .

RoseHaven has really helped me come a long way. Being here has been a wonderful experience. Though it was a difficult transition at first, it was a tremendous relief compared to the situation we were living in before we came here. We have had the joy of meeting lots of different people, and my children have had lots of great little playmates. RoseHaven has helped us not only financially, but has been helpful in easing the emotional and physical stress that comes from being a single parent. It has provided a comfortable, safe, secure environment for myself and two children, away from all of the fear and anxiety and stress we were going through before we arrived.

It will be hard leaving RoseHaven, but having been a resident here for nearly two years has helped me to get a chance to get back on my feet again (financially and emotionally), to be able to go back out in the community and provide a good home for my children. Hopefully we will be able to transition into a nice, safe place and lead a happy home life.

Thanks for all you have done.

Sincerely,
Mindy

*If the Son therefore
shall make you **free**,
ye shall be **free indeed**.*
John 8:36





Eagle Scout Project
by Ivy Stevens



Ivy Stevens,
Ray & Betty Decker



St. John's UMC,
grounds rejuvenation



A mighty THANKS to our many donors over the past several months:

Individuals: Ivy Stevens & family & friends (new playground), Sylvia Carden (counseling), Judy Carter (babysitting), Mike Smith & Hall Enterprises/Jim & Roxie Hall (grass cutting), and Ted & Jerry (our weekly food donation deliveries)

Churches: St. John's United Methodist, Ballardsville Baptist, Crestwood Baptist, Immaculate Conception, LaGrange Baptist, River Valley Christian, Northeast Christian, Southeast Christian

Businesses and Organizations: Blankets of Love, Oldham Baptist Association, United Parcel Service (basement renovation), Beta Club of Oldham County High School, StarView Nurseries, Hometown Pizza, Louise Duncan Head Trust

Ministry Opportunities at RoseHaven:

Babysitting, holding events for residents & children, family mentoring, teaching classes, car maintenance, home upgrades, grounds-keeping, donations, newsletter assistance, supplies

MONETARY ASSISTANCE

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.

As with any large household, there are many on-going expenses like heating/air conditioning, water, insurance, cleaning supplies, maintenance, groundskeeping, etc.

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

LIST of RESIDENTS' NEEDS

Currently RoseHaven is filled and bursting at the seams with three families and one single woman in residence. Five small children fill the home with laughter and joyous sounds.

Can you help meet their needs?

New non-stick skillets & cleaning supplies

Gift Cards:

Local Grocery Stores (eg, WalMart, Krogers)

Local Drug Stores (eg, Walgreens)

Local Gas Stations

NET 10 Phone Card Minutes

Diapers & Wipes:

Pampers Swaddlers — Size 1 (girls)

Pull-ups — Size 2T-3T (girls)

Pull-ups — Size 2T-3T (boys)

Pull-ups — Size 3T-4T (boys)

Pampers Goodnites — Size small (boys)

Sensitive (unscented) Wipes

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