

# NCHM UPDATE

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS (ALREADY!)

Well, we've almost made it through our first year as a new non-profit organization, and feel incredibly blessed by all the support we've had during this year of transition. As we approach the end of the year, we look back on the many ways God has been so good to us, providing faithfully, encouraging us, and answering lots of prayers!

We have felt especially blessed to have had Lisa Faulkner/Hwang serving as our Program Director this year. She has done an amazing job running our weekly programs, recruiting and supporting volunteers, discipling the young mothers at NCH, and heading up our prayer team. We will miss her greatly as she moves on into her newly married season of life, but we look forward to seeing who God sends to join us in ministering to the young moms we serve.

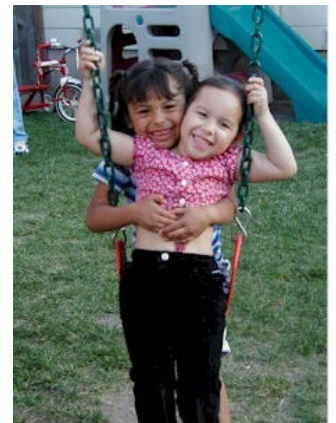
.....Our board of directors has been kept particularly busy this fall, assisting with two fundraising events (see below for details), researching possible grant applications, and taking on various administrative tasks that have overburdened staff members. We are so thankful for all they have done and how well they have worked together in supporting the work God is doing through us!

We have seen God working in so many of our participant/residents—two of whom you will hear from in this newsletter. It is of tremendous encouragement to see young moms move into independent living situations, having “grown up” emotionally and spiritually during their time at NCH. We have also seen successes among the moms who participate in our parenting class— one young mother just began setting

up her own family day-care, and invited us over to pray and dedicate it to God. And just last week, I ran into a young mother whom we had helped get into college, and after announcing proudly that she was only a semester away from graduation, she thanked me and gave me a huge smile and a big hug (that's the kind of stuff you want to remember on difficult days!).

In celebrating the successes and in praying through those difficult days, we are over and over again reminded that God is faithful and is (always!) in charge. We want to acknowledge and thank you, finally, our supporters, volunteers and friends—you are all a great gift from God to us and to our moms! In closing, we'd love it if you would remember us this holiday season—in your prayers, and if God leads, in your year-end giving. Additional funding is crucial for us at this time, so that we can plan and move forward with what He has for us in the new year. Thank you so much in advance for your prayers and support.

Pam Nordstrom, NCHM's Executive Director



*Swinging silliness at NCH*

## EVENT UPDATE

New Creation Home's Benefit Garage Sale in August was a huge success, bringing in over two thousand dollars (that's a lot of dimes and quarters!). Our volunteer crew worked incredibly hard and did a fabulous job—a special thanks to them and to all of our supporters who donated items to sell.

Our first ever Benefit Concert and Silent Auction in September was a great success as well. We all participated in a special (and occasionally silly) evening of worship with a local band named “Holy Moment” and then ended the evening with our Silent Auction and some wonderful refreshments provided by the lovely ladies at PBC. Again, many volunteers, friends and donors came together to make this evening a success, thank you to all of you who participated!



*Some of the many visitors at our Benefit Garage Sale!*

## LIZBETH'S STORY

By *Lizbeth Carlos,*  
*NCHM Participant*

New Creation Home (NCH) was a big help to me as a teen parent. I was there for six months—that wasn't a long time, but I learned how to be a better parent overall. One of the activities that taught me to understand parenting was our parenting class held every Tuesday evening. During these classes they would teach us things like how to discipline children. They taught me what giving a "time out" means and how to make my children understand and obey. I learned that I should never scream or hit a child when trying to discipline them. This tip was very helpful and has worked for my children and me.

The best thing about being at New Creation Home was that I learned to be independent. Being independent is hard as a teenager because you're used to relying on your parents. At NCH, I learned that I could do a lot of things on my own and that I could be responsible for all of my actions.

Finally, another thing that was very helpful to me was that I was able to leave NCH with a greater understanding of Christianity. While living at NCH, I started attending church at Abundant Life. I became a Christian and got to know the Word of God better. I now know that God loves me and has a plan for all three of my children and me. Going to church opened a brand new life for me; I live at peace within my family and myself. I have taught my kids about God and His Word and how everything is done by His will and that whatever is not going right God will work out. New Creation Home really is a great place for teen mothers.



*Lizbeth and her children*

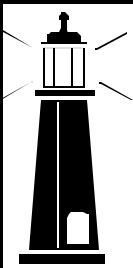
**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**



You're invited to join us for a multi-media presentation of classical, contemporary and gospel Christmas music — yet another concert to benefit New Creation

Home Ministries!  
**Sunday, December 15th**  
**7:30-9 pm**  
**At The Church**  
**of the Nativity**  
**210 Oak Grove Avenue,**  
**Menlo Park**

Please feel free to bring friends, family and kids to enjoy this evening of music, slides and holiday refreshments.



Our Lord willing, we will be opening The Lighthouse, our new home for young moms who have "graduated" from New Creation Home in January, 2003! Set-up of the home has taken a bit longer than expected, and program development is still underway. Look for our grand-opening announcement early next year.

## ONE MOM'S THANKS

By *Avinell Johnson*  
*NCHM Participant*

New Creation Home Ministries was such a blessing to me and my son even before he entered the world. In this day in age you wouldn't even think a place like it was around. The ministry is such a help to a single mom like myself, as I find support there for the times I find being a Christian parent hard. I know I can call on the NCHM staff for anything—good or bad—they know we are human and we made mistakes, they just don't want us to repeat our mistakes.

The <childcare> volunteers are great and you can tell they enjoy taking care of the kids. They really want to be there, and that makes a big difference. My son Jordan usually cries with new people, but just last week at parenting class, I sent him to play outside and there was a volunteer holding him, trying to make him smile. I know a crying baby is just not that cute, but she thought he was and it just made me all warm inside.

I know one thing for sure, I thank God for having NCHM do His work. I remember when I lived at New Creation Home, I started really getting into my Bible. That feeling of knowing you're in a house that loves the Lord and just being surrounded by the Word made my hard days seem not too hard.



*Parenting Class, 2002*



*Avinell*