

NCHM UPDATE

As I reflect on the last three months at New Creation Home Ministries, the first thought that comes to mind is thankfulness! We have seen so much of God's provision to us as He given us a new resident at New Creation Home (NCH) who recently made a commitment to Jesus; a new vision, purpose, and a new house mom for our Lighthouse Program; and the joy of watching one of our long time NCH residents graduate from high school. In addition, we are finding much favor with the East Palo Alto community as a place of safety for young mothers. We are developing great partnerships with these local organizations, via our residential programs and our weekly parenting classes. (See the articles on page 2 for more info!)

With each passing day, it becomes clearer to me the great need NCH is filling in the community. At least once a week we get a phone call from a mother in need of our services, or a referral from an agency about a young mother and child in need of shelter. These young women come from extremely challenging situations and need to raise their children in a place of safety, as well as learn essential parenting, spiritual and life skills. This need is a sobering reminder of the essential services NCHM is providing. Given the current economic climate, it is a special challenge to get on your feet, and New Creation Home Ministries serves not only as a of physical shelter but as a place of spiritual healing and restoration for mothers and their children.

NCHM feels the effects of the

current economic environment, yet I believe that God is calling us not only to continue to offer the services that we provide. He is calling us to grow, to do more, by expanding the Lighthouse, and to reach out to more young mothers in our community with a message of hope and of help. Our calling is a tall order in these times, but I ask you to believe with me in God for His provision. As the Bible says, "I am confident that God who began the good work within you (NCHM!) will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again" (Philippians 1:6 NLT) I know God has called this ministry to this work, and He will continue it.

In light of this, I ask you to consider partnering with NCHM through your prayers, your financial support, and your time.

Christina on graduation day

NCHM has the opportunity to have influence in the lives of many young women, but we can't do it without your help. For information about financially contributing to NCHM, or supporting us as a volunteer please contact me at 650-321-3109. I look forward to partnering with you in this season!

-Katie Fantin, Executive Director



SAVE THE DATE!

New Creation Home Ministries
Summer Praise Concert

ROOTS AND WINGS: a celebration of dance, music, and photography.

Musical styles will include:

Classical, Black Gospel, Jazz, Contemporary and Tongan.

Saturday August 23rd 7:00 pm

Covenant Presbyterian Church 670 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

Tickets are \$10.00 each, call 650-321-3109 for ticket information.

Refreshments will be provided at a reception after the concert, a time to fellowship together on a wonderful summer evening. We hope to see you there!

PARENTING CLASS:

Along with our residential programs, NCHM provides a weekly parenting class for young mothers in the community. Classes run throughout the year, in four 10-week quarters. On average, 12 mothers and their children attend our classes and learn vital parenting and life skills. They also obtain needed supplies to raise their children, as well as receive support to reach their educational, vocational, and spiritual goals. Meche, a 20 year old mother of three boys says she has learned from the class that "Routine is very important in my kids lives, how to keep my temper down, and how to start instilling God in their lives and many other things. Added 17 year old Lilliana, mother of a two year old daughter," I have learned about God and how to be a good parent."

Our parenting class is administered by NCHM Program Director Ronné Wingate and is run with the help of committed volunteers. Volunteers come and teach many of our classes, help cook meals, as well as provide childcare so that the mothers can participate in the class while their children are supervised.

This summer, we have begun a new 10-series entitled, "Solid Investments: Faith, Family, Finance, and the Future". During this series we'll spend 2-3 weeks on each of the subtopics, exploring different ways to invest in the things that matter to God on both spiritual and practical levels.

For information about how to help with our parenting class, contact Ronné Wingate at 650-329-1603 or at rwingate@inreach.com.

NCHM Wish List

- Office Jet Printer*
- Pentium III or newer laptops*
- Pentium III or newer desktop PC's*
- Educational games*
- Non-perishable food*
- Diapers sizes 4-5*
- Infant/toddler car seats*
- Baby/toddler cribs*
- Plastic kids cups and plates*
- Set of Drinking glasses*
- Small dressers*
- Adult size bunk beds*

To donate any of these items, please call 650-321-3109 or email info@newcreationhome.org.



NCHM Parenting Class

Want to donate
to NCHM online? Now you can!!
Go to www.newcreationhome.org
and click on the donate link.

Special Thanks!

Anthony and Frances West

For hosting a BBQ for the NCHM mom's on July 13th!

Denis Fastert and the Highway Church Compassion Small Group

For participating in a work day on June 28th at New Creation Home

Dan Calic and his Menlo Park Presbyterian Covenant Group

For shampooing the carpet
At the Lighthouse

Jay and Pamela Chesavage

For building a prayer shed in the backyard at New Creation Home

NEW PROGRAM UPDATE

The Lighthouse is up and running! We are pleased to welcome a new House Parent for the program, Jennette Hardy. Jennette has been involved in various church ministries and joins us part time, as she continues her job at Hewlett Packard as a software engineer.

The Lighthouse is a program for two mothers (aged 18-22) who have finished their high school or equivalent education and need transitional housing as they work to prepare for independent living. Young women residing at the Lighthouse receive vocational and life skills training in addition to assistance from NCHM in spiritual development. The program is now accepting applications for admission and will be open as of August 1st, 2003!