

# New Creation

New Creation Home Ministries

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## NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2008 has been a rough year for some of us and it seems for the nation as a whole. It continues to be hard for many as the financial crisis looms. We wonder, a new election is coming, will that change our country's situation? Will foreclosures decrease, will the markets re-align themselves? Will the war end? How, and when, and what does that mean?

And in my life at NCHM, the questions are less macro and more micro:

Is my child going to be healthy?

How do I get through high school with a baby?

How do I deal with conflict with my baby's father?

How do I afford to raise my child on what I earn?

Or from our ministry perspective, how are we going to sustain this ministry in the long term financially and structurally? The questions seem endless...

I was talking to one of the girls living at NCHM the other day, and she was expressing anxiety about her future career options. I was reminding her that God would provide for she and her child and in the middle of the sentence asked myself, "Do I really believe that? Do I believe that while we as a ministry provide housing and programs and support for teen mothers and kids, that God is the ultimate provider? Do I believe that while we are as

Christians absolutely called to work hard in partnership with God in loving others, to bring justice and do mercy, that He is the ultimate provider? How in the face of so many practical needs do I trust God to provide and encourage our young mothers to do this same?

This musing lead me to a familiar passage, Matthew in Matthew 6, where Jesus says: *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* (such a true sentence!)

That passage give me hope. It is a message that I can live for, a message I can pass on to our young mothers, even if they don't fully understand it (as though I do! :) That is a message that allows me to work hard, but with the knowledge I am doing it in pursuit of the kingdom of God, and He is the one that brings change, and provides what we need. What a relief to me, to all of us! Your prayers, time and financial support are part of what ushers in the kingdom of God at NCHM.

Thank you for your partnership.

Katie Fantin, Executive Director

### Volunteer Opportunities

- **Hang out** at New Creation Home and get to know moms and their kids as a home supervisor. Weeknight and weekend times are available.
- **Cook dinner** for moms and their kids for a Tuesday night parenting/life skills class. Cook enough for 15 moms and 25 kids and drop off in East Palo Alto at 5:15 PM on that Tuesday evening.
- **Provide childcare** from 6:15 to 7:45 PM on Tuesday during a Parenting/Life Skills class, or from 6:30 to 7:45 PM on Monday during small group Bible study.

For additional information, call (650) 329-1603 or email [janice@newcreationhome.org](mailto:janice@newcreationhome.org)

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# Staff Corner..

**WHO ARE THE AWESOME PEOPLE THAT HANG OUT WITH OUR MOMS AND KIDS? ONE OF THOSE EXCELLENT STAFF IS JANICE CLARK. JANICE LEADS OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY, WEEKLY LIFE SKILLS/PARENTING CLASS AND SUPPORTS THE YOUNG MOMS LIVING AT OUR LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM. I SAT DOWN WITH JANICE RECENTLY AND HERE IS WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY!**

*How Long have you been at NCHM?* **Janice:** 6 weeks.

*What drew you to the position?:* **Janice:** God gave me a desire to work with young women in a Christian Ministry. By working in a Christian Ministry, I would be able to minister to and show young mothers the love of Christ through my actions. Also, I can witness the power of God's transformation in their lives.

*What are you looking forward to about working at NCHM?* **Janice:** I am looking forward to working with a dedicated and faithful staff in spreading the news about what NCHM has to offer to the community and abroad. Second, building relationships with our faithful volunteer staff. Without their dedication to the work that our organization does, we would not be able to minister to the young mothers and their children. Last, to empower and equip our young mothers through God's word to excel and to achieve their goals and to fall in love with Christ.

*What is your family like?* **Janice:** My husband and I have celebrated eighteen years of marriage and twenty three years of friendship. We have three beautiful children. I have been volunteering for over ten years serving my church, my husband at his place of employment, a non-profit organization and I have served in various positions at my children's school.

*What church do you attend and for how long?* **Janice:** I have been attending Jubilee Christian Center for five years. I serve on the Prayer Team Ministry and I am Lifegroup Leader. Also, I have served as a Foundation for Life teacher and an administrative assistant in the LifeGroup Ministry.

*What do you do in your spare time (like you have any?)* **Janice:** To keep me grounded, I love to study, spend time with God and my family. I enjoy meeting the needs of others, because it witnesses to them that God is real and it encourages me that God provides for needs of others.

Janice overseeing our weekly life skills/parenting class the week of Halloween



## Parenting/Life Skills Update!

In the last year, we have done some exciting things in our life skills/parenting class! We are especially glad for our most recent class, a 15 week anger management course, a class that made a major impact on the mothers attending the class. This class talked not only about how to deal with anger, but conflict resolution, communication skills and tools for dealing with difficult people. One of the best parts of the class, according to mothers who attended, was the daily worksheet that they would fill out when they were in a situation that made them angry. They could then bring those to class and would discuss as class how to deal with those

situations. Another comment made by several mothers attending the class was that the class really helped them decide to calm down when situations got difficult and take even a few seconds to breathe. Stay tuned for more great stories from our current class session!



## Esther's Story

My name is Esther and I am 21 years old and my daughter Abigail is 2 1/2 years old. I moved into New Creation Home due to the amount of stress that was building up at that point in life. Having a baby for the first time and taking care of my younger siblings was really hard, especially trying to focus in going to school. I first lived at New Creation Home for about 6 months, then I moved into NCHM's graduate program the Lighthouse where I got my GED and started thinking about further options.

New Creation Home Ministries helped me mature in the sense of appreciating and valuing those among me. I have been more aware of the Lord, and the path he has for me. Planning out my future and making the right decisions that I need to be successful in life.

The hardest thing about living at NCHM was realizing that God put me to the test, and sometimes in life you need to suffer in order to be a better person. I am proud that now I

am the person that I am. If it weren't for the lessons brought upon me and those who love me I wouldn't be where I am. I learned a lot through NCHM. One thing was that religion was just religion to me back then; now I see God and his blessings towards me and everywhere I go I see God in the elderly, in the poor, and the teens.

The other helpful things I learned were in parenting class that we had each week. It brought a lot of answers to the questions that our class had. I personally gained a lot of knowledge on the safety of our kids, their nutrition, and for us parents too. I decided to move out of the Lighthouse after 6 months because I felt ready to live more on my own.

Before I moved, I got a great part time job at Bayshore Christian Ministries, where I now work full time and also go to school in the afternoons at Heald College to be a Medical Billing and Coding Specialist. I am living in Sunnyvale but spend most of my time in East Palo Alto at work. When I am asked if other

young mothers should live at New Creation Home, I know the answer! New Creation Home is the opportunity that young mothers have as a foundation to strategically improve their lives for their children and they should definitely be aware of the rewards in life.

### Esther and Abby at New Creation Home



## Special Thanks

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- Our wonderful donors, and volunteers who helped us have an incredibly success Island Getaway Event on 9/13

## NCHM Wish List

- ◆ Baby wipes (unscented)
- ◆ Diapers for children of all ages
- ◆ Children's and Adult Medicine (Tylenol, Cough Medicine etc)
- ◆ Bulk grocery items (toilet paper, paper towels, cooking oil, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent, dish soap, Ziploc bags, etc.)
- ◆ Paper products (paper plates, cups, napkins, kitchen garbage bags)
- ◆ Office Supplies (Copy paper, printer ink cartridges, etc.)
- ◆ Cars in good, running condition for moms in our programs.
- ◆ Costco/Target Gift Cards
- ◆ Safeway Gift Cards

## Ways to Give

**Via Check:** Checks can be made out to "New Creation Home Ministries" and mailed to:  
NCHM

422 Hibiscus Court  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

**Credit Card:** Go to [www.newcreationhome.org](http://www.newcreationhome.org) and click on the Donate button.

**Stock:** To donate stock, please contact us directly at 650-321-3109.

### THE MISSION OF NCHM

New Creation Home Ministries provides safe, Christian residential and community programs for teen mothers and their children that focus on academic, spiritual, parenting, vocational, life skill, and social development.

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