

# New Creation

New Creation Home Ministries

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## NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*"When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required." Luke 12:48b (The New Living version)*

The end of 2006 felt like such a whirlwind in the life of NCHM! We saw our young mothers experience such tremendous joy and even some heartbreaking pain. It was also a hard time for our ministry as we said goodbye to some beloved staff (and welcomed some new staff, check out page 3)

The end the year also brought significant violence to the city of East Palo Alto. It was a reminder to me of how vulnerable we are, both as a community and as a ministry. We were fortunate in a sense, that we were not directly impacted by the violence (no one connected to NCHM was injured or killed) but it had a significant effect on our moms, their kids and our staff. It was a reminder that we do not operate in a vacuum at NCHM. We are vulnerable to all the elements of our community, both good and bad. It reminded even with an extraordinary amount of effort on the part of EPA's law enforcement, community organizations and churches, we still have a road to travel to see His Kingdom come in East Palo Alto.

Yet I feel hope in this new season as well as a

challenge. The challenge is to act faithfully in all that we have, whether it be little or much. To act with integrity and to be the best possible stewards of what has been given to us. We have been given a lot at NCHM, we have been entrusted with the lives of teen mothers and their children, all with their own needs and desires. We have been given the generous financial support of those encouraging us to persevere in loving these young women, and the time and talents of an incredible group of volunteers.

These gifts are evidenced in the lives of the 35 mothers NCHM served in 2006 and in the amazing financial provision that allowed us to end the year in the black financially (for the 5th year in a row!) We were also extravagantly blessed with provision of 4 donors whose generosity allowed us to gain full ownership of our Lighthouse facility. This has led us to look for a larger home, in order to house more teen mothers! Stay tuned for an update on the house hunting process. (And if you are interested in contributing specifically to that campaign, please contact me directly). We have been given much, much is required and more, as is needed to continue the work God is doing at NCHM. May we be found faithful in this season!

Katie Fantin, Executive Director



Some NCHM residents and staff take a minute to pose for a picture.

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# NCHM YEAR IN REVIEW

## ***About New Creation Home:***

NCH is a residential program operated by New Creation Home Ministries to provide a safe Christian environment for teen mothers 13-19 to raise their children and break out of unhealthy lifestyles. NCH supports the mothers in the following areas: education, parenting/life skills, and spiritual growth. Residents are expected to attend school full time.

- NCH housed **six teen mothers and six children** between the ages of 0-5 in 2006. Residents stayed an average of 10 months.
- One resident graduated from high school and two residents began community college programs.
- 100% of residents were enrolled and attending high school, GED programs or community college programs.

## ***About The Lighthouse:***

The Lighthouse is a residential program operated by New Creation Home Ministries which supports young mothers ages 19-22 by helping them learn independent living skills in order to transition into living on their own and supporting their children. Residents are expected to work full time or work part time and attend college or a trade/ technical school 20 hours per week. They also work with the Lighthouse Resident Manager to develop long-range employment, financial and housing plans.

- The Lighthouse housed **three young mothers and three children** ages 0-5 in 2006. Residents stayed an average of 6 months
- One mother delivered her newborn child healthily and safely while a resident at the Lighthouse. Two 2006 Lighthouse residents moved from the Lighthouse into their own apartments and are successfully supporting their children.

## ***About Parenting Class:***

- A total of 35 young mothers and their children attended our weekly life skills/parenting class offered in 4 ten-week quarters

## ***About our Finances:***

\*Income: \$229,912

Churches \$18,862, Foundation \$39,610, Individual \$159,839, Corporate/Organization \$11,600

Expenses: \$222,483

Program Services \$149,148, Management/General Admin \$68,005, Fundraising: \$5, 330

\*At the end of 2006, we received a special donation of \$130,00.00 allowing us to acquire an additional 54.3% our Lighthouse facility. This information has not yet been recorded on our balance sheet pending additional financial consultation with a CPA.

## NCHM STAFF UPDATE

We have had three great women join the NCHM staff team in the last 6 months! Tamora McFadden has joined as New Creation Home's House Manager, LaShauna Powers as our Program Coordinator and Marta Moreno as the Lighthouse House Manager. Each of these women bring great strength's to NCHM, and deep and abiding faith in Jesus and His power to change lives.

Both LaShauna and Tamora are deeply rooted in the community of East Palo Alto and their connection and relationships in our community have brought great benefit to NCHM. Marta has moved to the area fairly recently, and has first hand experience with many of the issue our young

mothers face. Marta additionally is bilingual in Spanish and English and which is incredibly helpful as the majority of mothers served by NCHM are Latino.

I asked each of them what their favorite part of serving at NCHM is and it was, just as I had hoped the relationships with the teen mothers and kids we serve. The residents and members of parenting class have bonded quickly and powerfully with this women. Please join me in welcoming our newest additions and praying that God would bless the work of their hands at NCHM.

## Joanna's Story

I have lived at New Creation Home for just over a year now. I moved in with daughter Julianna who is 2 years old. I moved in from living at my mom's house. I was having a hard time at home, my mom and I were fighting a lot and wasn't really doing the things I knew I needed to do.

I heard about New Creation Home from some friends. I heard that it was a good place to be and that they would help you a lot, so I decided to try and get in. Before I moved in, I wasn't going to school really at all, because I didn't really want to and because I had a hard time getting childcare and finding a way to get there every day. Now that I am at New Creation Home, I have lots of help with those things. NCHM staff help me get to school every day and drop my daughter off at daycare.

Also through the program, Julianna is in a great educational daycare center that she really likes. I am in the middle of getting my high school

GED and will be starting the Cosmetology program at College of San Mateo in the fall. I am excited about being in the Cosmetology program, it is something I have always wanted to pursue.

When I moved into NCHM I felt like I was a nice person, but I often would have a bad attitude and would get angry really easily. Since I have been at NCHM, I have been in counseling, each week and that has helped me deal with my anger. I have also been going to church every week and that has grown my relationship with God and going to weekly parenting classes has encouraged me to be a better mom.

It is hard sometimes living with other girls and their kids, but sometimes you get head bumps in life and you have to deal with them. It is good for me to learn how to get along with other people. My daughter Julianna really likes living at New Creation Home. She has grown and learned to talk while she has lived here and she



**Joanna with her daughter Julianna**

loves playing with the NCHM staff and the other kids living at the house.

I have been so glad for the help I have received at NCHM. The staff have really been there for me and helped me. They seem always to have resources for things that hadn't been easy to find before and I am very grateful for that. I know that my life has changed in so many ways because of NCHM and I always find myself trying to tell other girls that if they want to get support in reaching their goal, that they too should move into NCHM.

## Special Thanks

- First Baptist Church Menlo Park
- Mothers Together, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church
- Peninsula Bible Church
- Amy and Tyson Strutzenberg
- The Church of the Nativity
- The California Ear Institute
- Four donors, who through in-kind and cash donations allowed us to acquire 100% ownership of the Lighthouse.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Hang out** at New Creation Home and get to know moms and their kids as a home supervisor. Week-night 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 8:00 PM** on **Wednesday** during small group Bible study.

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

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[WWW.NEWCREATIONHOME.ORG](http://WWW.NEWCREATIONHOME.ORG)

## NCHM Wish List

- ◆ Diapers for children of all ages
- ◆ Baby wipes (unscented)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 2 new or slightly used Laptop Computers
- ◆ Office supplies (copy paper, pens, CD-RW's, etc..)
- ◆ Cars in good, running condition for moms in our programs.
- ◆ Costco/Target Gift Cards

### 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.

### NEW CREATION HOME MINISTRIES STAFF

Katie Fantin, Executive Director  
 Melissa Liotti, Housing Program Manager  
 Tamora McFadden, NCH House Manager  
 Marta Moreno, Lighthouse House Manager  
 LaShauna Powers, Program Coordinator

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