

New Creation Home

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New Creation Home Ministries exists to provide safe Christ centered housing and support services to teen mothers and children ages 13-22 that encourage academic, vocational, parenting, life skill, and social development.

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“There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living”. *Nelson Mandela*

One of the joys of working with young mothers and children at NCHM is watching them achieve their goals, however large or small. In 2009, we saw some wonderful goals reached. We saw young women make decisions to leave homes and relationships that were keeping them from living their best lives. We saw women finishing education programs that they weren't sure they could finish. We watched young mothers move out into safe housing situations and learn to support their children on their own. And there were smaller achievements, ones that were building blocks to bigger things to come, and we rejoice in all of them.

A primary part of NCHM's mission is to remind young mothers that they can have a good future that far surpasses the pain of their past. We remind them that they don't have to settle for a life that is less than it was meant to be, even if their circumstances make them feel as though they do. And finally, that God has a future with hope for them and their children and that their best path is one forward, not backwards.

Sometimes the reminders go unheeded, and we don't get to see goals reached, yet that doesn't change the message. And it is a message that we all need to hear, isn't it? I hope this edition of our newsletter encourages you to live fully the life God has given you. To pursue the dreams and calling that you believe God has given you and to try and do what seems impossible to you, with the knowledge that with God all things are possible. And you can do it like many of the young

mothers at NCHM do: one small step at a time, not always being sure of the outcome, and sometimes even taking a few steps back before moving forward again.

Thank you for the ways many of you have helped young mothers at NCHM move forward in their lives over the last year. Thank you for your financial support, for giving of your time and your talents in watching kids, teaching classes, and developing friendship with NCHM mothers and their children. I hope in this new year to see more and more NCHM mothers reach their goals, and that we can count you all as partners in their journey to do so.

Blessings,
Katie Fantin

Executive Director
NCHM

My name is Blanca and I am 23 years old. I have a 5 year old daughter named Jocelyn. I used to be a resident at New Creation Home Ministries and now I attend the weekly bible study and parenting classes. I have good friends from NCHM too.

I started living at NCHM in October of 2005, when I was 19 and have been connected ever since. I moved in because I wasn't having a great life with my baby's father, and I was having a hard time with my own family too. I had a public health nurse who helped me find NCHM.

First I lived at New Creation Home, and then I moved to the Lighthouse. Something I really like about NCHM is that I feel so much support from the staff that are there, support that I didn't have from my parents. I always feel that I can open up to them, which has made such a difference for me. I also really appreciated that there were all these good programs and things the staff would do to help me when I lived there.

When I was living there, I got a certificate in office skills which helped me when I was looking for jobs after I left. I also got help with transportation and eventually even got a car donated for when I left the program.

Living at NCHM helped me grow as a person. I learned some independence and also really appreciated that I had the time and opportunity to be in

counseling, and to learn to a lot about myself. I started to deal with some of the hard stuff that has happened to me in my life and learned how not to just be a victim, but also a survivor. I also learned a lot about God. I grew up in a Catholic family and I didn't really understand what it was all about. Living at NCHM I started going to the Vineyard Church and I found myself really learning about God's love and wanting to get closer to Him. Learning about Him was like learning about myself. I want to keep growing and learning about myself and God.

Now that I have been living on my own for while, I am having to think about different things. I have my medical assistant certificate and while I don't have a job now, I know that I am eventually going to be able to find one. I still have a lot of support from staff and girls at NCHM. I also am learning how to appreciate myself more.

Thanks to God, I have matured a lot. I feel way more positive now and am hanging out with people who are more positive which helps me a lot. I have increased self-esteem, and am trying to learn how to give back the things I have been given. I do this by sometimes talking to the girls living at NCHM about my experiences. Honestly I didn't always obey the rules when I was living at NCHM, because I really just wanted to do what I wanted to do. I realize now, the rules were just

there to help, even though I didn't think that at the time. I wasn't ready to listen to everything people were asking me to do. I have a different way of thinking now that I am not living at NCHM and try and share that with the girls living there when I have the chance.

What I think about life is different than it used to be, I am trying to follow God and do things that bring me closer to Him. I am trying to learn to be generous, even when I don't have as much money as I would like. I am trying to learn to be patient, even though its taking longer than I would like to find a job. I am grateful for my time at NCHM and hope I can keep growing and learning by having friends at NCHM and coming to parenting class and bible study.



(Blanca and her daughter Jocelyn)

New Creation Home Ministries 2009

Year End Report

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 12 teen mothers and 14 children between the ages of 0-5 in 2009. Residents stayed an average of 6 months.
- Three of the 12 New Creation Home residents graduated from the NCH program, and went on to live at NCHM's graduate program, The Lighthouse. Four of the remainder went on to live in positive living situations.
- One resident graduated from high school, two residents began community college programs. The remainder of residents enrolled and continued attending high school or GED programs, 50% for the first time since their pregnancy.

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.

- The Lighthouse housed **10 young mothers and 10 children** ages 0-5 in 2009. Residents stayed an average of 7 months
- Two 2009 residents finished post high school education programs, one in Cosmetology, the other in Culinary Arts.
- Five 2009 Lighthouse residents moved from the Lighthouse into positive living situations and are successfully supporting their children.

About Parenting Class:

- A total of 40 young mothers attended our weekly life skill/parenting class offered in 4 ten-week quarters. Classes included sessions on anger management, health and nutrition for mothers and children, and job readiness workshops, as well as a number of other parenting and life skills topics. Those attending were also able to receive donations of diapers and crucial baby/child supplies.

About our volunteers:

- Over volunteer 3,000 hours were donated to New Creation Home Ministries in the year 2009.

About our finances:

Income:

\$278,211

Expenses:

\$308,583

NCHM entered 2009 with a cash reserve, and while our income was lower than expenses for the first time in our organization's history we still had a cash balance as of the end 2009 thanks to the generosity of past donations.

NCHM would like to thank the following churches and foundations for their support in 2009:

Abundant Life Christian Fellowship
 Atkinson Foundation
 First Baptist Church of Menlo Park
 Flora Family Foundation
 The Highway Community
 Menlo Park Presbyterian Church
 Nativity Parish Menlo Park
 Palo Alto Christian Reformed Church
 Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund
 Sobrato Family Foundation
 Vineyard Christian Fellowship of the Peninsula
 World Outreach Mission

Ways to Give:

Checks can be made out to New Creation Home and mailed to:
NCHM

422 Hibiscus Court

East Palo Alto, CA 94303

Credit Card: Go to www.newcreationhome.org and click on the Donate button

Stock: To donate Stock, call 650-321-3109 or email Katie at katie@newcreationhome.org

When you do your online shopping, go to www.goodsearch.com or www.igive.com and look for New Creation Home Ministries. When you do online shopping through these sites, NCHM gets some of the proceeds

Volunteer Opportunities

Help Provide Childcare:

During our weekly Bible Study Mondays 6:20-7:45 (usually about 5-7 children)

During our weekly Parenting Class, Tuesdays, 6:15-8:00 pm (usually about 16 children)

Home Supervise at New Creation Home:

Come and just "hang out" with the residents at New Creation Home. Volunteers supervise resident moms and their children and provide overall support of the house. Open slots are Wed and Thursday evenings 6-9 and Saturdays 10-2, and 6-11.

Provide Dinner For A Parenting Class:

Individuals/groups can help by making/delivering dinner for our Tuesday night parenting classes. Dinners should feed 12-15 adults, and can be delivered by arrangement anytime before 5:15pm on Tuesdays.

For more info on volunteer, call Janice 650-329-1603 or email info@newcreationhome.org

WISH LIST

Please contact Katie at katie@newcreationhome.org or call 650-321-3109 if you are able to donate any items below.

Diapers for children of all ages (especially sizes 4-6)
Bulk grocery items (toilet paper, paper towels, cooking oil, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent, dish soap, etc.)

Paper products (paper plates, cups, napkins)

Women and children's toiletries (shampoo, lotion, soap, Q-tips, etc.)

Children and adult medicines (Tylenol, cough medicines, etc.)

Cars in good working condition for members of program

2 New Laptop Computers

NCHM Staff and Board

NCHM Staff

Katie Fantin, Executive Director
Melissa Liotti, NCH Housing Program Manager
Janice Clark, Program Coordinator
Lanita Morgan, Lighthouse Resident Manager
Nichelle Ingram, NCH Resident Manager
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