



Genesis House, Inc.

...a new beginning

Merry Christmas, 2014



THERE ARE MANY homeless mothers and children in Brevard County. The desperate phone calls come in every day from women who have **NO JOB, NO INCOME, NO TRANSPORTATION, NO CHILD-CARE SERVICE, NO SUPPORT SYSTEM, and NOT ENOUGH EDUCATION TO BECOME EMPLOYED AND SELF-SUFFICIENT.** Some of our callers are in abusive situations. This is the reality of the many women who call Genesis House for help.

We are able to provide shelter for many of the callers. Frequently we refer callers to other appropriate organizations such as Daily Bread, Brevard C.A.R.E.S., DCF, and Salvation Army.

We are now in our 37th year. We have helped over 14,000 women and children. We have 45 beds and cribs in our three shelter homes. **This past year 248 residents have been sheltered with 10,641 nights of occupied beds.** We provide our residents with safe, comfortable shelter, individual and group counseling, loving and supportive caring, and encouragement. The residents often start by improving their education, others find jobs, improve their family relationships, learn parenting skills, and get their lives back on track. We don't preach to our residents, but we show them God's love through our actions and positive, accepting attitude toward them while helping them. They often find their way to attending and joining a church. We work diligently to lead our residents into making positive changes in their lives.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 22:39)

I am grateful for all the donations, volunteer help, and the projects that have improved our shelter homes this year. Through your help and donations, we have been able to build a private counseling area at Genesis House II and install a circular driveway at Genesis House I.

This year we have had 15 teenage volunteers, 10 Webster University interns working on their Master's Degrees in counseling, and many individuals, churches, and organizations who gave generously of their time and talents. We continue to need your financial help and donations of volunteer time and projects. Thank you for your support and prayers.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another..." (1 Peter 4:10)

— **Mary Allen**, Founder and President of the Board of Directors



Genesis House I shelters adult mothers with children who are homeless or in transition.



Genesis House II provides a home for homeless mothers and their children while the mothers complete their education.



Genesis House III provides shelter for six homeless, pregnant women.

IT IS THE MISSION of Genesis House to provide transitional shelter for homeless women and their children, long-term housing for student mothers with children, and shelter for homeless pregnant women. Genesis House, Inc. is committed to providing a safe, supportive, caring environment. Education, self-discipline, self-reliance, and independence from the welfare system are earnestly promoted. Counseling, personal improvement classes, and appropriate health care are obtained for all residents. Classes in childbirth and parenting are provided as needed.



Halloween Party at GH II, October

WE WERE SELECTED...

Genesis House, Inc. is the **2014 Volunteer Organization of the Year**, as selected by



Florida TODAY newspaper on November 6 at the **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS** ceremony for the finalists.

This award allows us to share our 37-year

mission with the entire community and gain new support in providing help to homeless women, their children, and abandoned pregnant women. The Board of Genesis House, Inc. and staff are humbled and honored by this recognition.



Mary Allen, GH staff, and volunteers at the Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremony

TESTIMONIALS

"It's my first day of college, and I just wanted to say thank you because without the help from everyone at Genesis House, this would not be happening right now. I couldn't go to school today without extending my gratitude and thankfulness to Genesis House and everyone who works there and has been there for me. I wanted to say I love everyone there, thank you for everything you did for me and my daughter throughout the time we were there. God Bless Genesis House."

— *Phone message from a former resident.*

"Everyone was very helpful and played key roles in helping me achieve my goals. Thank you to all of you."

— *Exit note from a former resident*

"Living here was a blessing for me and my children. I learned a lot being a resident at Genesis House. I also learned a lot from the staff. My overall view of Genesis House is that no matter what you've been through they are not here to judge you. You are treated with respect, kindness and love."

— *Exit note from Latasha, former resident of GH II (the student house) and a recent college graduate*



Latasha graduates from Keiser University, June



A GENESIS OF ART was a huge success in 2014. The evening was centered on a "Paint Around" with incredible art produced before our eyes by local watercolor artists: Beth-Anne Fairchild, Linda Neal, Frank Spino, Lolly Walton, Cindy McKee and Therese Ferguson. We were entertained by Julia Bullock on the piano; food was catered by The Christian Culinarian. The setting at Lexus of Melbourne was spectacular, and we are pleased to announce they have graciously offered to host the **second A Genesis of Art to be held on January 24, 2015**. Artists Frank Spino, Therese Ferguson, Linda Neal, and Cindy McKee have all agreed to participate again. We will have music, food, beverages, raffles and lots of art. This will be a fun evening out with lots of time for socializing while raising funds for Genesis House. Please come and bring your friends. Tickets are priced at \$100 a person, or consider one of the Sponsorships Levels: Rembrandt for \$750 (receives 6 tickets), DaVinci for \$500 (receives 4 tickets), or Michelangelo for \$250 (receives 2 tickets). For more information call Kristen at 288-4754.

The Rotary Clubs of Indialantic and Eau Gallie Present

Joyful Winds Jubilee

December 13, 2014

Holy Trinity Episcopal Upper School

\$20 Adult, \$10 Children

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Genesis House, Inc.

For ticket info, call Kristen 288-4754



10th Annual Genesis House Golf Tournament

April 19, 2015

Suntree Country Club

Sponsorships available:

\$1500, \$1000, \$500, \$150

Play \$100 ea.

Call Kristen for details, 288-4754

Volunteers needed to address envelopes for our Annual Valentine "Virtual" Dinner Party fundraiser in February.

Will you be our Valentine?

Please join us for our Annual "Virtual" Dinner Party!

- ▼ NO juggling your schedule
- ▼ NO finding a babysitter
- ▼ NO venue to attend
- ▼ NO need to rest
- ▼ NO gown to buy
- ▼ NO traveling

YOU get to stay at home with your feet up & relax with our cup of tea! Just select what you would like for your imaginary dinner, add up the costs and write a check for that amount to:

GENESIS HOUSE

THE FUNDRAISERS CORNER



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Christmas gift items are needed by Saturday, Dec 13 for our Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec 18. Gifts received after Dec 13 will be put under the Christmas trees in the houses. Please – gifts unwrapped or in gift bags. For details, please leave a message for Mary at 321-723-3133

Mothers (sizes: 6 small, 9 med., 8 large, 5 ex-large)

Sweaters
Light-weight jackets
Bathrobes
Pajamas
Slippers (non-slip soles)
Purses
Wallets
Watches
Pants or jeans
Tops, casual or dressy

Gas or oil-change gift cards
Phone cards and/or Track Phone minute cards
Backpacks for adult students
Children (boys and girls ages infant through 12 years)
Sweaters
Pajamas
Slippers (non-slip soles)
Backpacks for school-aged children
Socks
Toys
Zoo tickets



Gifts for the Houses

Pan set
Glasses
Silverware
12 bath-sized rugs (non-slip)
Bath towels and wash cloths
Bed set (twin-size only)
Gift cards and cash
donations also are very much appreciated (we will shop for needed items)

Governing Board

Mary Allen
Janice K. Hill
Marie Strock
Michael D. Allen
Carol Ashwell
Laura K. Chiesman

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Susan Adams	Michael Foley
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	Les Wilmeth

OUR NEEDS

ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Financial help with utility bills
Monthly contributors
Household cleaning supplies
Laundry supplies
Dishwasher detergent
Paper towels, napkins, toilet tissue
Storage bags, garbage bags
Baby diapers & supplies
Crib sheets
Baby & children clothing
Fitted sheets and mattress protectors for deep twin mattresses
Pillows and pillow covers
Bath towels, wash cloths
Personal shower baskets (for soap, etc.)
Soap, shampoo, conditioner
Hand sanitizers, sanitizing wipes
Skidproof area rugs, doormats
Laundry baskets
Vinyl table cloths (90" & 70" round.)
Bus passes
Gift cards for birthdays for mothers & children
Gift cards for gas & groceries
School supplies

SPECIAL ITEMS NEEDED

Good used car for a resident
New microwave oven
Pots, baking pans & dishes, cookie sheets
Kitchen utensils
Twin-size quilts
Chests of drawers for GH II
Matching coffee and end tables
PCs & laptops (with wireless capability) for GH II students
Paper shredder
Blinds, wooden, custom-fit, 6 sets

PROJECTS NEEDED

Well, pump, and sprinklers for GH I
Sponsor for next year's newsletter
Sponsors for Golf Tournament & A Genesis of Art
Seasonal yard work
Supplies for Christmas Dinner

We are very happy to announce:

New Genesis House Guild is being formed.

You are invited! On Thursday, **February 12, 2015** the newly formed Genesis House Guild will host a **Membership Drive Open House** from 4 to 6 p.m. on Genesis House property. The Guild's purpose is to operate as a fundraising arm of Genesis House, Inc., to serve as community liaisons and advocates, increasing awareness and broadening the base of financial support for Genesis House, Inc. The inaugural Guild Board is as follows:

Carol Ashwell, President
Anita Carbone, Co-VP of Membership
Nan Evans, Co-VP of Membership
Jill Liles, VP of Communication
Dana Morgan, VP of Fund Development
Kristen Snyder, Treasurer
Trudy Lannon, Assistant Treasurer
Valerie Miller, Recording Secretary
Laura Chiesman, Member-at-Large
Tracy Lewis, Member-at-Large
Jeanette Pitten, Member-at-Large

Come and find out what we are all about. For more information, call Kristen 288-4754.

SPECIAL THANKS

- Anita Carbone & Carol Ashwell for organizing the new Genesis House Guild
- Wayne and Julie Matchett for newsletter production & website maintenance
- Claire Gibbs for improving our "Free Boutique"
- Covenant Presbyterian Church for annual repair work projects
- St. Paul Lutheran Church for teaching Summer Bible School and providing a birthday cake each month



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