



Hope House

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An Opportunity for Hope – A Chance to Help

It's no mistake that it is called Hope House. This is the place where teen moms and their small children, often with nothing left but perhaps a bit of hope, find a home and a whole staff of highly trained women to support them in their quest for emotional health and self sufficiency. My name is Donna Wehner and I've been volunteering for Hope House since 2006. My husband Bill, and I, also support Hope House financially. My current challenge is to write a book about this amazing ministry located in Arvada, Colorado. A more short term goal? **To interest you in lending your hand and your heart to a young girl (and her child) who need you more than she can express.**



Hope House began as a Residential Program for a small number of girls and their babies. It has grown to include a Mentoring Program and GED Program for girls who don't need housing but desperately need the same tools the residents get: their GED and education beyond that, if appropriate, parenting skills, cooking skills, relationship skills, and, so importantly, a deep understanding that there is a loving God who cares for them. Hope House is the staff – gentle, caring, competent, respectful and always using best practices in working with the girls. This staff loves to laugh, a deep, joyous laugh from the heart. Their joy permeates everything they do. Volunteers, too, care deeply about the girls and their children. They supply both time and resources to help the girls succeed, as well as the gentle caring and consistency, that these girls may never before have experienced in their young lives. Through the volunteers, these girls begin to really understand the meaning of hope.

Hope House is the kind of real that is inspirational and transformational; the kind of real that makes my heart sing and puts a smile on my face, that makes me feel I really can make a difference in this world. When I first signed on as a volunteer I could not have guessed that the girls, the staff and the volunteers would capture my heart so completely. **Might they be able to capture yours as well?**

Donna Wehner,
Hope House of Colorado Volunteer

*Please use the enclosed envelope
or visit our website for more info
on giving and getting involved.*



It is with great emotion that I am announcing the resignation of my co-founder and Hope House Program Director, Amie Walton. With much celebration, and a few tears, Amie left in Dec 2010 to pursue a Master's Degree and a new direction in her life, and that of her family.

Please go to the website at www.hopehouseofcolorado.org to read her farewell letter to all of you! We are also excited to introduce our new Program Director, long-time employee, Robin Scott, who has served at Hope House since we opened!

Lisa Steven
Lisa Steven, Executive Director
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