



House of Hope Ministries

Dedicated to sharing Hope, Faith and Love to all people in our community.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

2008 Year End Newsletter

Happy Holidays and a Very Merry Christmas to ALL!!!

As our operations come to a close for 2008, our **6th** Year, we are pleased to announce the increase in our service to our community. "Thanks" to the help from our partnering community we have kept our homes opened and have added new ones to meet the need of our community. We are close to the 400 people we have provided housing for in our community.

A special "thanks" for all who donated their time in the many areas we have to volunteer, who gave great usable items for our homes and Thrift store, and who have helped us financially. We could not continue without your support and prayers.

A great big "thanks" goes to the forty-five volunteers who came and completely changed the exterior and grounds of one of the HOHM homes. Known as the "I Heart Bend" project, over twenty youths came and worked very hard to help us and we will not forget them ever. Mom's and Dad's came and it was an awesome site and full day shared by all.

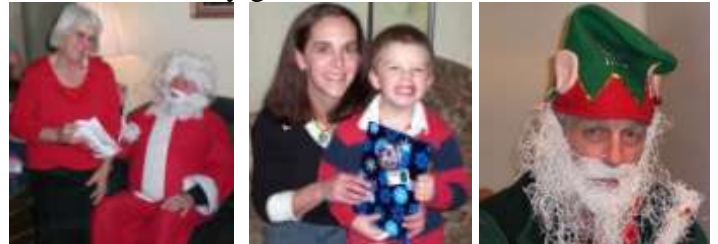
The Redmond group known as the "Darlings" has also come through again in 2008 as a strong supporter of HOHM. We are so Thankful to them for helping us put a new face on our "Lavender Thrift and Gift store.



with painting parties, landscaping and new signs. We operate this store to support HOHM.

One of the greatest events the "Darlings" do all year long is the monthly pot-luck at our women and children's home, providing great foods, fun activities and wisdom to our members and children.

At Christmas they go all out with a visit from Santa



and one of his Elf's with lots of presents and homemade goodies to eat.

This group has also given financially. Even in our hard times there is no end to their giving hearts. They took it upon themselves to create a Christmas card fundraiser at the last minute. Cards were created by two of our women and we still have some packs available for sale around Redmond at the Lavender Thrift, Santiago's Mate and Local Grounds. Hurry they won't last long!



They also helped me with the birthing of our website, at www.houseofhope-bend.org, and logo that you see at the top of this newsletter.

We also want to take this time to say "thanks" to the many people and Organizations who donate to House of Hope Ministries, helping us keep our doors open and helping us open new places for more opportunities for people to find safe, Drug and Alcohol free living environments. All who come to us also hear about about our God who directed us to start the HOHM and homes, and how much He loves them and told us to give them that message. Thank you all for helping us make this possible.

We are so blessed to have such wonderful people help us serve the Central Oregon area. Way to go people of Bend and Redmond!

Our new DVD, "I Have a Dream" donated by Westside Church, Bend, is now available for any group who has an interest in our Dream for the community. It will eventually be available on our website as well. I am more than excited about coming to your group and speaking about House of Hope Ministries and the, "I Have a Dream," Vision. Please call Darlene Woods at 541.390.1594 to arrange a presentation.

New Events: Construction of our new House of Hope home, just north of Bend is now finished. A huge "Thank you" to all the volunteers who came on board during the coldest part of last winter and helped finish this home on time. We have started to serve our community here, with a wonderful Potluck and Bible study every Sunday, 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited, and if you can bring a food item, but come anyway as we always have plenty and bring a heart to serve our community.

Rooms Available: We have leased a large home close to the center of Bend, for women and children. It opened in October and still has available spaces. Our website also list rooms that are available through the various HOHM homes.

Coming Soon: February 1, 2009, we will open up a Residential Christian Treatment home here in Bend. We have needed this for a long time. We are applying for Grants to help with the costs and are also hoping our community will support this much needed service.

We are in need of our community to help us in a new way as our economy has changed and our people

first steps of their new lives. We feel the more minds working on this the better our chances of creating some meaningful employment.

"What could we build, manufacture, package, assemble, provide maintenance, transport, clean, oversee, grow, etc. We need ideas from our community. We can do almost anything and are willing to work for our hand up. We have buildings to use and lots of land available so space is not an issue. We have some great minds to oversee the projects and teach work skills. We do need our community's financial support to continue, but for the long range plan we need to earn our own way with job opportunities so we can give back to a community that first gave to us."

...from the heart of the House of Hope members

Have a Great New Year, give someone a Smile and change a Life through the Power of the Lord we serve - and you can too.

Please join us. You'll have a great time and there is no end to the Blessings you will receive.

*Darlene Woods
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