



# LIFEHOUSE

## MILESTONES AND MIRACLES 2014

In 2014, LifeHouse continued it's mission to help girls choose life for their unborn children by providing housing, help and hope. Our outcomes are as follows:

	Count	%
Women Served (Age 12+)	35	
Total Bed Nights provided	1,899	
Counseling Hours Provided	225.5	
Average Age	22	
Average Stay	70 nights	
Resident Demographics		
Minors	2	6%
Adults	33	94%
White	8	23%
Hispanic	6	17%
African American	20	57%
Other	1	3%
Volunteer Hours Donated	500	
Number of Unique Volunteers	75	

Outcomes		
Healthy Babies born (1 set of twins)	36	100%
Adoptions	0	0%
Received Jesus as their Lord	14	40%
<b>Residents Who Completed Program:</b>		
Continued Education	12	37%
Continued Employment	4	21%
Moved in with Family	6	32%
Moved into Transitional Living	6	32%
Moved into Independent Living	7	37%



## 2014 DEVELOPMENTS

### CLIENT POPULATION

Last year marked a significant change in our residential client population. After seeing an increasing population of minors coming to LifeHouse, last year that percentage dropped dramatically.

	2014	2013	2012	2011
Percentage of residents under age 18 (at intake)	6%	42%	32%	25%

LifeHouse is committed to serving women - regardless of their status as adults or minors - who are pregnant and need housing. As such, we have worked to accommodate this new mix of women so that we can help as many as possible. In turn, we have the lowest number of minor served in our recent history. If the number of minors who need housing returns to previous levels, we will again be responsive.

### POST-PARTUM PLANS

Last year, LifeHouse renewed our focus on our core mission: **to provide residential housing for women who decide to carry their babies to term.** As part of re-focusing, we wound down our residential post-partum program in 2014. This affected the number of clients served, average length of stay, and total bed nights provided (since we are no longer counting the babies that came back to live at LifeHouse after birth). For example, we increased the mothers we can serve (from 19 in 2013 to **35** in 2014) since we no longer had to reserve spaces for babies in order to abide by the headcount limits set by state licensing standards.

We thoughtfully made this change. The appeal of newborns living under the same roof (while cared for with the support of experienced house parents) made it challenging for our pregnant residents to observe and understand the realities of caring for a baby. After we started accepting girls as post-partum residents in 2009, we saw that the rate of girls who were willing to consider adoption dropped significantly.

Of course, we do not consider our work with these girls as finished once they give birth and leave our Residential Housing program. Most importantly, we closely work with our residents throughout their time at LifeHouse to develop a plan for where they will live and how they will care for their baby. Now, once a girl gives birth, she can participate in our "LifeLine" program designed for women who are not living at LifeHouse. Through LifeLine, we provide case management and counseling for up to two years after they leave LifeHouse.

