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LIFEHOUSE LIFELETTER

LifeHouse is a Christ-centered ministry ensuring life for unborn children by providing opportunities for housing, help, and hope for young women during their pregnancies and beyond.



*Pictured from left to right: Craig Crudgington, Mike O'Donnel (Tournament Chairman), Dr. David Cook, Mike Dietrich, Chris Galliano

LINKS FOR LIFE TOURNAMENT A DAY TO REMEMBER

LifeHouse exceeded expectations at this year's 12th Annual Links for Life Golf Tournament. The beautiful weather, top-rated golf course and unique tournament activities made it a day to remember for over 100 golfers.

Before the tournament began, former LifeHouse resident Jennie Shirley shared her powerful story of adoption and hope on the driving range. Throughout the day golfers from across Houston, and even a few from out of state, played a competitive game and participated in special activities. They enjoyed shooting a golf ball out of an AR gun, recording their swing on TrackMan, and putting with special guest speaker, Dr. David Cook, author of *Golf's Sacred Journey: Seven Days in Utopia*. The day ended with a message on painting a masterpiece on the course and in our own lives by Dr. Cook.

A special thank you to this year's top sponsors for partnering with LifeHouse to save lives - two at a time! The **Title Sponsor** was Network Funding, LP and the **Masters Sponsor** was Segment Wealth Management. **British Open Sponsors** were Accron, LP; Castex Foundation; Estate Partners, LLC; Kinder Morgan Terminals; M.J. Sheridan of Texas; Perry Homes; and Vertex Energy.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO PLAN NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT, CONTACT AMBER.NEUSE@LIFEHOUSEHOUSTON.ORG.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CELEBRATION DINNER 2019

STAND FOR LIFE, AN EVENING WITH CHARLOTTE PENCE

Sunday, September 22, 2019

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ALL IN FOR LIFE CASINO NIGHT

FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Friday, October 25, 2019



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

MEET ESTHER

Esther joined the LifeHouse team in the spring of 2019 as the full-time Residential Program Manager. From running a family business to managing shelter operations at Bay Area Turning Point, her skills made her the perfect fit for this new ministry position.

Even before coming to the ministry, Esther's desire was to walk with God in her personal life as well as her professional life. Her passion is to love the woman who comes from trauma and abuse. In turn, she is excited to serve the unborn child and make an impact for generations to come. In this role, she desires to give each woman and child a home where they feel secure and safe.

Esther is a mother to five and a grandmother to four beautiful grandchildren. She lives in Deer Park and is an active member of Grace Church.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE LIFEHOUSE TEAM AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF WOMEN? VISIT LIFEHOUSEHOUSTON.ORG TO VIEW OPEN STAFF POSITIONS AND APPLY!

HOUSING

JESSICA, CURRENT RESIDENT

A new journey, a new stage, a new life – this is LifeHouse to Jessica. With her baby boy, Levi, due in December Jessica is on a new path in life.

Jessica had a stable homelife as a child but began to find her value in men when she went to college. This led to a recurring drug addiction, seasons of homelessness and frequent struggles of loneliness. Nine months ago, desperate and tired, Jessica entered herself into a rehab program and started a season of recovery and drawing near to God.

However, she fell back into her unhealthy habits of seeking a man's attention during a time of loneliness. She came to LifeHouse just weeks after she found out that she was pregnant and unable to stay in her transitional housing.

During her time in the home she has reconnected with her heavenly Father, and she is beginning to find her value in Him. She doesn't feel the need to go back to drugs and is comfortable with being single. Jessica has found an extended family at LifeHouse.

JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR JESSICA AS SHE CONTINUES TO HEAL AND DRAW NEAR TO GOD AT LIFEHOUSE.

*Jessica at the LifeHouse campus.





*Daesha, current Aftercare Program resident and son, Zion.

HELP

AFTERCARE EXPANSION

LifeHouse Aftercare is expanding! The LifeHouse Aftercare Program launched in late 2017 at a home in the Third Ward as a discipleship program with an education focus for women in their first year of motherhood.

This program was birthed out of the proven therapeutic knowledge that if a secure attachment (connection) is made between the mother and child in the first year of the child's life, the child will be significantly more likely to have healthy relationships for the rest of his or her life.

This summer, LifeHouse is beginning the transition of one of the maternity homes at the Hobby area campus to be the second Aftercare home. Maternity home residents will be invited to apply during their pregnancy, and they will participate in the Aftercare Program until the baby is 16 months old. This home will feature an employment track, guiding the residents into jobs that fit well in their new journey of motherhood. Three women and their three babies will live in this home along with their house parents who are eager to support them in this new season.

JOIN LIFEHOUSE IN PRAYER FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION OF THIS HOME INTO THE AFTERCARE PROGRAM. TO JOIN OUR WEEKLY PRAYER TEAM, EMAIL BECKA.PETTICREW@LIFEHOUSEHOUSTON.ORG.



HOPE

LIFELINE FAMILY REUNION

Former LifeHouse residents and their children as well as former house parents gathered at Apostles - Houston in the Heights for the first annual LifeLine Family Reunion. Sno-cones, cotton candy, crafts, bounce-houses and many sweet reconnections made this day one to remember. Several of the women hadn't seen each other since they were roommates at LifeHouse during their pregnancies.

The event brought a new meaning to the word "family" in that past residents came "home" to the family they were essentially adopted into during the hardest time in their lives. Many spoke of the influence LifeHouse had in not just sharing the gospel with them, but also showing the gospel through discipleship.

Nicole, a former resident of LifeHouse from seven years ago shared "LifeHouse will always be a huge part of my heart and life. I pray that one day I can give back the way they gave to me." Nicole placed her son for adoption while living at the ministry and stays in touch with him and his family until this day.

**WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR LIFELINE.
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FOR MORE DETAILS.**



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CHRIS SPRADLEY VOLUNTEER



While exploring ministries to support, Chris Spradley felt a conviction that it's not enough to be against abortion. He felt the church is also called to invest in the life of both the women and their children. For this reason, Chris sought LifeHouse to volunteer with.

Residents identify Chris as safe male figure in the homes. He regularly visits the homes for "Family Fun Friday" where he hosts dinner through a cooking and nutrition class. The women learn not only how to cook, but also how to interact with a healthy male figure who loves Jesus.

After spending time with the residents Chris says he feels encouraged and grateful for the work that God is doing in them. The women embrace Chris in the home as each time he shares with them a message that they are precious and deeply loved by the same God who is knitting their child in the womb.

The ministry is so grateful for men like Chris who are helping to love the women to healing!

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