



A home & program for young women with unplanned pregnancies.

July 2010

"Our family likes to serve others, so we are excited to minister together to the residents of Ruth Harbor."

- New House Parents, Mike and Mary Hain

Welcome, New House Parents!

Please join us in welcoming **Mike and Mary Hain** to the Ruth Harbor staff team. We are excited to share with you how God led them to this important ministry position of providing care, leadership, and support for young women in need.

Fifteen years ago, Mike and Mary Hain entered into a life of serving God in youth ministry. Over the past year, they sensed that the Lord was leading them away from ministry in the local church context. After much prayer, counsel, and listening to God, on March 7, Mike announced to his church that he had decided to step away as a youth pastor.

Having no plans of their own for their next steps, Mike and Mary put their future in God's hands and began searching for work. Mike remembered meeting [Ruth Harbor Executive Director] Mark McDougal on a couple of occasions in the past and had a good impression of the ministry and its leadership based on those encounters. He and Mary first saw potential when he discovered the job posting for house parents on the Ruth Harbor website.

Mike and Mary began talking with McDougal, and as a friendship developed between them, McDougal sensed too



*The Hain Family
(Mike & Mary with daughters
Julie & Joyous)*

Did You Know?

You can review past issues of Ruth Harbor's eNews at www.RuthHarbor.org.

Calendar

Sunday, July 25
Parents' Day

Parents' Day is an American Holiday celebrating parents who provide for strong families to make a strong America.

Wish List

See our [feature article](#) below for more about our Wish List.

Quick Links

[About Us](#)

[Our Mission](#)

[Contribute Online](#)

that God was calling the Hains into the role of house parents. Ruth Harbor extended an invitation to the Hains to become the new house parents and the family joyfully accepted. The Hains were able to quickly find renters for their home - another blessing from God - and they moved to Ruth Harbor in June to start this new chapter of their life.

Now, for the first time, Ruth Harbor has house parents with school-age children: Julie, who will turn 16 this month, and Joyous, who is 10. Although past house parents were "empty nesters," after meeting the Hains, McDougal now says he can see how this family dynamic could benefit the young women Ruth Harbor serves.

"Many young women want to see what it means to parent from a positive Christian perspective," Mark McDougal said. "While we can educate with books, speakers, and videos on parenting, why not model Christian parenting to them as well."

Mike said one of the greatest things about becoming house parents is being able to serve alongside his wife, whose relationship building skills are already impacting the home, and have his daughters be actively involved in the ministry as well.

"Mary has always been very passionate about ministry and helped me out so much over the years so I'm really looking forward to now being part of a team with her," Mike said. "And our family likes to serve others, so we are excited to minister together to the residents of Ruth Harbor."

[Read more](#) about the Hain family or [e-mail a supportive note](#) to Mike and Mary or to introduce yourself!



Key Ministry Needs Know Someone Who Can Help?

"So," you say, "God has not called me to be a staff member at Ruth Harbor, but how can I help?"

While financial support remains a key to maintaining services for residents, God often uses supportive members of the body of Christ to "connect" Ruth Harbor with needed human resources or service! Here are three key needs. Can you help "connect" us with someone you know?

1. New staff or volunteer with clothing sales or retail experience.

That's right! Ruth Harbor needs a key person to help them realize one of their dreams to open a "Thrift Boutique" where:

- Ruth Harbor clients can be immediately employed and gain valuable experience in marketing, customer service, sales, record keeping, and inventory.



- Ruth Harbor could further steward its donated clothing for women and babies.
- Ruth Harbor residents could display and sell "cottage industry" products.
- Ruth Harbor can connect and communicate personally with the public.
- Ruth Harbor can utilize community members who wish to volunteer



2. Used car

A recent alumna is returning to her job and needs to locate a low-cost, dependable car. She has saved a little money and is looking for a 4-door vehicle to transport her and her new baby.

Also, Ruth Harbor's minivans are nearing the end of their useful lives! A reliable 4-door vehicle is being sought to replace one of the vans.

3. Wish List

Many needed services and products, small to large, are listed [HERE](#) on Ruth Harbor's wish list. You can review the list from time to time [on our website](#) and see if you have something that God can use in meeting Ruth Harbor needs. There's every thing from postage stamps and NIV Student Bibles to gift certificates and a conference table.



Thanks for considering how you can help!

[Forward email](#)

[SafeUnsubscribe](#)®

This email was sent to mark@ruthharbor.org by ruthharbor@ruthharbor.org.
[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe](#)™ | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by

