



A home & program for young women with unplanned pregnancies.

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"She said 'thank you' and gave me a hug!"

- house mom describing the changed heart of a new resident

Never a Dull Moment at the Ruth Harbor House!

For some, the winter months mean that things slow down as if awaiting spring. Not the case at Ruth Harbor!

A bustling house of young residents and an active, serving staff have caused even greater activity at the Ruth Harbor home than normal!

Residents are attending school, signing up for birthing classes, taking their turn with doing dishes, volunteering at a childcare facility, and working (or seeking employment) to name a few things. All are reviewing materials and learning more about their future, whether planning to parent or place for adoption. One resident recently received her driving permit and hopes to get her license.



When the residents are active, so is the staff that supports them! Scheduling starts with work and school, but extends to volunteering, doctor appointments, library visits, and grocery shopping. Transportation support for all of these activities keeps both of our minivans rolling much of the day.

Volunteers have assisted our residents, organized our food pantry, sorted clothing donations, cooked, cleaned, updated computers, and painted... to name a few!

God's kingdom work is evident at Ruth Harbor... not just because of activity, but also because of the life changes observed in our residents. When the buzz of a typical day culminates in reflective discussion after our family-style

Did You Know?

Five new residents have entered Ruth Harbor this year.

Mark Your Calendar

Save The Date!
Saturday morning, May 7 is the annual Walk for Life and 10th Anniv. Celebration!

Featured Wish List Items

- Sturdy Hall-tree/Coat Hanger
- Anti-bacterial Clorox Wipes
- Large microwave for kitchen (white)

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dinner, it quickly becomes evident that the purposeful activity of the day has helped our residents move yet closer toward their goals.

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Seeking House Parents

A key staff role in showing grace, love, and leadership to residents is our house parents. Mike and Mary Hain are currently serving Ruth Harbor as house parents, however, after careful consideration and prayer have determined that it is not in the best interest of their family to continue in their present role and live at the Ruth Harbor Home.

Positions like this are often filled through purposeful, thoughtful "word of mouth" among those in our area that really care about serving God, our community, and these young women. ***Would you help us identify couples that might consider this position at Ruth Harbor?*** Your suggestion is key to beginning conversations with qualified candidates. Some couples that you know should consider this employment and ministry opportunity. The rewards are eternal! [See the job description.](#)

Several new innovations and influences have blessed the Ruth Harbor home while the Hains have led in the home.

Among them are:

- Individual mentoring program for residents.
- Character qualities devotional program for residents.
- Updated decor for resident bedrooms.
- Scheduling solutions for multiple residents.

The role of house parent is unique, rewarding, taxing, and invigorating - all at once! Please pray as Ruth Harbor seeks God's choice for the next season of house parenting.

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