

# LIGHTHOUSE



Working to ensure every human heart is cherished...  
within the womb and within strong families

## Seasonal Blessings

As we enter the summer season, we spend more time outside enjoying the natural fruits of God's creation. We swim in rivers, lakes, and oceans, and hike along trails through scenic woodlands appreciating our Creator's handiwork. We observe affirmations of LIFE everywhere in nature and are reminded that the gift of LIFE is something to be protected and cherished. At the Light House we observe affirmations of LIFE every time a young woman makes the choice to bring a new LIFE into the world.

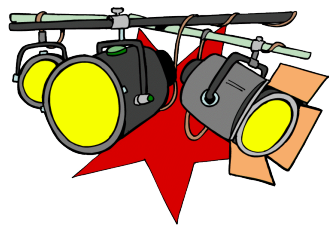
Unfortunately, some young women won't find the Light House this summer. They won't find the support they so desperately need to be able to give their babies a chance at life. Some will even encounter discouragement of a decision to affirm and accept God's blessing of new LIFE. The Light House is the antidote to this discouragement.

Many young women arrive at the Light House uncertain of their decision to move forward in their new and overwhelming journey. The Light House is ready to accompany each young woman every step of the way on this journey. Each young woman receives the material, emotional and spiritual care that she needs to follow through on the promise of LIFE she makes to her baby.

To ensure that each young woman can keep her promise to her baby, the Light House provides 24-hour, comprehensive residential care. This means that whether a client has a need at two in the afternoon or two in the morning there will be a staff member ready to respond.

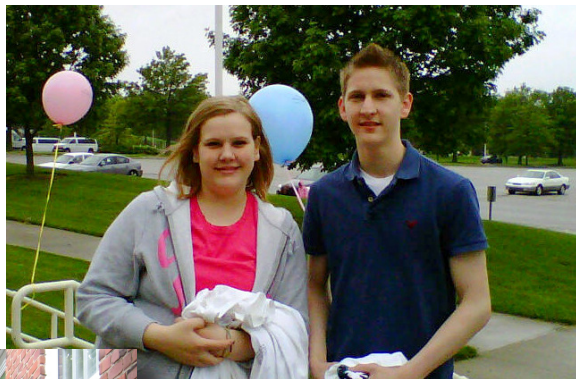
As summer arrives and we prepare to celebrate fatherhood this June, we pray that you will take a moment to consider renewing your generous support of the young mothers and fathers who must decide whether to affirm the precious gift of LIFE that grows inside. We thank you and hope you enjoy the many blessings of the season!

Sincerely,  
Light House Staff



*Katelynn and Jordan Bryant raised \$1,500 for the Light House through bake sales held at a local Sam's Club store. Sam's club matched the \$750 Jordan and Katelynn raised through the bake sales.*

## Volunteer Spotlight



*Katy Crews, Light House volunteer, helped raise more than \$8,000 for the Light House through the bottle drive fundraiser at Colonial Presbyterian Church. Katie also volunteers as a babysitter for the Light House Outreach program and served on the 'Walk for Life' fundraiser committee.*



## Karen's Story

Hi, my name is Karen. I'm not really sure how to start this. I have never written anything like this before, so here goes nothing. No laughing, okay?

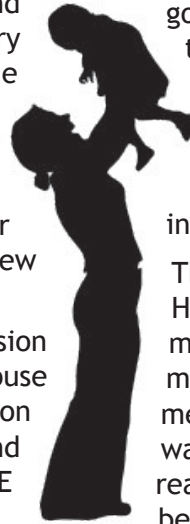
Everything happens for a reason. Becoming pregnant was so unexpected for me. My life was just beginning. I was so not ready for a baby. Out of my six friends, I was the only one who seemed like I wasn't going to get pregnant. I planned to finish school and become financially stable before bringing a precious being into the world. What was I going to do? Where was I going to go?

Then, God led me to the Light House. I have never met so many people that cared about me and loved me so much. For me, being at the Light House was initially very hard. I wasn't really into the discipline thing because I was a very stubborn, disobedient person. The Light House changed that. I have learned so much about the goodness of God and how He loves me so much. He blesses me with so many things such as: a baby, the Light House, guidance and people who love and take care of me. There are so many things I am thankful for, and if it wasn't for the Light House or the goodness of God, I don't know where I would be, or where I would have gone. The Light House taught me so much about love and understanding. I wish I could express this further.

Someone told me there is a special passage in the Bible for me, which is Philippians 3:13: "God gives me the strength to face anything." I have taken that scripture with me, and although I thought I wasn't going to last, God gave me the strength and I'm glad I never left the Light House. I have met wonderful girls and created ongoing bonds with house parents. I'm glad God led me there, because now I have a lifetime of supplies for my baby.

And, now I wanna say thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to teach the girls and me about the importance of life. Whether they were shuttling us back and forth between appointments or explaining ways to pay for college, they were always there for the clients.

Thank you so much. I have learned A LOT from you, Light House, and I appreciate everything you have done for my baby and me. May the Lord be with you and many blessings come to you.



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## Light House walkfor life 2010



Walkers endured a rainy day to raise funds and  
consciousness for the Light House.

David Maschger, Light House board  
member, and daughter, Anne Marie  
Maschger return from the walk.



Tim Ek, board member, shows his  
enthusiasm for the 'Walk for Life'.



Dr. Philgreen, Light House board  
member, finishes the 'Walk for  
Life', alongside Sherrie Martens  
and husband Barry Martens.

