

Dear City of Refuge Supporters & prayer warriors,

First, Diane and I thank you for your support of City of Refuge. Many of you have given to this ministry project for over fifteen years, and a select few of you have been with us nearly 20 years. During that time, we, with you, have been able to help several hundred young women in need.

More than 50 girls have graduated from high school, an accomplishment they would not have achieved without City of Refuge. Hundreds of babies, brought to term because their moms chose to give them life in spite of hardship, and in spite of the ready availability of abortion, have gotten a good, healthy start in life. Diane and I now frequently meet teenagers who were born when their moms were at Refuge. Many of these kids are with their adoptive families, placed there by moms who not only gave them life, but then selflessly gave them a life with opportunities and benefits they themselves could not possibly have provided.



These moms and babies have had shelter, food, medical care, educational opportunity, a chance to see how families can live well together, and a chance to start their lives over, in a sense, with new hope, new knowledge, new relationships, and most importantly, a new acquaintance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Not all girls have responded to this Gospel call, but many have. We hear from young women every year who have experienced the sprouting and growth of seeds of the truth which they received—sometimes several years ago—at City of Refuge.

As you know, over the years, City of Refuge has grown. We now have the “new” big house for the moms and babies, the “old” big house—now used for foster kids and more recently for other people in need of temporary shelter, care and counsel, and our old mobile home, now housing the relief houseparents. We have only been able to carry on the work by the Grace of God and by your generosity. All of the families who live here financially support their own homes

All charitable giving has decreased during these difficult economic times. Giving to Refuge is no exception. We have done our best to properly steward the money you’ve given by avoiding debt and by ensuring that all your donations go directly to expenses necessary to care for the moms, babies, and others in need. Other than a small stipend paid to our houseparents by Grace Community Church, all the work is done by volunteers, and this has been true since 1991. As far as we have been able to determine, City of Refuge is the only

home for pregnant women which takes nothing from the moms or their families and nothing from any governmental organization.

Our primary expenses consist of food and utilities and insurance for the three homes and the moms, babies and house expenses. This winter, our propane expense alone was approximately \$2500. per month! We also have large expenses for vehicle operation and electricity to power the houses and the wells.

After putting the last of our own available resources toward the last few months' expenses, City of Refuge is in dire straits. If we are to remain open, we need to increase our revenue immediately.

Diane and I would ask that you prayerfully consider these needs and increase your support of City of Refuge. We promise that all connected with City of Refuge will do our best to use this support to care for these most vulnerable moms and babies.

Thank you,

David and Diane
David and Diane Gamble



Left to Right:
Phil & Heather
Garwood
Relief parents

Mark and Sherry
Barnett
House parents