

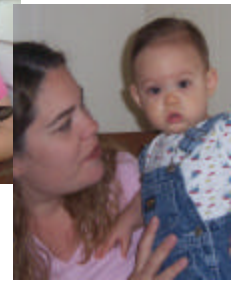
Homes with Hope

March 2007

UPDATE



Bobbi



D'Lynn & Christian

Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. Psalm 27:10

We are alive and well ... growing, planning and caring for children in crisis in our city. Our mission to help abused, abandoned and severely neglected children to heal, find love and feel safe in a Christian home with the support of the surrounding church community is progressing. We train, license and provide support services for our foster families ... we love our families. They show us daily what it means to live for Christ in a sacrificial way. It is not an easy thing to open your home and family to a wounded and needy child. These amazing families are willing to be inconvenienced, in a way that we suspect makes God smile. We appreciate them very much!

**Kent and Ann McKitrick / Dave and Misty Dudley / Eric and Amy Pace
Ron and Betsy Trevino / Matt and Tabitha Anderson / Wayne and Linda Olson
Hermes and D'Lynn Rubio / David and Wendy Dimmock / Tom and Stephanie Heard
Scott and Shelia Meador / Teresa Madden / Tracy Robinson**

Here is where we started:

- Nov 2003 - Received our license as a Child Placing Agency from the state
- April 2004 - Set up our office at the Houston Vineyard Church and hired 2 staff, one Program Director and one Executive Director
- Sept 2004 - Received a contract with Child Protective Services to be able to care for these kids and placed our first foster child in the Rubio home
- Shared the mission with several local Vineyard churches
- Receive monthly financial support from 3 Vineyard churches and several gift offerings from other Vineyards.

Here is how we have progressed:

- 87 families have been to an orientation/information meeting
- 11 families have been licensed to foster children
- 3 families have been approved for respite care as a back up parent for our foster families
- Aug & Oct 2006 - We increased our staff to a total of 2 fulltime and 2 part time
- Dec 2006 - We held our first annual Christmas party for our families and their children.
- We have 3 established annual fund raisers to support our program and services:
Spring Golf Tournament / Summer Benefit Concert / Fall Gala
- Jan 2007 - Received our license as an **Adoption Agency** and we are presently handling our first adoption!
- We have provided care for **19 Children**, some staying with us for a few weeks and others for over a year
- Our youngest child was 3 days old, our oldest was 12

What now?

- Join our community!
- Interested in becoming a licensed foster home?
- Contact Tricia at 713-864-1885 or Tricia@homeswithhope.org



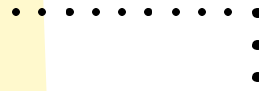
Jack's first haircut,
Homes with Hope's first
adoption!

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Children we have cared for:

Casey
Errison
Kenzie
Aaliyah (1yr)
Ashante
Samantha
Aaliyah (8yrs)
Bryson
Paul
Harley
Jack
Bobbi
Kenneth
Jose
Nadia
Maribel
Trey
Destiny
Christian

How can you help?

- Foster children
- Be a respite parent (back up parent)
- Coordinate seasonal parties for our foster families to strengthen our community
- Be a prayer partner
- Contribute financially - we are a 501(c)3
- Volunteer to help with fund raising events

Of these children ...

One child was born addicted to PCP, another child came to us with 19 broken bones, five were abandoned by their mother, three were drug exposed, seven were severely neglected or abused ...

2005 statistics - Harris and surrounding counties had 16,741 confirmed cases of child abuse with 6,169 of those children in foster care and 782 of them waiting for adoptive homes.

Want to receive our newsletter?

Email Tricia@homeswithhope.org and send her your address!

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