



# Shannon's Hope Maternity Home

## Who We Are

A Christian based maternity home for pregnant women 16 years old and above.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a residential community for pregnant and postpartum women age sixteen through childbearing age who have no place to call home.

## What We Offer

Many times, homeless pregnant women have not been offered (or afforded) the basic decision-making skills and have made difficult choices about their lives. Shannon's Hope continues to offer them a place to call home, an opportunity to rebuild their lives, and a hope for the future. Shannon's Hope not only provides a place to live, but helps guide our residents through troubled times. Our programs are designed to help guide a woman and her child to a safe and stable independent lifestyle.

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## How We Provide Services

Shannon's Hope provides a loving, life-affirming home to pregnant women. We strive to complete this mission through:

- To offer housing and support through our residential home and/or shepherding homes.
- To refer our clients to community resources or to adoption agencies which may be helpful to them as a single or relinquishing parent, enabling them re-entry into life.
- To help our clients initiate a "plan" for their future to work towards, both during and after their pregnancy.
- To foster a spirit of independence for themselves and also pass on to their children the same spirit, enabling many to break dependent roles.
- To maintain at all times, through and within the facility of Shannon's Hope, an atmosphere and practice of faith, hope and love.



## Our History

Leslie Pottebaum, founded Shannon's Hope nearly 40 years ago, in 1982 after a personal tragedy to provide a refuge for homeless pregnant women and a voice for the unborn. Over the years we have taken in pregnant women of all ages, all walks of faith, in all situations of life including the more "hard core" cases referred by other women's shelters not equipped or willing to handle their extra challenges.

## Stats & Frequently Asked Questions

For nearly 40 years we have been blessed to serve over 2,500 women & children, with an amazing 84% entering a safe and stable independent home after their time at Shannon's Hope.

**Annual Budget:** \$75,000

**Success Rate:** 85%

**Average number of women served yearly:** 70



## Additional Ways to Give

### Corporate Matching Gifts

Many companies have a matching gift program; you give an amount, they donate the same. All you have to do is ask. Here's how you can double or triple the impact of your donation to Shannon's Hope. Just follow the three easy steps...

1. Check with your HR Department to confirm if your company matches employee donations
2. Make your donation directly to Shannon's Hope
3. Submit the matching request to your company--Once received, your company will send its matching donation directly to Shannon's Hope.



### Giving Stock

Giving stock is a great way to help Shannon's Hope efforts to continue in our mission to provide a loving, life-affirming home to pregnant women.

A gift of publicly traded stock that has increased in value that has been owned for more than one year may provide greater tax benefits than giving cash. Your charitable income tax deduction is equal to the fair market value of the stock. Plus, you avoid paying the capital gains tax on any increase in the current value over the original cost of the stock. You may also save by not incurring brokerage fees because you are transferring ownership rather than selling the stock.

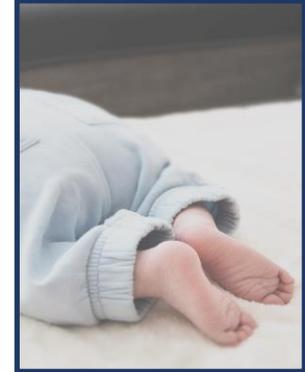
## Get Involved

Shannon's Hope is a volunteer opportunity for you to be a loving, smiling, encouraging person in the life of a struggling woman. By sharing in the vision, you are a critical partner in our continuing commitment to serve those less fortunate.

*We have specific needs for volunteers in the following areas:*

### **Administration Volunteers**

- Fundraising Support
- Certificate/Coupon Requester
- Prayer Warrior
- Special Events Support
- Office Support



### **Program Volunteers**

- Life Skills Instructors
- Diet/Nutrition Instructors
- Childcare
- Transportation Support



### **House Volunteers**

Landscaping Specialist  
House Maintenance  
House Program Support

### **Dinner Hour Meal Prep**

4-6 PM Monday – Thursday

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**YES!** I want to get involved! Please contact me about how I can give of my talents & abilities to further the work of Shannon's Hope.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SKILL/TRADE/ABILITY: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ways to Give

Your financial support will ensure that Shannon's Hope can continue to provide a safe, loving environment where women can learn new life-skills to become more independent.

- \$50 provides 1 healthy evening meal for all our mothers and children.
- \$100 provides transportation costs for each mother for one month. This helps them get to and from medical appts, childcare, employment, and educational classes.
- \$250 provides a safe haven for a mother and her child(ren) for one month.

All amounts are welcome and will be utilized with great efficiency!

### Shannon's Hope Giving Clubs

GIVING CLUB donors make a significant impact to aid Shannon's Hope in their mission to provide a safe place to call home. Becoming a member is convenient and flexible. The provision of regular, predictable contributions help keeps our fundraising expenses low so we can put more of our dollars into providing a loving, life-affirming home to pregnant women.

### Honor and Memorial Donations

Make an honorary gift to celebrate someone special or give to remember a loved one through a memorial gift to Shannon's Hope. Please make a note of the name of the individual(s) you wish to honor/remember and, if applicable, include a name and mailing address for us to send a gift notification. The amount of your gift will not be included.

### Gift-In-Kind

Shannon's Hope regularly needs the following items:

**Diapers & Wipes** - we can use every size of diaper

**Grocery Store Gift Cards** - to purchase fresh fruit and produce.

**Women's Clothing** - some residents enter our home with just the clothes that they are wearing. Currently styled clothing is preferred for our young women.

**Toiletries** - we can use everything from shampoo to toilet paper to feminine hygiene items

**Baby Supplies** – help build a layette as each mother prepares for their coming child

Please contact the office for instructions of where to deliver the donated items. 303-480-5433

## Testimonials

*"I wouldn't have been able to keep my child if it wasn't for Shannon's Hope."* --Katrina

*"Because of Shannon's Hope, I now have the self-confidence to reach the goals I set for myself and my children. I feel safe."* -- Iyesha

*"I have my self-respect back and able to raise my baby in a good environment."* –Teresa



*"There's a great need for organizations like Shannon's Hope. Society tends to point fingers at 'girls like this'. Shannon's Hope loves our neighbors as Christ commanded."* –Deacon Joe Gerber, Joan of Arc Catholic Church

*"We are so proud of this ministry! Shannon's Hope has been there when no one else has been there. We should all support their ministry."* –Reverend George Morrison, Faith Bible Chapel

**Hope Does Make a Difference!**