

NEWS & NOTES

A NEWSLETTER TO KEEP YOU INFORMED



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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT, LAURA NETHERLIN



Spring is here and I can't be more excited about the optimism this season brings. Haven of Hope is just like spring, we're busy planting the seeds of possibility in the families that reside within our walls. Knowing that children are running the halls, mothers are fixing dinner in the kitchen, and families are being together warms my heart. In my brief tenure as Board President, I can say with 100% confidence, Haven of Hope is changing lives and empowering families. The Board and I want to extend an invitation to single mothers who are struggling with financial hardships to consider Haven of Hope. I assure you, with the team at Haven of Hope, brighter days are ahead.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

How often have you looked up and asked yourself "Where has the time gone?" I ask that as I write this update after taking a break from producing regular newsletters. Reflecting on our last publication in September, when a flurry of activity was promised, I am happy to report that we are reaping the fruits of our labors: our first 2 families moved into the Cottage in January and a third family is now finalizing the application process, financial literacy education classes are underway, generous community volunteers and donors are stepping up to help with donations and service projects, our professional staff has grown to 3 full-time staff members, and lastly, construction and landscaping projects are in the final stages of completion.



Anita Braun

We thank each of you that has been instrumental in getting us to this point and hope you enjoy celebrating each milestone mentioned in this newsletter that allows us to empower single mothers on their journey toward a bright, promise-filled future for them and their children. If you would like more information about our organization, how you can partner with us or become a resident, please call me at 575-231-7334.

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WE ARE NOW FULLY STAFFED!

MEET OUR FAMILY LIFE COORDINATOR, REBECCA WILLIAMS



Rebecca was welcomed as the Family Life Coordinator (FLC) in October 2021. She was born and raised in Artesia. After graduating high school, Rebecca tried to get away, but Artesia kept pulling her back. In 2013 she welcomed her son, Wilson. Rebecca worked as a special education assistant at Central Elementary for seven years. She graduated from NMSU with a University Studies degree in May 2014. Rebecca is passionate about helping people one-on-one and is motivated by the interaction she gets daily from our residents. As a single mother, she knows firsthand the struggles that exist and is a great mentor for the women in the program.

"I hope that I can help every mom who comes through the cottage find confidence, compassion, and hope when thinking about the future."

MEET OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, KRISTEN HARRISON

Kristen Harrison joined our professional staff as our Administrative Assistant in January. Kristen obtained a bachelor's degree in Sociology from New Mexico State University after graduating from Artesia High School. Kristen has a year in non-profit experience as a Victims Advocate at Grammy's House. Kristen is driven by working in the non-profit sector. Her goals are to impact the lives of people in a positive manner and become an Executive Director, one day.

Kristen does not have any children of her own but absolutely adores her niece and nephew.



"It is such a great feeling to see women make positive steps toward meeting the goals they have set for themselves and their families."

MISSION STATEMENT *Haven of Hope partners with single mothers to build hope for the future.*

VISION STATEMENT *Our vision is that single mothers who are accepted into Haven of Hope will gain the skills to confidently establish homes while supporting their children.*

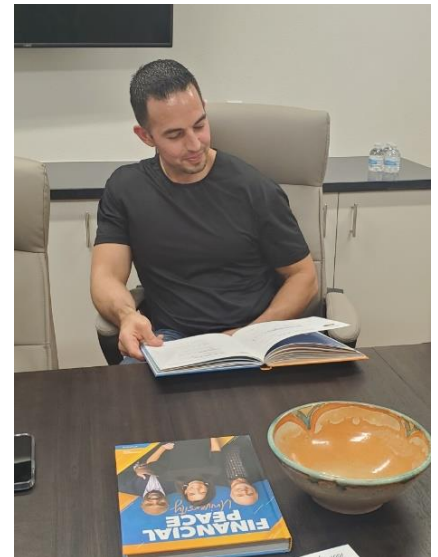
HAVEN OF HOPE HAPPENINGS



Open House December 16, 2021, Haven of Hope staff, Rebecca and Anita, celebrate our successful Open House with event volunteers Lidia Bennett and Case Scholars, Breanna Salinas and Caden Letcher.



BSA Service Day February 19, 2022, Boy Scouts of all ages donated their time and energy to help us clean rocks out of our open spaces. Thank you, Scout Master, Jeremy Kern, for organizing this day of service.



Roberto Roybal lent his financial expertise and guidance as he voluntarily facilitated our first Financial Peace University classes throughout February-May.



No one learns on an empty stomach! Numerous individuals and groups are stepping up to provide delicious meals for our families on Community Learning Class Night every week. Thank you!



Volunteer Valerie Mann, far right, shared our wish to pamper our mothers to commemorate Single Parent's Day in March. Her efforts allowed us to meet the generous owners of Rose Nails and Spa, Denny and Gina, far left, who donated gift certificates to our Residents.