

We're Proud to Introduce our New Team Members

Shelly Green Development Director

Meet Shelly Green! Our new Development Director here at Lifehouse Maternity Home! Shelly comes to us via WayFM and has an extensive background in marketing and working with nonprofits. She's been involved with the pro-life cause since the early 90's.

Shelly's media experience includes radio, print, digital and agency work. She's worked with several nonprofits helping them to deliver their message and grow their donor base.

She has been married to her husband Steve, for 31 years. Shelly and Steve tried for 10 years to have a baby, with no success. After three miscarriages, fertility treatments, and trying to go through

the adoption process, and still, no baby. Finally, months later, by the grace of God Shelly had her miracle baby boy, Luke.

"I'm so excited to be a part of this ministry. I consider it an honor and privilege to serve here. Thank you, donors, for giving to Lifehouse Maternity Home, because of you, our residents are making a better life for themselves and their children. I would love the opportunity to meet you and schedule a tour for you to visit Lifehouse and see the difference your support makes. Call me at 502-897-1655 to schedule your tour."



Marie Mucker Administrative Assistant

The Lifehouse team welcomed Marie in July. She is a vital part of running the office at Lifehouse. Marie attended Jefferson Community College, where she received her Associate Degree in Business Communications.

Marie worked in the corporate offices of Humana Insurance Company for 13 years as the Product Development Team Lead, and Goodwill for 5 years as Administrative Assistant and Payroll.

Marie loves working for Lifehouse and having the opportunity to work with young mothers and their children.

"I have always helped out with youth of all ages in my church for many years. I seem to have the communication skills to reach people and be able to talk freely with them. They seem to take my advice into consideration. Sometimes they just want someone to listen to them. I really love babies, they just melt my heart." Marie can often be found in the office holding one of the Lifehouse babies as she answers phones and does filing.

Marie is truly passionate about her family, her brothers, sisters, daughters, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She loves her church and helping others grow spiritually. She currently attends two churches she loves, and is very active in different ministries within each church.

And the Grand Total is....\$20,025!

Together we raised \$20,025 for Lifehouse. Your prayers and financial support is changing the trajectory of our residents' lives – a positive, generational change for moms and babies. Thank you!





A Sample of God's Love at Work

By Dolli Neikirk, Executive Director | dneikirk@lifehouzelouisville.org

By the end of 2022, Lifehouse will have welcomed six babies to resident moms, for a total of 90 babies born to women at Lifehouse since opening our doors in 2008. We have served many other babies, who came with their moms to Lifehouse after they were born. This Fall, we had five infants, including a set of twins, and four toddlers residing at Lifehouse. To say we are busy is an understatement! These little ones and their moms are the reason for Lifehouse.

Lifehouse has maintained a waiting list through most of 2022, which grew exponentially after the overturning of Roe v. Wade in late June. Our calls doubled, nearly overnight. With a full house, we continue to do all we can to provide resources and referrals to women seeking help with their pregnancy. Sadly, an increasing number are desperate to escape domestic violence.

It is hard to understand why someone would stay in an abusive situation. But for some, they have no other support. For others, they feel they can control the situation by controlling their own behavior. It often takes seven tries before an individual will leave their abuser. We have served many women who escaped domestic violence. One of those is Marlee.

Marlee's Story

Marlee grew up as the daughter of a single mom. She went to a good school, but eventually fell into a party lifestyle and the "wrong" crowd. After graduation, Marlee's mom moved to Louisville from Buffalo, and Marlee followed her at age 19, with the hope of getting away from the party scene.

Soon Marlee found a group of friends in Louisville living the same party lifestyle. She continued doing drugs, falling deeper into addiction. Her mom tried everything she could, but eventually had to use tough love and break off regular contact. Marlee eventually married one of her party companions. She became pregnant, but was still using. Her husband was abusive. The last straw was when he tried to harm the baby while she was pregnant. Her mother-in-law found Lifehouse. Our program requires active drug users to seek in-patient treatment before coming to Lifehouse, so Marlee found a 30-day program and got clean.

God at Work

Marlee says, "At Lifehouse things finally started going right. There were so many people there to help me. I found the unconditional love and acceptance I never had, and I finally felt safe. When I tried rehab before, I didn't have God. I realized that if this is how people who believe in God act, then I want what they have. I have people cheering for me every day. I know my past doesn't define me, and God forgives me. I finally have the peace and happiness I was chasing with drugs. I now have joy."

Lifehouse helps residents improve and heal family relationships, by connecting them with counseling and educational programming specifically for mending relationships. Marlee has reconciled with her mom, who moved back to Buffalo after eight years in Louisville. They visit one another a couple times a year.

Marlee now lives with Layla in one of the Lifehouse transitional apartments. She has a good job in management for a local fast-casual restaurant, and is saving for a down payment on a home.

Marlee's daughter Layla is healthy, happy, knows she is loved, loves church and dancing with the praise team. Marlee adds, "I have twenty people at Lifehouse that have my back. My worst day at Lifehouse was a thousand times better than any day I had when I was high. In my heart I know Lifehouse saved my life and Layla's."

You are a Partner in Transforming Lives

Through your prayers and financial support, Lifehouse is able to help residents like Marlee and Layla work toward sustainable stability and healthy family relationships. You are our partner in transforming lives. Your support is needed now more than ever. Like everyone, our expenses have increased – food, utilities, gas for transporting residents, household goods and maintenance – and more so now that we are full.

Prayerfully consider how you can help as we approach the end of 2022. The best way is through a monthly recurring gift of any amount. Our 365 Circle are donors who are able to commit \$111 per month, or a one-time gift of \$1332 annually. An envelope is enclosed, or you may give online at www.lifehouzelouisville.org/donate, or click the QR code using your phone camera to go straight to the donate page.

Above all, we covet your prayers. God is doing a mighty work in the hearts of the women we serve, and through Him families are being healed and children's futures are being changed. Thank you for all you do for Lifehouse.

*May God Bless you, and keep you, may His face shine upon you, and give you peace.
Amen.*



House Happenings



Welcome New House Moms!

We love our new House Moms, Cheryl, Linda, Donna, and Arlydia who joined the Lifehouse team respectively in August, September, and October. Learn more about these new team members in our Winter 2023 newsletter.



Welcome Babies #87, #88 and #89

We welcomed Baby #87 born in April, #88 born in August, and #89 born in October. Baby #90 is due in December. The precious coos and cries of these little ones fill Lifehouse. We are excited to watch them grow!

Lifehouse thanks the Emergency Prayer Center for sponsoring our September Lunch & Learn. The monthly Lunch & Learn allows us to share how Lifehouse is transforming lives by providing a tour, information about our program and lunch to anyone in the community. The Emergency Prayer Center's sponsorship helps us keep our funds focused on helping women and babies, and we are grateful for their support. Whatever your prayer concerns, the EPC is here for you. Call or text 502-727-9706.

If you are interested in sponsoring a monthly Lunch & Learn, contact our Development Director, Shelly Green, at 502-87-1655 or sgreen@lifehouselouisville.org. **If you would like to attend a Lunch & Learn** on the last Wednesday of the month, register on our website <https://lifehouselouisville.org/events/>



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Can You Help Us Out With Some Of These Items?

Your gifts of all types make it possible for us to provide support to young women. Non-monetary gifts are vital in helping to support this ministry. We are in need of these items listed here and those on our Amazon wish list. If you can help, it would certainly make a difference.

Access our wish list on <https://amzn.to/3eKRNf6> and choose items to ship directly to us. You can also use smile.amazon.com and select Lifehouse as your preferred charity. Amazon will donate a percentage of the purchase price back to Lifehouse for any item, as long as you use Amazon Smile when purchasing. Thank you so much!



NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stamps - Forever• Thank you blank cards• Plain Envelopes (#10)• 8 ½ x 11 copy paper• Canned good basics: chicken broth, vegetables, tomato sauce, Rotel, cream	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• of chicken/mushroom soups, tuna, canned fruit, ramen noodles• Dry goods: sugar, flour, peanut butter, instant potatoes, noodles, oatmeal, salt, pepper	Giving Thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sauces: olive oil, ranch mix, ranch dressing, ketchup, salsa, canola oil, honey, gravy mixes, jellies
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$5 gift cards for resident rewards: Subway Family Dollar Kroger Ntaba Coffee Shop Walmart	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kroger gift cards in larger denominations for house groceries• Walmart, Target, Kohls gift cards to help in buying items for residents who may arrive with little	Season of Giving <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Body wash (fragrance free preferred)• Deodorant• Toothpaste• Dental floss• Vaseline
JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pillows• White pillow cases• Pillow bed bug protectors (needing 24)• Twin Mattress bed bug protectors (needing 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twin box spring bed bug protectors (needing 12)• Women's underwear (all sizes including maternity, new in package)• Women's socks (new in package)	White Sale <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laundry detergent (prefer free and clear)• Dreft for baby laundry