



Lifehouse
Maternity Home

Beginnings

Learning, Loving and Life

(*participant names have been changed for privacy)

Lifehouse participant, Jen*, came to Lifehouse to escape a violent situation. At just 17, Jen had already lived quite a life. Her mother asked her to leave at age 15. Then, just two years later, Jen found herself in an abusive relationship and pregnant at age 17.

Estranged from her father for most of her life, Jen reconnected with him and began building a relationship. When he learned she was pregnant and in unsafe circumstances, he found Lifehouse and brought Jen for a tour. *He wept as we explained how Lifehouse would help his daughter learn about parenting, give her the opportunity to finish high school, and teach her vital life skills.*

Jen struggled with the expectations of the Lifehouse program, left after about a month, and returned to a very abusive environment. After a few days, however, Jen reached out to Lifehouse and asked if she could come back because she was not safe. *We welcomed her back with open arms.*

Since returning, Jen has worked hard on her online high school courses and has enjoyed learning about God and his plan for her and her baby's lives. She participates in our nightly devotions, in which all Lifehouse participants are reading a chapter of the Bible every day and writing answers to follow-up questions. Jen is



attending church and Bible study every week and prays on her own before all her meals.

Jen had her baby, and less than a week later, she completed all her assignments which enabled her to graduate high school! She has now set her sights on learning construction work and electrical contracting – just like her dad.

"I love it at Lifehouse!" Jen states. "Lifehouse is a great place to start fresh from my experience. They helped me finish high school, and I have a lot of support for me and my baby. They provide for my needs, and I will be able to move to a transitional unit – just for me and my daughter."

All Lifehouse participants take part in Lifepath, our research-proven program to teach parenting and life skills at all ages and stages. This program gives these young women the time, resources and skills to learn how to create successful, sustainable lives for themselves and their children.

Jen is among nearly 230 mothers, and her baby is one of the 97 babies born since Lifehouse opened its doors in 2008. Currently, Lifehouse has two participants in nursing school, others in high school, one working on her GED, another learning English as her

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Donations Dollar-for-Dollar up to \$50,000!!! By June 30th!**

So We Really Need Your Help!

We are looking for: 100 donors to give \$1,000 or 200 donors to give \$500 or
 500 donors to give \$200 or 1000 donors to give \$100



Thank You To Our Special Friend of Lifehouse

By Dolli Neikirk, Executive Director
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I think Jen's story tells so much about the learning, love and life found at Lifehouse. We are so grateful for the special friend of Lifehouse who is matching donations up to \$50,000 during our 2024 Unity for Life appeal.

We are confident that our supporters will exceed that match by doubling it! Help us reach our goal to raise \$150,000 for Lifehouse by **June 30th, 2024**.

Thank you for your prayers, support and generosity! May God bless and keep you, may His face shine upon you and give you peace.

Learning, Loving and Life – Continued

second language, one in management at a restaurant, and others working hard and building solid employment histories.

Jen notes that, "Lifehouse is a program that helps women with kids better their lives while having a strong support system. Lifehouse motivates them to stay focused and move forward in life."

Lifehouse participants learn about God through weekly church attendance and volunteer led weekly Bible study. House Moms lead nightly devotions and encourage participants to pray. **Lifehouse is filled with learning, loving and life. Won't you be a part of opening doors for women and their children?**

A generous Lifehouse donor will be matching dollar-for-dollar, all donations up



to \$50,000 for our Unity for Life appeal. We know our supporters love a challenge, so **we are asking to double that match and help Lifehouse reach \$150,000, by June 30th** during the 2024 Unity for Life!

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Your support will help participants like Lauren and Marie finish nursing school. Participants like Mel get her GED and begin working. Participants like Lee continue working and saving to buy a home for her and her daughter. And help all Lifehouse participants continue to grow in their faith and discover God's unconditional love.

\$150,000 is a BIG GOAL but we serve a BIG GOD, and we know our supporters have BIG HEARTS! Prayerfully consider how you can make an impact on the lives of moms and babies at Lifehouse. Every dollar donated by June 30th will be matched up to \$50,000! **With God's help we can do it!**

Tee Up 'FORE' Life" Golf Scramble

The 9th Annual "Tee Up 'FORE' Life" Golf Scramble is just around the corner, and you don't want to miss it! This benefit for Lifehouse Maternity Home will be **Monday, July 29, at Polo Fields**. There will be two shotgun starts, one at 8:00 am and another at 2:00 pm. The morning flight typically books up first, so get your team registered as soon as possible! Start times are first come, first served.

This year's Title sponsor is **"Billy Hower Music."** Billy has been playing and singing at venues throughout Louisville for many years. Billy is available for private bookings by contacting Phil Haming at 502-417-7572. You will get to hear Billy during the Golf Scramble lunch.

This year's scramble will feature a light breakfast of donuts, fruit and coffee for the morning teams. Both morning and afternoon teams will enjoy lunch sponsored by KCC Heating and Cooling in the Polo Fields Clubhouse, and the afternoon teams can grab a slice of pizza as they leave the course.

The Golf Scramble is a great time! Once again We'll have raffles, door prizes, skill games and even some special surprises on the course. So gather up your friends, polish off your clubs, and get ready for a great day at the links!



House Happenings



The Lifehouse Board of Directors held their annual meeting in March. New members joined the board, while a couple of members' terms expired. We thank Pam Robertson for her decade long commitment of volunteering and serving Lifehouse, and Chad Bourke for his service to our Board for the past three years. Here are the current Lifehouse Board of Directors:

Bill Cooper, President

Greg Burch, Vice President/Treasurer

Maronda Dowdy, Secretary

Kevin Chesser, Assistant Treasurer

Anthony "AW" Buie **Terri Greenwell**

Billy Hower

Meg Scheaffel

Anna Tatman

Martina Young

Lifehouse welcomed babies #96 & #97

We're pleased to announce that Lifehouse has welcomed babies #96 and #97 in March! Both moms and babies are doing great!



House Moms are "Leading With Dignity"

Our House Moms had training and discussion on "dignity." How to honor the dignity of another, how we are all born with dignity, and how to avoid violating someone's dignity. Lifehouse is working to build a culture of dignity, and learning through the book, "Leading with Dignity," by Donna Hick, Ph. D.

Thank You For Being the Heartbeat of Lifehouse!

Lifehouse is grateful for the churches, businesses, organizations and individuals who support the moms and babies served by Lifehouse. We want to give special recognition to those gifts made in honor or memory of loved ones.

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*"Keep on praying and guard your
prayers with Thanksgiving."*

Colossians 4:2

Share our Mission



Donation Needs

Lifehouse is grateful for all of the non-monetary gifts we receive. They help us stretch our budget and provide much needed items for our participants. The easiest way to help is to shop on Amazon and have items delivered directly to Lifehouse at 2710 Rielding Drive, Louisville, KY 40206. Please select the "gift" option and include your name so we can properly thank you!

Here are our current needs:

- Diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6
- Baby wipes
- Stamps
- Copier paper
- Ethnic hair products (Shea Moisture)
- Paper towels
- Kleenex tissues
- Kroger gift cards



Our only clothing needs at this time are young women's non-maternity clothing, appropriate for ages 18-25 years old. Please keep the ages in mind when donating. While we appreciate all clothing donations, we want to make sure it is age-appropriate for the women we serve, otherwise it goes unused. All sizes up to 2X are welcome!

Other ways to help Lifehouse:

- Include Lifehouse in your will.
- Add Lifehouse as beneficiary on your life insurance policy.
- At age 70 ½ or older, an individual can donate up to \$100,000 from their IRA to a charitable organization. Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution meets the Required Minimum Distribution requirement dollar for dollar.

Always consult with your tax advisor before taking any steps described above. Please let Lifehouse know if you are taking any of the steps above.