



Beginnings



Tee Up 'FORE' Life Sets Record

The 2024 Tee Up "FORE" Life Golf Scramble definitely scored big for the moms and babies of Lifehouse! Through the generosity of our sponsors, golfers, donors, and volunteers, over \$40,000 was raised for Lifehouse! The golf scramble set a record for funds raised and almost doubled last year's proceeds.

This year's tournament was once again held at the beautiful Polo Fields Golf Club. New this year at the Scramble was a Hole-In-One opportunity. Players had fun teeing off to win \$25,000 for a hole in one. Additional contests included playing blackjack to try to get closer to the hole, and a chipping contest into a Pack-n-Play for a prize entry. There were two great raffles, a 50-50+ raffle with a cash prize, and a new "Experiences raffle."

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You Did It!

Unity for Life Donors Exceed \$100k Donation Goal

Unity for Life 2024 was a tremendous success, thanks to your generosity! A great Friend of Lifehouse pledged to match, dollar-for-dollar, donations made to Unity for Life mid-May through June 30, 2024. Everyone loves a good challenge, so we encouraged our supporters to "double the match" by not giving just \$50,000, but \$100,000. Not only did you meet the match, you met the stretch goal of \$100,000, and exceeded it!

\$162,000 raised for Lifehouse moms and babies!!!

The story of Jen (name changed for privacy) and her escape from a violent situation touched the hearts of many. Jen is now working as a security guard, and recently received a promotion to supervisor. She still has a dream of one day becoming an electrical contractor, like her dad, and she is enjoying every moment of watching her baby grow.

Jen is just one of many participant stories of trauma, abuse, and crisis that we hear every day. Thanks to your support and love, Lifehouse is able to offer a safe home, staffed 24/7 by a dedicated team of Home Moms; and Case Management services to help participants set goals, access community services, learn money management, assist with job placement, and help navigate parenting and life skills. Referrals to counseling services and medical care can be made throughout a participant's time at Lifehouse. Most importantly, participants learn about God and His plan for her and her baby's life.

We are beyond grateful for your dedication of prayer and support for Lifehouse. The \$162,000 provided a huge boost to our budget, but it represents only 25% of what we need to continue to offer help, hope and healing for women and children. Information on **Give for Good** is included in this newsletter. Prayerfully consider if you are able to provide another gift of love. At the end of the year we will have another opportunity to help Lifehouse as giving tends to decline in the first quarter of the new year. Lifehouse receives no government support. We exist only through the generosity of God's faithful people, grants and fundraising opportunities.

We THANK YOU for your prayers for our women and children, staff and leadership, and the financial wellness of Lifehouse. May God bless you and keep you.



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, Sept. 12**, Give for Good Day in Louisville. What is Give for Good? Give for Good is a day that sparks kindness and unites the community for the greater good. Give for Good is

hosted by the Community Foundation of Louisville, and launched in 2014. In that time over \$60 million has been raised for nonprofit organizations in the Louisville metro area.

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Your Generosity is a Blessing to Us

By Dolli Neikirk, Executive Director
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It has been a very busy few months for Lifehouse, and it doesn't appear that it will slow down any time soon. This issue of Beginnings has great information about all the wonderful support provided to Lifehouse by you and so many others. It takes a lot of people praying, giving, and doing to make things happen at Lifehouse.

Still Privately Funded

You will find a lot of stories in this issue about the many ways Lifehouse is funded. Lifehouse is privately supported through the generosity of God's people, grants, and fundraising events. We receive no government funding to support our \$630,000 budget and 24/7/365 operations. Because of the generous hearts of so many people, Lifehouse has operated this way for over 16 years, loving and caring for women and children in their most difficult and vulnerable times.

You have been such a blessing to Lifehouse in 2024. So far we have had a record-setting Unity for Life appeal and a record-setting Tee Up "FORE" Life Golf Scramble. We pray that we will continue to set records for Give for Good and our Year End Appeal as well. I have always said that it is God who funds our mission, and He will continue to do so as long as He sees fit.

How We Use Our Funds

So where does that budget go, you might ask? Well a hefty portion goes to

programming support through Case Management, House Moms working around the clock, program planning, educational materials and subscriptions for participant programs, utilities to keep lights on and water flowing, household supplies and repairs, and so on. **Over 66% of our budget is allocated directly for programming** support that benefits our participants. Approximately 23% is for outreach and development, which includes things like this newsletter, social media, website, postage, brochures, and activities that help us reach more potential donors and participants. Only 11% is designated for administrative costs such as bookkeeping software and staff, office supplies, and management. We consider ourselves faithful stewards of your gifts, and I am happy to discuss our budget and activities with you at any time.

Programming Updates

Our programming leadership just spent a few months reviewing our program, introducing new processes and expecta-

tations, and defining our purpose and goal for each woman we will serve. We've welcomed back a great Case Manager, added new House Moms, and moved a staff member into a new position as Program Director, and she is thriving. Our Development Director did an outstanding job on the Golf Scramble, and our Office Manager/Bookkeeper has located over \$3,300 in funds, going back a few years, that were being directed to the wrong address. We have an amazing team! I just passed five years of service to Lifehouse, and I look forward to what the next five years will bring.

Faithfulness to Our Mission

Thank you for your faithfulness to our mission. We couldn't do it without you. We remember you in our weekly staff meeting prayers, and we will gladly lift up any prayer concerns you may have. Feel free to email prayer requests to dneikirk@lifehouiselouisville.org. May God bless you and keep you, may His face shine upon you, and give you peace.

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House Happenings



Buie Receives Honorary Doctorate

Lifeshouse Maternity Home Board Member, Anthony "AW" Buie was recently conferred with an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the School of the Great Commission Bible College for his many years of service and sacrifice made in Kingdom Building and Community Development.

Dr. Buie is founder of "Together We Stand" a nonprofit that actively serves to connect, provide relief work, activate, and motivate excellence with communities. He is also the author of "The Journey of A.W.B. Inspired by God."

Dr. Buie is an ordained minister and deacon. He has served as president of the Louisville Suburban Rotary Club and a member of the National Association for Black Veterans. Dr. Buie proudly served in the US Air Force for 22 years during Operation Desert Shield and



Operation Desert Storm. While serving, he received the Vietnam Gallantry Cross and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

National Maternity Housing Coalition Advisory Council Appoints Neikirk



Lifeshouse Executive Director, Dolli Neikirk, has been asked to serve on the National Maternity Housing Coalition Advisory Council. The Coalition, which is a pillar of Heartbeat International, supports the needs of maternity homes in various stages of development from start-ups to well-established homes. The Advisory Council provides experience and knowledge to maternity housing programs across the country. The Advisory Council provides a diverse representation of housing staffing models, programs, faith

backgrounds, and sizes of maternity homes from across the country.

The Advisory Council will support maternity homes with input, training and guidance in administrative operations, fundraising development, and programming. Members serve a two-year term and will offer consultations, professional insight, and support to the 187 maternity homes in the U.S.

The Advisory Council just restructured, and held it's first meeting after restructuring at the Heartbeat International Headquarters in Columbus, OH, July 31-August 2, 2024. Dolli will be serving with maternity home leaders from Omaha, NE, Columbia, MO; Chicago, IL; Cape Coral, FL; Richmond, VA and Mentor, OH.

U.S.A. Grants 'YG' Residency and Work Authorization

Lifeshouse Maternity Home celebrated on July 3 when participant "YG" received her United States residency. "YG," a Cuban refugee, learned she was pregnant when she entered the U.S. She was making her way to Louisville to reunite with her daughter. Once reaching Louisville, her church helped her find Lifeshouse. Shortly after receiving her residency, "YG" was granted a work authorization and recently started working at a daycare. Her son is doing well, and her daughter visits her at Lifeshouse regularly. "YG" is learning English, and is so grateful for all that Lifeshouse has provided.



Remember Lifeshouse when Estate Planning

Lifeshouse recently learned of three individuals who included Lifeshouse in their wills, and received a generous life insurance policy bequest. If you have made such arrangements, please let us know! We are very grateful for these legacy commitments, and we will gladly provide you with a copy of our Gift Acceptance Policy to keep on file with your legal or financial advisor. Lifeshouse also accepts donations of stock, and was gifted stock during our recent Unity for Life appeal.



Give for Good is Sept. 12

Win a Week's Stay at a Sanibel Island Condo

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With nearly \$800 million in assets, over 2,200 charitable funds, and collaborations with hundreds of local partners, the Community Foundation of Louisville connects real investments with relevant causes, stewarding philanthropic assets, increasing capital to community resources, and unleashing sustainable progress regionally.

Give for Good operates primarily through social media. It is like the old "telethons" but online. Lifehouse has used Give for Good day to showcase "A Day in the Life" at Lifehouse, sharing what daily life is like at our home. We also highlight our volunteers and recognize our volunteer of the year during Give for Good. All this is done primarily on Facebook with "live" videos throughout the day. For Lifehouse, Give for Good has grown each year. Over \$100,000 has been raised since Lifehouse began participating in 2018.

How can you get involved? Success for organizations during Give for Good day comes through peer-to-peer fundraising. Lifehouse supporters can set up their own personalized campaign page and share the link with their friends and family through email and social media. The campaign page can include a personal story about their connection to Lifehouse. This specificity and individualization encourages new supporters to give to the campaign due to your relationship with Lifehouse.

Staff Stories

Lifehouse Welcomes back Alle Tunstill

Lifehouse Maternity Home is pleased to welcome back Alle (Cox) Tunstill as a Case Manager. Alle previously served as Case Manager for Lifehouse before moving to Murray, Ky., in early 2023. After staffing changes in Spring 2024, Lifehouse Executive Director Dolli Neikirk reached out to Alle upon learning she was once again living in Louisville.

Alle received her B.A. in nonprofit management and a minor in Social Work from Murray State University. Alle worked in the social service sector, assisting the minority population and those who are most vulnerable to injustices. She worked for Youth Villages, Rescare – Community Youth Services, the Center for Women and Families, and the Urban League prior to rejoining Lifehouse. Alle loves Lifehouse because she truly feels she can be authentic in ministry, serving women and families. She wants to share the light of Christ with our program participants, since real

Thirty-nine percent of Americans say they've donated to an organization because of a request from a friend or family member.

This year Lifehouse has a special incentive for donors and peer-to-peer fundraisers. For every donation of \$100 or more, the donor will receive an entry to win a week's stay in a condo in Sanibel Island, FL. Every person who donates \$100 or more through a fellow donor's peer-to-peer campaign page gets an entry to win, and the peer-to-peer page owner also receives an entry to win. For example, if you donate \$100 during Give for Good and set up a peer-to-peer campaign page, you get one entry to win the condo stay. Share your campaign page with friends and family. For each person who donates \$100 or more through your page, you will get another entry to win, and that individual also gets an entry to win (maybe if they win they will take you along, the condo sleeps 6!).

Setting up a peer-to-peer campaign page is easy. Just click the QR code, or visit: www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organization/lifehouse-maternity-home and click the "Fundraise" button. If you prefer, contact Shelly or Dolli at Lifehouse, and they will gladly walk you through the process or set one up for you. But don't wait until the last minute. We want to be sure we have plenty of time to set up a page for every supporter who wants to help make the 2024 Give for Good day the best one ever for Lifehouse! Reach us at: sgreen@lifehouselouisville.org; dneikirk@lifehouselouisville.org; 502-897-1655.

life transformation begins when we know who we are in Christ. In this season, the prayer of protection in Psalm 91 is her resting place.

Staff Completes Financial Certification

Lifehouse Program & Operations Director, Shannon Cole, and Case Manager, Alle Tunstill, have completed the Community Financial Empowerment Certification through the Louisville Office of Resilience & Community Services and Office of Financial Empowerment.

The certification is designed for social service providers hoping to expand their knowledge of personal finance and economic decision-making for the individuals they serve. The program focuses on budgeting, saving, spending, and breaking the cycle of poverty by enhancing the providers' knowledge in financial empowerment work.

The certifications give our Lifehouse team members another vital tool in their toolkit, as they work to transform the lives of women and children. Congratulations Shannon and Alle!

Valued Sponsors are the Key to Tee Up FORE Life

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A special "Thank You" to Frank and Sheila Otte for adding a Florida condo stay to the exciting new Experiences Raffle!

The Tee Up "FORE" Life Golf Scramble is one of the larger non-profit benefit tournaments in Louisville. With two starts, nearly 40 teams and over 125 golfers, the Lifehouse scramble is filled with fun. We would like to thank our generous sponsors:

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This event also wouldn't be possible without the help of numerous volunteers. We thank all of you for your time. Special appreciation goes to our Golf Committee: Shelly Green, Joe Gates, Dave Cuda, and Kevin Chesser.

Be a part of the Tee Up "FORE" Life Golf Scramble in 2025!

Contact Shelly Green, at 502-897-1655 or email sgreen@lifehouselouisville.org. Planning for 2025 is starting soon!

Thank you for positively changing the course of lives.

Lifehouse is always grateful for the organizations, businesses, and individuals who provide generous support for our program. We especially recognize those who give in honor or memory of loved ones.

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1 Corinthians 13

Share our Mission



Lifehouse "Wish List" Gift Registry on Amazon

Just as important to the support of Lifehouse, is non-monetary gifts. Lifehouse has a gift registry on Amazon, making it easy to help with just a few clicks. To find our gift registry:

- Go to www.amazon.com.
- In the search bar type "Registry"
- Then click the button "Search for a registry or gift list." (Yellow button)
- Type in **Lifehouse Maternity Home** in the search by name box and select "Gift List" from the pull-down menu, and click the search button.
- Lifehouse Maternity Home will pop-up and once you click on it, you will see all the needs for Lifehouse.
- **Make a selection and ship it directly to Lifehouse, 2710 Riedling Dr., Louisville, 40206**

Our biggest needs right now are:

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| • Kleenex | • Brown lawn bags |
| • Clorox wipes | • 19 oz size dish soap |
| • Free & Clear laundry detergent | • Air filters 16x25x1 |
| • Bleach | • SOS pads |
| • Dreft | • Stamps |
| • Butt Paste diaper cream | • Copy paper |
| • Ethnic hair products (Shea Moisture) | • 1.75 oz Vaseline |



While we appreciate donations of used items, please call us before dropping off a donation. We have limited storage space. **We do not need women's clothing, baby clothing or baby items, or formula at this time.**

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.

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