



Beginnings



Be a Force for GOOD: Join Lifeshouse in Giving Hope to Moms and Babies on September 18th

Since 2017, Lifeshouse has been a part of the greatest day of giving in Louisville. **Give for Good**, hosted by the Community Foundation of Louisville, ignites kindness, fuels hope, and unites people to uplift our community during a powerful 24-hours. On **September 18, 2025** you have an opportunity to be a part of this amazing community event. Give for Good has generated nearly \$130,000 in support for our moms and babies.

Give for Good operates primarily via internet and through social media. It is like the old "telethons" but online. Throughout the day we will share about what life is like at Lifeshouse and recognize some of our volunteers and supporters. All this is done through social media, primarily on Facebook with pictures and videos throughout the day.

One of the best ways to help

One of the best ways to help Lifeshouse during Give for Good is to let friends and family know about your passion for our mission. Setting up a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser is an easy way to let others help you help Lifeshouse by setting up your own personalized campaign page and sharing a link to it with your friends and family through email and social media. The campaign page can include a personal story about your connections to Lifeshouse. This personalized message

encourages new supporters to give to Lifeshouse due to your relationship and support. Give for Good makes it easy to set up your fundraiser and share your support for Lifeshouse with this link:

<https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/p/fundraiser>

You may also contact us here at Lifeshouse and let us know you would like our help to create your fundraiser page to share. We will be happy to walk you through it or even set it up for you. Give us a call at 502-897-1655 or email us at lifeshouse@lifeshouselouisville.org.



Our goal

Our goal for Give for Good 2025 is \$35,000. This support is even more important this year as we look to introduce an in-home dependent supervision assistance program for our participants in the coming months. Follow us on Facebook to get updates throughout Give for Good Day on September 18th, and learn more about how you can be a force for GOOD! **You can find us at facebook.com/lifeshouselouisville**



10th Annual Tee Up for Life

The 10th Annual Lifeshouse "Tee Up 'FORE' Life" Golf Scramble, sponsored by KCC Manufacturing, was held July 28 at the beautiful Polo Fields Golf and Country Club. It was a warm day with lots of warm hearts for the women and children of Lifeshouse.

For the golfers who braved one of the hottest days of the year, the course was in excellent condition, and everyone praised our scramble for the attention to detail

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Lifehouse Maternity Home: A New Chapter in Ministry

By Dolli Neikirk, CEO
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“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

For over 17 years, Lifehouse Maternity Home in Louisville has been a beacon of hope, offering a Christ-centered sanctuary for hundreds of mothers and their children, and referrals and resources to thousands more. Our ministry provides not only a safe place for women and children, but also guidance, equipping these women with life skills, accountability, and the truth of God’s Word to prepare them for a stable future. At the heart of our mission is the call to reflect Jesus’ love, teaching moms the value of work and provision for their families while keeping faith as our foundation.

One of the greatest challenges

One of the greatest challenges our mothers face is securing a safe, reliable place for their children while they work or attend school. Although most of our moms qualify for childcare assistance vouchers, finding a provider that accepts them, has openings for their child’s age, and is accessible by public transit or near their workplace is a daunting task. Since 2020, Jefferson County has lost approximately 80 childcare centers due to staffing shortages, financial struggles, and the end of federal pandemic aid. Moreover, many of our moms, shaped by personal trauma and mainstream and social media narratives of “danger,” hesitate to entrust their children to unfamiliar caregivers.

Two years ago, Lifehouse leadership prayerfully began exploring solutions to this obstacle our moms were continually

facing. There are other maternity homes in the country that provide children’s programming to participants, program alumni, and even children in the community.

After researching these programs and considering off-site options, it was determined that the most feasible path is to establish an in-home dependent supervision assistance program within our existing facility. This vision requires modifications, including adding a staircase for a secondary emergency exit and a safe exit to the playground from the lower level, where the new program will be housed; upgrading our security system and adding cameras for safety; improving our playground with a new fence and concrete play area; and trimming surrounding trees around the playground.

Beyond renovations, this new program will require ongoing resources, including supplies and three dedicated staff members to provide 12 hours of daily children’s programming, Monday through Friday. While these additions will significantly impact our budget, we believe introducing this in-home dependent supervision assistance program is a vital step in supporting our mothers toward sustainable stability and nurturing their children in the love of Christ.

As Proverbs 22:6 reminds us, guiding children in God’s ways lays a foundation for their future. Through this ministry, we will share Bible stories, sing songs of Jesus,

and demonstrate the love of Christ to these precious young lives, planting seeds that can transform generations. I can think of nothing more valuable or important.

A Call to Prayer and Partnership

I invite you to join us in prayer for this new program. God is already moving: we’ve acquired a few supplies at low cost from a closing childcare center, received a grant to replace our fence, and secured an architect and contractor to assist with the staircase project. We’ve also submitted grant requests for security upgrades and the concrete play area—please pray that these find favor with the grant funders.

Prayerfully consider how you might support this work financially. A monthly gift of \$125 from 100 supporters, or an increase of \$12.50 per month from 1,000 current donors, would cover ongoing expenses for this new program. Consider a gift to Give for Good on September 18th as a good starting point. As we develop this program, opportunities may arise to volunteer or donate supplies. Please pray for qualified, Godly staff to join our team in implementing and guiding this program.

God continues to provide for Lifehouse, and we trust in His faithfulness and provision as we step out in this new venture. I am deeply grateful for you, our faithful supporters, who partner with us to minister to the mothers and babies God entrusts to our care. *May the Lord bless you and keep you, may His face shine upon you, and may He grant you peace.*

House Happenings



The smile says it all!

This Lifehouse participant is all smiles as she started her new job as a surgical RN. She was grinning ear to ear to have "RN" on her name badge. We are proud of her hard work and commitment to making a better life for herself and her child.



Wow! He's Grown

Lifehouse House Mentor, Wende, brought her grandson to visit Lifehouse. Wende's daughter was a Lifehouse participant 12 years ago. Her grandson obviously doesn't remember living at Lifehouse, but his picture is on our "Wall of Fame" which has photos of all the babies born to moms while they lived at Lifehouse. We are happy to see Lifehouse alumni and their children thriving.



Our Trip to the Heartbeat International Conference

Lifehouse staff made a road trip to Birmingham, Alabama for the Heartbeat International conference. Heartbeat International is a worldwide network of more than 3,800 pro-life pregnancy help organizations. For over 50 years, Heartbeat has worked to develop leaders, rescue women from abortion, and provide education and support to pregnancy help organizations around the world. Dolli, Lyssa, and Shannon participated in several educational courses around leadership, maternity housing, development, programming and more. The staff was able to network with other maternity homes from around the country and came away with some exciting ideas to better our programming and reach our supporters. Of course, any road trip would not be complete without a stop at Buc-ee's. Special thanks go to Southeast Church's Chapel in the Woods campus that helped make this educational opportunity possible!



A Fresh Look for Lifehouse Website

We're excited to share that our website has a fresh new look! More importantly, it's designed to be easier to navigate, serve as a helpful resource, and provide more information for potential participants and those seeking our services. It's now simpler for supporters like you to use as well.

New photos of our house and staff help Lifehouse feel more familiar and welcoming even before someone walks through the door. Our goal was to create a site that truly reflects the mission and heart of who we are. We invite you to explore the updated site and let us know what you think.

Unity for Life Was a Success!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our matching challenge during Unity for Life. Thanks to a generous Friend of Lifehouse, who once again challenged our donors to match this \$50,000 gift, **Lifehouse raised over \$142,000!**

We are always amazed and grateful for the generosity of our faithful supporters, who believe and trust in our mission to change the lives of vulnerable women and children.

We've witnessed drug addicts become home owners, homeless moms graduate college, and start careers; and women who are changing the trajectory of their family tree by committing to make things better for their children. You make that possible by providing a safe place for them to thrive and grow. Thank you for continuing to invest in Lifehouse. "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken" Ecclesiastes 4:12. In a cord of three strands, you are a vital part of transforming lives.



"Help the life of one person and you can help the community."
– Steven Sawalich

Thank You For Being The Heartbeat of Lifehouse

Thank you to these churches, businesses, foundations and grant funders who provide vital support for Lifehouse. We especially recognize those gifts made in honor and/or memory of loved ones.

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Every effort has been made to account for these gifts received April 1 to June 30, 2025. Please notify us of any errors or omissions and we will make a correction in the next newsletter.

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and fun activities offered throughout the event. We once again had prize holes, a blackjack game, and our infamous chipping for bourbon. Lots of door prizes and great raffle prizes were won.

We want to thank our wonderful sponsors for helping make this event not only fun, but one of our largest fundraisers of the year.

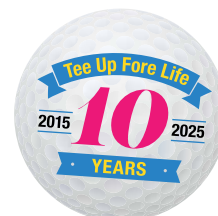
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A big thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated items for our door prizes and raffles. Our lucky raffle winners are:

50-50 Split-the-Pot Raffle Winner

- Cole Fisher (who generously donated the winnings back to Lifehouse! *Thank you!*)

Raffle Winners

- One Week Stay in Sanibel Island + Sun Shelter and Beach Towel - Gary Rivoli
- One Week Stay in Sanibel Island + Travel Gear - Mark Moore
- One Week Stay in Treasure Island + Wireless Speaker - Mike Berryman
- Hurstbourne Country Club Foursome - Mark Crush
- Total Wine and Spirits Private Wine Tasting Class for 20 - Deacon Greg
- Hunting Creek Country Club Foursome - Robert O'Bryan
- Taylor Made Farm Tour - Mark Crush
- U of L Cardinal Club Foursome - Sean Van Pelt
- 4 Tickets to Bengals Pre-Season Game - Joe Gates
- Lake Forest Country Club Foursome - Joe Gates
- 4 Kentucky Kingdom Tickets + 4 McAlister's VIP Meal Cards - Chris Meiners
- Covered Bridge/Champions Point Foursome - Albert Gutterman
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- Cincinnati Reds Tickets and Rooster's \$50 gift card - Joe Gates
- Lou City Tickets and Swag - Zach Clark
- 2 Belle of Louisville Tickets + Rooster's \$50 gift card - Jenny Armento
- 2 Holiday World Tickets + 2 McAlister's VIP Meal Cards - Andy Dages

Congratulations to our winning foursomes and prize hole winners:

- First Place - Mark Crush, Chuck Cahill, Dan Iceman, Greg Shanks
- Second Place - Joe Gates, Daniel Schapker, Ryan Dages, Andy Dages
- Consolation Prize - Joe Barnes, Ed Howard, Kenny Minyard, Kenny Gowers

Prize Hole Winners

- Closest to the Pin - Gary Rivoli
- Straightest Drive - Anthony Huffines
- Men's Longest Drive - John O'Bryan
- Women's Longest Drive - Katie Thompson

Chipping for Bourbon - Chad Gutterman

Special thanks goes to all of our volunteers, without whom our event would not be possible; to Polo Fields staff; as well as Krispy Kreme Donuts and Heine Brothers Coffee.

This year Lifehouse competed with three other golf scrambles on the same day, including a very large one that pulled away several of our regular golf teams. As such, we did not have enough teams to have an afternoon scramble round. It also affected our income for the event. While we are happy to have raised over \$20,000 for Lifehouse moms and babies, it is 56% less than last year. We encourage you to read about the upcoming Give for Good day of giving and consider setting up a fundraising page to help us recoup some of that loss during Louisville's biggest day of giving.

We always welcome suggestions to improve our event. Feel free to email Dolli at dneikirk@lifehouzelouisville.org or Lyssa at lcator@lifehouzelouisville.org with any suggestions. Watch for details on next year's scramble on our Facebook page and website.

Thanks again to all our golfers, sponsors, volunteers, donors and Polo Fields Staff!



Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to see more photos or go to lifehouzelouisville.org/10th-annual-tee-up-fore-life-2025-photo-gallery



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Ecclesiastes 4:12

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A Lifehouse Wish List

Thank you for helping us with much needed household items. These and other items may be found on our Amazon Wish List, and shipped directly to Lifehouse. Go to https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/13XDDHJ20RCXK?ref=gr_search_page_result

Help through Kroger Community Rewards

Did you know that you can select Lifehouse to be a Community Rewards recipient, receiving a percentage of your shopping purchases **without any additional cost to you**? It is a simple way to help Lifehouse, and only takes a few minutes of set up time.

- 1) Sign into your account at Kroger.com
- 2) Go to My Account and select Community Rewards from the left-hand menu
- 3) Search for Lifehouse Maternity Home and click Enroll

It's that easy. In 2024, we received just under \$1,000. We hope to significantly increase the amounts in 2025. Many nonprofits are generating thousands of dollars. If you have any questions on how to sign up, give us a call at 502-897-1655 and we can help you!

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- 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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Learn more at LifehouseLouisville.org • 502.897.1655