

WINTER 2026

Beginnings

Lifehouse Maternity Home



Looking Ahead: An Exciting 2026 at Lifehouse

As we step into a brand-new year, there is so much to anticipate at Lifehouse. With the launch of BrightLife and meaningful opportunities to gather, celebrate, and give, we can't wait to share what's ahead.

2026 Lunch and Learns

Discover our mission firsthand by joining a monthly Lunch & Learn. Tour our updated home, enjoy a complimentary meal, and hear the inspiring stories of the women we serve.
2026 Dates: Mar 18 | Apr 29 | May 27 | Jun 24 | Jul 29 | Aug 26 | Sep 30 | Oct 28
Register: lifehouselouisville.org/events or call 502-897-1655.



BrightLife Opens in 2026

This year marks the long-awaited opening of BrightLife, our onsite family support program designed to help the incredible moms we serve. BrightLife will provide safe, consistent, and nurturing care for their children while mom is working, going to school, or attending to personal business—removing one of the biggest barriers to stability and growth.

Because of you, families will have the support they need to thrive. We look forward to celebrating this milestone together in the months ahead.



**The Olmsted
May 13, 2026
11:30am - 1pm**

Join us this spring for Bright Beginnings, an inspiring brunch at The Olmsted benefitting Lifehouse. This free event kicks off our spring fundraising campaign with powerful alumni stories and a look at our future vision. Registration will be required to save your seat—stay tuned for more details coming soon!

11th Annual Tee Up FORE Life Golf Scramble

**Oxmoor Country Club
July 13, 2026
Shotgun start at 8:30 am**

Hit the links for a cause on July 13 at Oxmoor Country Club. This signature scramble unites community leaders and friends for a high-impact day on the course. All skill levels are welcome to join us in supporting Lifehouse!

Give for Good Louisville

September 10, 2026

Mark your calendars for September 10! Lifehouse is proud to participate in the 13th annual Give for Good Louisville, a 24-hour community giving event hosted by The Community Foundation of Louisville.

It's a high-energy opportunity to champion our mission and make a meaningful impact in just one day.



Trusting the Call

By Dolli Neikirk, CEO
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The old adage is the older you get, the faster time flies. In early March, I will celebrate seven years with Lifehouse. It is hard to believe it has been seven years. I remember my second day, listening to the story of a prospective participant, and how I was sure God made a mistake in choosing me for this work. I had experience in non-profit work, but not directly with individuals in crisis. I had no clue in what I was doing, but I did know that God led me to Lifehouse, and I just needed to trust that He would give me the tools and knowledge needed to impact those we serve.

Thanks to webinars, conferences, and lots of reading, I began to learn about trauma-informed care, mental illness, addiction recovery, poverty cycles, emotional intelligence, and more. "They" (whoever "they" are) say if you read 10 books on a subject you are considered an expert. I don't consider myself an expert on any of those subjects, but I feel I have a half-way decent working

knowledge on how we can impact the lives of moms and children in crisis.

Our vision at Lifehouse is to see every mother and child come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and step confidently into lives filled with sustainable stability and hope. Because of you, we continue to see the futures of families changed, one life at a time, every year. We couldn't do what we do without your prayers, your time, and your support.

Join us in praying this year for God's favor for Lifehouse; for lives to be transformed, women to thrive, and children to feel safe and loved. Thank you for being a part of Lifehouse. May God bless you and keep you; may His face shine upon you and bring you peace.

House



Happenings

Christmas at Lifehouse

Lifehouse extends a warm thank you to Southeast Chapel in the Woods campus for generously providing Christmas gifts for our moms and children. Working much like an "Angel Tree," Lifehouse participants made a wish list of items for themselves and their children. Members of two Chapel in the Woods small groups shopped for and wrapped the gifts. With many of our moms having no family support or connection, or having the income to provide for their children, Chapel in the Woods truly blessed them all with a wonderful Christmas.

Chapel in the Woods also provided the meal for our staff Christmas Party. It is rare when our entire staff is able to gather at the same time, and Christmas is one of those special times the staff can relax and enjoy one another's company. We were blessed by having a meal provided so no one had to cook or prepare anything. Thank you Chapel in the Woods for loving all of us at Lifehouse!





Unleashed in Colorado

In October, Lifehouse CEO, Dolli, and Chief Development Officer, Lyssa, traveled to Colorado with Southeast Church to learn about the updates and plans for Southeast's Unleashed app. Unleashed looks to engage Southeast members in mission work with local ministry partners, as well as mission work beyond our borders. Southeast provided for the travel, accommodations, and training for two members from each local ministry partnership. Dolli and Lyssa spent three days with over 100 others from more than 50 local nonprofit organizations learning about Southeast's plans to promote the app, how to add volunteer opportunities within the app, and effectively utilize the app to engage the church members with Lifehouse. Our hope is to attract renewed interest in ministry opportunities, such as Bible Study, babysitting, and one-time events such as helping with our Golf Scramble.

Christmas Open House

On December 7, Lifehouse hosted a Christmas Open House. We loved welcoming Lifehouse friends to visit and get a sneak peek at the work being done for our BrightLife family support program. We had several visitors tell us they had never been to Lifehouse, or it had been many years since their last visit. We want to thank Lifehouse Board Member, Maronda Dowdy, for providing wonderful refreshments for our guests. Visitors got to see our beautiful tree, on which each ornament has the name of a mom who lived at Lifehouse, along with the year she arrived and a color representing whether she had a boy, girl, or made a loving choice of adoption.



Volunteers: Thank you!

Lifehouse would like to send a HUGE thank you to volunteers Barbara and Donna, for working over a few weeks to install soundproof baffling in our new meeting room. BrightLife is taking over our previous meeting space, so we repurposed a different room to use for participant Bible studies, education sessions, and staff and board meetings. We wanted to be sure the space was soundproof for sensitive meetings, so

Barbara and Donna worked hard to install the baffling – not only is it functional, but they hung it in a nice pattern too. It is definitely a quiet room, and our Phase Two participants on either side can't hear any background sounds. Thank you, Barbara and Donna, for all your hard and aesthetically pleasing work!

Scarves from Guatemala

Lifehouse supporter Susan Hollensead blessed Lifehouse moms with beautiful handmade scarves from Guatemala. Her brother served as a missionary for a period of time, and helped local Mayan women start a business making scarves as a way to support themselves. Pala Village Market pays the women for their work, and helps the remote village with other needs. Most Guatemalan fabric threads are hand-dyed, and then woven by hand on special looms to create one-of-a-kind wearable art. We are grateful to Susan for donating these scarves to help our moms feel beautiful.





**Meet Samantha:
Our Family Care
Coordinator**

Samantha Sansone holds a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Justice from Central Washington University. Prior to joining Lifehouse, Samantha worked in education, childcare, outreach, and case management. She has been actively involved in volunteer service within her community and church. Her professional background reflects a strong commitment to advocacy, compassion, and supporting individuals and families through meaningful life transitions.

Jeremiah 1:5 reflects Samantha's belief in the inherent value and purpose of every life, which guides her work in supporting women and families during pregnancy and beyond. Samantha and her son, Brody, are grateful to call Kentucky home. Outside of work, she enjoys cooking, sports, spending time outdoors, and making memories with family and friends, along with her dog, Rocky.

Support Lifehouse by Donating a Vehicle!

We are excited to share that Lifehouse is now offering an easy, convenient opportunity to support Lifehouse through vehicle donation with Careasy!

If you have a vehicle you no longer need — a car, truck, SUV, motorcycle, or even a boat — you can donate it to financially support moms and babies at Lifehouse.

How It Works

- ✓ Free pick-up
- ✓ Quick online form
- ✓ A financial donation will be made to Lifehouse
- ✓ Tax-deductible contribution

"When our daughter was home from college over the holidays, her car unexpectedly died in our driveway. We were able to borrow a vehicle to get her back to school, but then we were left with a car we couldn't move and didn't know what to do with. I remembered seeing an article about vehicle donations and decided to give it a try. I filled out a quick form and, just a couple of days later, a tow truck arrived and picked up the car right from our driveway. The process was simple, the pickup was free, and the nonprofit financially benefited from the donation. It couldn't have been easier."

Testimonial by Lyssa Castor, Chief Development Officer at Lifehouse

To Get Started

Begin the process here:

<https://careasy.org/Lifehouse-Louisville>

Or call: 855-500-7433 (just be sure to mention Lifehouse is the nonprofit you want to support!)

We are grateful for the donations that help us meet our everyday needs. These donations help us focus our financial resources toward programs for our moms and children, such as life skills education through BrightCourse, case management services with our Family Care Coordinator, transportation to medical appointments, and so much more. In addition to this list, you can find other needed items on our Amazon wish list. Go to "Amazon.com" and in the search bar type "Gift Registry by name." Follow the prompts to "Find a Registry" and type in Lifehouse Maternity Home. Thank you for all you do to support our ministry!

- Brown lawn bags for yard waste**
- HVAC filters size 16x25x1**
- Baby crib sheets**
- Pack and play sheets**
- Copier paper**
- Stamps**
- Reusable water bottles**
- Rubber gloves in small, medium and large (latex-free)**

Help through Community Rewards

An easy way to financially help Lifehouse without any cost to you! Lifehouse will receive a percentage of your purchase amount at Kroger.

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

It's that easy! Each time you use your Kroger Plus Card when making a purchase, a percentage will be donated to Lifehouse. Thank you for supporting Lifehouse!

Help Lifehouse Through a Legacy Gift:

- Include Lifehouse in your will
- Add Lifehouse as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy or investment account
- Individuals 70 ½ or older, may donate up to \$100,000 from their IRA to a charitable organization with a Qualified Charitable Distribution. This meets the minimum distribution requirement dollar for dollar.

Always consult with your legal, tax, or investment advisor before taking any of actions described above. While we don't need to know specific details, Lifehouse would appreciate knowing if you have taken any of the steps above.

Thank You For Being A Blessing to Lifehouse

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Foundations & Grants: **Gheens Foundation | Jamie Parsley Family Foundation | King's Daughters & Sons Foundation | Southeast Christian Church | Zee-Fam Trust**

Memory/Honor: **James O'Grady - In Honor of Norman & Sally O'Grady | Chris & Dolli Neikirk - In Honor of our Grandchildren, Isla, Scarlett, Abel, & Emory | Martha Latter - In Memory of Don Fontaine & Deb Karsell | Karen Blair - In Memory of Helen Clark | Kathy Douglass - In Memory of Helen Clark | Charlene Distler - In Memory of Charles & Betty Jansing | Dirk Gowin - In Memory of Rev. Donald Gowin, Dad | Thomas Brown - In Memory of Mother Marion Brown | Paula Powell - In Memory of Martelle Powell & Nancy Stephens**

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“Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

Share Our Mission

