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Beginnings

Lifehouse Maternity Home



Join us in praying this prayer daily Mother's Day to Father's Day:

A Prayer for Bright Beginnings

Heavenly Father,

We come before You today holding tightly to Your promise in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

Lord, right now there is a mom and her precious children walking through a dark season of crisis. The weight of the past—fear, instability, heartbreak, and uncertainty—has felt heavy and unrelenting. But today we declare Your truth over their lives: **the old has gone, and the new is here.**

In the name of Jesus, we ask You to make them a new creation. Bring a **Bright Beginning** to this family. Replace fear with peace, chaos with stability, and despair with joyful hope. Give this mother strength, wisdom, and courage as she leads her children into a safer, brighter future. Heal their hearts, restore their sense of security, and surround them with Your unfailing love.

Father, let this new creation be visible in practical ways: a safe and stable home, provision for their daily needs, healing for every wound, and a community that wraps around them with support and encouragement.

We also lift up every person reading this prayer and every generous heart considering giving to Lifehouse. Stir hearts to partner in this **Bright Beginning**. May every gift given become part of the "new" You are creating—seeds of hope, stability, and restoration for moms and children.

Thank You that in Christ, no crisis is final. Thank You that You specialize in turning endings into beautiful new beginnings. We trust You to do what only You can do: make all things new.

In the powerful and redeeming name of Jesus Christ, **Amen.**





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(2 Corinthians 5:17)

By Dolli Neikirk, CEO
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Every day at Lifehouse, we witness the truth of 2 Corinthians 5:17 in the lives of the mothers and children we serve. They arrive at Lifehouse fleeing violence, homelessness, addiction, or overwhelming hardship. But we believe that a Bright Beginning is not only possible for these women and children... it is what God delights in creating.

When that scared mom arrives at Lifehouse searching for an answer to her crisis, we are here to offer her a way to step away from her past into a new life of safety, healing, stability, restored hope, and a way to change her family for generations to come.

The old has gone. The new is here.

I invite you to be a part of Bright Beginnings, a special campaign running from Mother’s Day (May 10) through Father’s Day (June 21). During this special season honoring parents and family, your gift will help begin a new life for courageous mothers and their children who desperately need a fresh start.

Will you prayerfully consider giving today? Whether it’s a one-time gift or a monthly commitment, your generosity during Bright Beginnings will help write bright

new chapters for moms and children. Every dollar becomes part of God’s renewing work — turning fear into faith and brokenness into beauty. Visit our website or scan the QR code to give securely online at LifehouseLouisville.org/donate



Or mail your gift to Lifehouse using the enclosed envelope.

The promise of 2 Corinthians 5:17 isn’t just words — it’s a living hope for families. Your gift between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day will help make a bright new beginning a reality for the next mom walking through the doors of Lifehouse.

Thank you for standing with these brave mothers and children — as God makes all things new. Because of friends like you, Bright Beginnings are becoming reality every day.

A monthly gift helps Lifehouse to sustainably plan and steward your generosity. Please prayerfully consider if you can include an on-going monthly gift with your one-time donation today.

House Happenings

Thanks to a generous grant from the AR Hale Foundation, Lifehouse was able to outfit our playground with new toys for the children. Lots of hands-on fun with a sandbox and water table, ride-on toys for the new concrete pad, slides and much more. With the warmer weather, moms are excited to have a secure fun place for their kids to play.

Lifehouse would also like to thank Val Henson and Wayne Burd from the Knights of Columbus Council at St. Patrick Catholic Church for taking time to put together all the toys for the children, and for cleaning up all the existing toys and equipment on the playground.



House



Happenings

Lifeshouse has two big thank-yous: One to The King's Daughters and Sons Foundation for their generous grant to replace all of the beds with new daybeds and provide convection ovens for our transitional units.

The beds in all eleven rooms were donations over the years and had seen much use. The new beds now give a homey feel to both the Phase One rooms and the Phase Two transitional units. Moms can use the daybeds like a couch during the day and there is a bonus of extra storage underneath. The Phase Two daybeds have plugs and USB ports for moms who may be up late on the computer studying.

When the transitional units were completed, ovens were not a part of the final design. Thanks to this grant, convection ovens were placed in each unit, so moms no longer have to wait and share oven space with Phase One. One mom got busy right away making cookies for the first time with her son.

Our second thank you goes out to the Trinity Church Young Adult Small Group from New Albany, IN, who spent two Saturdays helping us put together the daybeds, tearing down old beds, moving the convection ovens into each transitional unit, cleaning toys for BrightLife, and helping with other furniture moving tasks. We are so grateful for their time in helping make Lifeshouse a brighter home for moms and children.



Lifeshouse staff members, Dolli, Shannon and Lyssa attended the Heartbeat International Conference in Cincinnati, OH at the end of March. Heartbeat is an international network of over 4,000 pregnancy help organizations, such as maternity homes and pregnancy resource centers, offering hope and help to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. Heartbeat provides valuable insights to emerging trends, legal concerns, and specialized training to equip and encourage those involved in life-affirming work.

Lyssa, Shannon and Dolli participated in a variety of workshops on maternity housing, fundraising and development, and program support during the four-day conference. This practical knowledge will be used to improve the work Lifeshouse does every day to support moms and children. We want to give a special thank you to Southeast Christian Church Chapel in the Woods Campus for its generous support in helping our staff attend the conference.

Lifeshouse congratulates participant Anna for receiving a Right to Life of Louisville Pregnant and Parenting Scholarship at their recent banquet. Anna is studying cybersecurity and criminal justice. She is maintaining straight As. Lifeshouse is so proud of Anna, as she works hard at being a great mom, working at a local restaurant, and studying hard for school.





A Morning of Hope

The energy at The Olmsted was electric on May 13th as 150 supporters gathered for our inaugural Bright Beginnings Brunch. Guests enjoyed a wonderful meal while hearing powerful stories of transformation from those who call Lifehouse home. We are incredibly grateful to our emcee, Pastor Murphy Belding, and our generous sponsors, the Ramsey Family and Southeast Christian Church Chapel in the Woods, for making this milestone event possible.

The highlights of the morning were the personal stories shared by Monica and Annamaria.

Monica, a Lifehouse alumna, shared her journey from rehab to becoming a successful homeowner, while current participant Annamaria spoke of the freedom she has found while pursuing her degrees. We also celebrated the upcoming summer opening of BrightLife, our new onsite family support program. As CEO Dolli Neikirk noted, it is a blessing to watch these women transform into "beautiful diamonds." We already reserved The Olmsted for next year, so please save the date for May 12, 2027!



Lifehouse Save the Date!

www.lifehouselouisville.org



Join us for our 11th annual *Tee Up Fore Life Golf Scramble!*

When: July 13th, 8:30 AM

Where: Oxmoor Country Club

Why: To support the Lifehouse Mission

All proceeds directly benefit Lifehouse Maternity Home, supporting their mission to provide housing, parenting support, and essential life skills to women and their babies. Register today by scanning the QR code above!



Swing for a Cause!

- Come support Lifehouse Maternity Home on August 29th
- All bay rental fees will be donated to Lifehouse for the entirety of the day
- Tee It Up Golf is a State of the Art golf simulator venue
- Bring your own clubs or rent a set for \$10
- No golf balls needed and no golf shoes please
- Bays hold up to 6 golfers so bring your friends and have fun supporting the moms and babies at Lifehouse
- Reservations can be made two weeks in advance at teeitupgolf.com



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 spring break, 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!)



A wonderful way to help Lifeline is with everyday essentials. By donating an item from the list, you help keep our financial resources focused on programs for our moms and children. You can find these and other 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 Lifeline Maternity Home. Thank you for all you do to support the Lifeline 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 Lifeline without any cost to you! Lifeline 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 "Lifeline 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 Lifeline. Thank you for supporting Lifeline!

Help Lifeline Through a Legacy Gift:

- Include Lifeline in your will
- Add Lifeline 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 the actions described above. While we don't need to know specific details, Lifeline would appreciate knowing if you have taken any of the steps above.

Thank You For Being A Blessing to Lifeline

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Foundations & Grants: **The Zoeller Family Foundation | Forvis Mazars Foundation | Louisville Downtown Lions Charities, Inc.**

Memory/Honor: **Chuck and Sally Lynch in honor of Dolli Neikirk and all she does for mothers | Roy and Cathy Taylor in honor of Pat Carrico's retirement**

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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

