

SUMMER 2026

Beginnings

Lifeshouse Maternity Home



Lifeshouse Maternity Home is excited to once again participate in Give for Good Louisville on September 10, 2026, from midnight to 11:59 p.m.

Sponsored by the Community Foundation of Louisville, Give for Good brings the Kentuckiana community together for one powerful day of generosity. Every donation made to Lifeshouse helps provide a safe home, essential resources and ongoing support for mothers and babies in need.

You can make an even greater impact by sharing Lifeshouse's mission with your friends, family and community. Throughout the day, Lifeshouse will also have opportunities to earn additional prize dollars as we participate alongside other local nonprofit organizations.

Be sure to follow Lifeshouse's social media on September 10th for updates, special stories and ways to help us make Give for Good an unforgettable day!

Thank You For Being A Blessing to Lifeshouse

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

By Dolli Neikirk, CEO
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It has been three years in the making. BrightLife at Lifehouse is finally becoming a reality! The Lifehouse vision is to end the cycle of abuse, neglect, generational poverty, and social services dependency for pregnant and parenting women. This can only happen for single mothers through work and better employment opportunities. Without reliable, accessible childcare, moms will struggle to reach this goal.

As our leadership researched numerous options to solve the childcare crisis for our moms, we knew that the most important part will be to ensure these little children will come to know Jesus and His love for them. We are excited to have Tanisha Sparks join the Lifehouse team as BrightLife Director, overseeing the very important job of providing a safe, nurturing environment for the little ones, that includes songs, stories and activities about Jesus.

In addition to caring for the children, Lifehouse works with their moms toward self-sufficiency and independence. Lifehouse welcomed a familiar face to the role of Family Care Coordinator when House Mentor, Alison Bettis, expressed an interest in the position. Alison has been a part of Lifehouse for about four years. She has a heart for our moms and is eager to see them succeed.

In her role as Family Care Coordinator, Alison works one-on-one with moms in setting goals, outlining strategies to achieve those goals, money management, time management, caring for personal business, and other executive functions and life skills. We are glad to have Alison step up into a broader role in serving our moms.

You can learn more about Tanisha and Alison through their bios in this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bright Beginnings campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Your faithful gifts helped us raise \$85,000 to support our moms and babies. Your gifts truly create a bright new beginning for moms and children. We lift up our prayers of thanksgiving for your generosity and love.

Did you know that I send an email update to Lifehouse supporters several times a year? The update typically includes stories and information about Lifehouse not found in the newsletter or on our social media platforms. If you are not receiving the CEO Update by email, that means we do not have your email address. If you would like to receive the CEO Update, contact us at info@lifelouisville.org or call 502-897-1655 and provide us your email so you don't miss out on the latest news and happenings at Lifehouse!

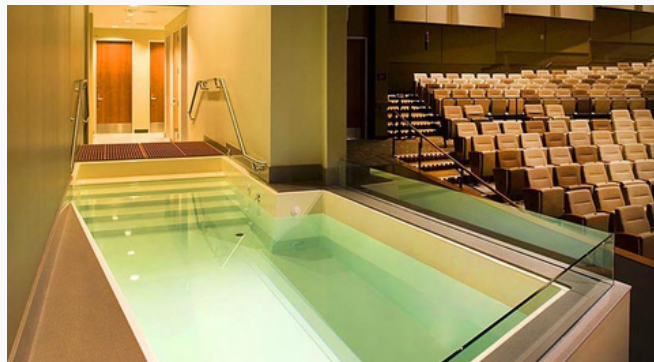
House



Happenings

Lifehouse Celebrates a Baptism

One of our Lifehouse moms recently made the decision for baptism and dedicated her two children to the Lord. We pray that she and her children grow ever closer to God through their walk with Christ.





Thank You to Knights of Columbus Council #390!

The Knights Council #390 have been long time supporters of Lifehouse in many ways, through volunteering for various odd jobs at Lifehouse, providing volunteers and players for our annual Golf Scramble, and through generous gifts. Lifehouse is grateful for this recent gift to help with our 2026 "Tee Up FORE Life" Golf Scramble.



Candy for Caring

Lifehouse would like to thank Candy for Caring for their generous gift. Connie Ambrose visited Lifehouse in June to present us with a check from the proceeds of candy sales. Candy for Caring's mission is "in the spirit of God's goodness, we will use our talents making and selling candy. Our profits will go to charities helping those in need in our community." Lifehouse is grateful for the support of Candy for Caring in helping our moms and babies.



Pregnancy Help
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Investing in Leadership at Lifehouse

In late July, Lifehouse CEO, Dolli Neikirk, and Chief Development Officer, Lyssa Castor, attended Heartbeat International's Pregnancy Help Institute in Columbus, OH.

The Pregnancy Help Institute dives deep into core topics that are useful in the pregnancy help movement and life. Organized under three intensive tracks, Leadership, Development, and New Director, the Pregnancy Help Institute integrates executive-level instruction in a small-group environment with the unparalleled opportunity to process information and strategies with experts and front-line pregnancy help leaders.

Lyssa participated in the Development Track, led by seasoned pregnancy help leader Lisa Stueckemann. The track equipped Lyssa to move from reactive fundraising to intentional, confident, and highly effective development leadership while collaborating with and learning alongside other pregnancy help leaders.

Dolli attended the Leadership Track, created for seasoned leaders, with three or more years in service. The Leadership Track, led by John Rue, contained concepts developed by "Built to Lead," an executive coaching program that has trained CEOs, presidents, boards, and ministry leaders nationwide. Participants learned proven techniques on how to lead effectively in both work and personal life.

Heartbeat International provides resources, training, education, and care for over 4,000 affiliated pregnancy help organizations and individuals in more than 100 countries around the world. Heartbeat's Life-Saving Mission is to Reach and Rescue as many lives as possible through an effective global network of life-affirming pregnancy help that Renews communities for LIFE.

Meet Our New Team Members



**Meet Alison:
Our Family Care
Coordinator**

Alison Bettis serves Lifelinehouse as the Family Care Coordinator, bringing years of dedication, compassion, and experience to the women and children Lifelinehouse serves. Alison is no stranger to the Lifelinehouse community, having previously served as a House Mentor for many years, where she had the privilege of walking alongside women and families during important seasons of their lives.

Alison's passion for serving women comes from her own testimony. Her life did not begin the way she hoped, but through God's grace, mercy, and faithfulness, He transformed her story and gave her a renewed purpose. Because of what God has done in her own life, Alison is passionate about sharing His hope, love, grace, and mercy with women who may need encouragement, support, and someone to walk beside them.

Alison and her husband, Dennis, serve their local church in many ways and are raising four teenage children. They cherish their time together as a family, knowing that every moment is a gift from God. They strive to make the most of each day, creating memories and celebrating the blessings God has given them.

Alison's heart and soul are for women and children. Through her role at Lifelinehouse, she desires to remind every woman that their story matters, there is hope for the future, and God's grace can bring restoration and new beginnings. Her favorite Bible verse is, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." — Joshua 24:15



**Meet Tanisha:
Our BrightLife
Director**

Tanisha Sparks joined the Lifelinehouse team as the BrightLife Ministry Director in July 2026. Originally from Michigan, she brings with her a heart for serving children and families, along with nearly nine years of experience in education, child development, and behavioral support.

Throughout her career, Tanisha has served as a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT), RBT Trainer, and Operations Manager in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). She has also worked as an Instructional Assistant in Exceptional Children Education (ECE) and as a Family Advocate with Head Start, where she earned her Family Development Credential (FDC). Each of these experiences has deepened her passion for helping children grow and supporting families with compassion and care.

Tanisha and her husband of five years attend HOPE Ministries with their young daughter. She feels blessed to be part of the Lifelinehouse family and is excited to serve through the BrightLife program. Her desire is to create a loving, Christ-centered environment where children feel safe, valued, and encouraged as they learn and grow. She is grateful for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with the families she serves each day.



A Fantastic Day On the Course

Lifeforce Maternity Home hosted its 11th Annual Tee It Up Fore Life Golf Scramble on July 13, 2026, at Oxmoor Country Club.

Thanks to the generosity of our title sponsor, KCC Companies, and the support of our sponsors, golfers and volunteers, the event was a wonderful success. Every dollar raised helps Lifeforce continue providing housing, resources and support for the mothers and babies we serve.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated, donated and helped make the day possible. A special thank you also goes to the team at Oxmoor Country Club for helping us host another fantastic event.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on the course next year!



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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



Wish List

A great way to support Lifehouse with everyday household needs is purchasing something from our Amazon Wish List. Items high on our "must have" list right now are:

- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Kleenex
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Lysol disinfecting wipes
- ☐ Copier paper
- ☐ Stamps
- ☐ Kroger gift cards in any amount



Scan the QR Code above to view our Amazon wish list

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!

Other ways to help Lifehouse:

- Donate a car through careasy.org/Lifehouse-Louisville (contact Lifehouse for more information)
- Include Lifehouse in your will
- Add Lifehouse as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy or investment account
- Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution through your IRA if you are 70-1/2 or older

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, Lifehouse would appreciate knowing if you have taken any of the steps above.