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**Inside:  
Celebrating  
God's Grace and Goodness!!**



**ON THIS**  
**Mother's Day**  
**REMEMBER THE MOTHERS IN YOUR LIFE**  
*(more inside)*

SPRING 2009

*Midland Fair Havens*

*"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." ~Isaiah 66:13*



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**On this Mother's Day  
consider a gift every mother  
would cherish**

*...a heart felt donation in your loved one's honor to benefit the moms and children at Fair Havens.*

*Your honoree will receive a Mother's Day Card with artwork, decorative ribbon, and verse created by our residents.*

*Please use the enclosed envelope to let us know the name of your honoree(s) and mail with your contribution to:*

**Midland Fair Havens  
2400 Whitmire Blvd Suite 100  
Midland, Texas 79705**

*Please postmark no later than April 29th to ensure delivery by Mother's Day on May 10th.*



**Where your dollars go....some facts of every day life for our determined moms and their children...**

At Midland Fair Havens, we lovingly provide housing, life skills training, education, counseling and basic needs assistance to single mothers and their children as they seek to build a brighter future for their families

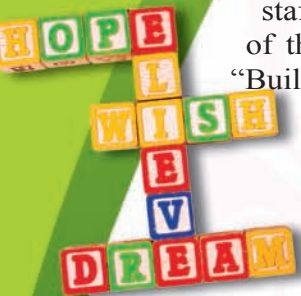
**How are your investment dollars at work?** Daily cost for one person is \$23...daily cost for one family is \$70...weekly cost for one family is \$492 ...monthly cost for one family is \$2,131...and annual cost for one family is \$25,566.

**What is the return on your investment?** Mothers enter the program with an average annual income that is below 50% of the poverty level, and 70% are unemployed. Upon graduation, 100% are employed with an average annual income that enables them to maintain self-sufficient living. Mothers and their children enter the program with little or no hope; mothers exit the program with a future not only for their family, but for generations to come...priceless.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of Midland Fair Havens is to equip single mothers and their children for self-sufficient living by addressing their educational, vocational, spiritual and emotional needs in residential and non-residential settings.*

Equipping single mother families for self-sufficiency is the core mission of Midland Fair Havens. As we seek to provide the key components needed to fulfill that mission, the program staff has identified five fundamental areas that lead to healthy functional families. Every element of the program for both the mothers and the children will be addressing at least one of these "Building Blocks for Better Families".



- Foundational Education
- Character Development
- Emotional Wellness
- Social Competency
- Spiritual Wholeness



Through our individualized case management, our relevant life skills training sessions for single mothers and their children and our various collaborations with other community resources, the Midland Fair Havens program staff has recommitted in 2009 to serving our families with essential 'up to date' information that will support them as they strive toward a brighter future.

Linda Hamblin  
Program Director

## Shouts of Joy and Praise!

The school age children of Fair Havens have been blessed with some great tutors who show the children love as they help with homework. A third grade boy at Fair Havens was fearful as the time approached for the reading TAKS test. The tutor worked with and encouraged him twice a week. There were many shouts of joy when the TAKS results were available- the little boy passed!!!! The confidence gained by passing this test is helping as the tutor continues to work to prepare the third grader for the math TAKS test.

Priscilla Lane  
Family Enrichment



## Showering Others with God's Love

Recently, we had two blessed events at Midland Fair Havens. One of our newest residents, who escaped an abusive relationship, was accepted into the program and moved in with her son. A month later she gave birth to a precious baby girl. The mother was new to Midland and knew very few people in this area. Some of our residents found out that due to her circumstances, she had not had a baby shower, and they took it upon themselves to plan a surprise dinner and baby shower for her. The new mother was overwhelmed that the other MFH residents would take the time and the expense to honor her and her sweet newborn.



"I am so thankful that these ladies had such a servant's heart that they unselfishly thought of someone else's needs instead of their own. We were so blessed to witness these ladies fulfilling the scripture and remembering, the words the Lord Jesus himself said in **Acts 20:35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."**

Nelda Lane  
Case Manager

## A Complete Turn Around

"I've never had anyone believe in me. You did and now look what I have been able to do! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

These statements came from a young single mother of three precious daughters who has accomplished amazing things during and after her residency at Fair Havens.

Sarah\* first came to Fair Havens when her parents were turning her out on the street. She had made choices in her teens that could have been fatal for her, but God had another plan. Following years of drug abuse and violent attacks by several boyfriends, Sarah was jolted into reality by the birth of her third daughter. She woke up one morning knowing that if she continued her current lifestyle, she and her babies would end up dead!

When she first interviewed at Fair Havens, Sarah did not even have her high school diploma. Her goal in life was to find a kind Christian man who would "take care" of her and her daughters. However, to live at Fair Havens, Sarah had to formulate solid goals to reach a self-sufficient lifestyle. The program staff set out guidelines and connected her with resources so that she could attain her goals but she would have to provide the effort! Within a month, she had taken and passed her GED test and enrolled at Midland College for a nursing

degree. With each completed assignment or passed test, her confidence grew and a 'different' lifestyle seemed possible. God was equipping her to live without a 'man to take care of her'! He had replaced an insecure spirit with a confidence to achieve. While at Fair Havens, the life skills training helped her learn how to budget her money, parent her growing daughters and establish healthy boundaries in her relationships with others even her parents.

Her life has continued on a positive path with a part time nursing job in a drug rehabilitation center while she continues her studies. She has also recently moved into her first house! God has completely turned around her life experience with drug use into a positive ministry so that she can help others with the same problem. Sarah is feeling that her life has real purpose. In keeping with her love for music, she even encouraged a group of her clients to utilize their musical talents to form a band. They recently wrote and dedicated a song to her to demonstrate how much she has meant to them. With the stability and faith of a healthy mother, her three precious daughters are now living in a home where they know that 'anything is possible'!



Sarah is a fictitious name used to protect the confidentiality of the actual client described in this story.