



offering a hand up

not a hand out

## News



We have BIG news! Martha's Home is proud to announce that we have purchased a 5th house to serve the homeless women in our area. That means approximately 25 more lives transformed per year! With this new home, we can continue to give homeless women a HAND UP. We THANK YOU for 30 years of generosity and humbly ask for continued support to transform this new house into a HOME, so that we can continue our mission of providing homeless women a second chance at a self-sufficient, successful

life. Please visit [MarthasHome.org](http://MarthasHome.org) and give a gift to help make the difference in our community- ANY amount helps!

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## Current Needs

Martha's Home is currently in need of paper goods and toiletries. Examples include: paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, toothpaste, shampoo, body soap, feminine care products, lotion, shaving cream/razors, deodorant, and body spray. Next time you visit the store, please pick up these extra items and drop them off at Martha's Home located at 1204 SW 18th Ave.

With Christmas fast approaching, we are in need of small gifts for our residents. If you are able to pick up an extra gift, we ask that you consider purchasing one for the women and moms. We have very generous sponsors for the children, but often the women get over looked. If you would be interested in sponsoring one of our ladies, please contact Connie during business hours at 806-372-4035, Mon-Fri 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

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## The Train Never Came

By: Teresa Gallagher

I was very active in my addiction. I was what you call a functional addict/alcoholic. I lost everything. I had been doing this for so long that I just didn't want to do it anymore. I was so tired, tired of hurting my family, my friends, I was tired of giving the alcohol and drugs the power. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. It was December 30th 2002, I decided I didn't want to live like this anymore. I bought enough drugs, I thought, to blow up my heart. I thought I bought



enough alcohol to get alcohol poisoning. I drove my car to a railroad tracks, parked in the middle of the track and threw my keys out the window. I sat there waiting for the train to come and take the pain away. I just couldn't go on the way I was. Well, the train never came. Turns out I didn't have enough drugs to do anything. I got angry. I was angry with God for the train never coming. I was angry with Him for allowing me to continue living. I couldn't understand why God wasn't taking me away from this life. I got out of my car and asked why over and over. I noticed when I threw my keys out, it hit a post. They were only 2 feet away. The whole time I was waiting for the train, my keys were right there. That seed that someone planted in me years ago, that God loves you and has a purpose for you, that seed came to life and I knew that this was the path God had for me. I went home to my mom and dad's house and said I'm an addict, I need help. If I don't get help, I'm going to die. I came to Amarillo to get clean and sober. I knew that whatever path God would take me down, it would be His plan with His purpose. I wanted to live. I wanted to enjoy life, and with God's help along with Martha's Home, I have been sober since 2002.

### **Sarah's Note:**

**With the help of many supportive people in her life, Teresa has done a 180. Once a resident at Martha's Home, Teresa was hired in 2013 to be the Shelter Manger and given the opportunity to share her story and struggles with future residents. Teresa does everything from taking in donations to coaching the ladies in life skills, to being a shoulder to cry on. Teresa's role at Martha's Home is vital and she has no doubt saved lives just by being there and helping the ladies get back on the right path. As a formally homeless person and addict, she is able to relate to the women at Martha's Home and give them courage and hope. In October, Teresa was awarded the '2017 Victorious Heart' award at the 20th Annual Beans & Cornbread Luncheon. We could not be more proud of Teresa!**

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## Save the Date



You're invited to join us for a jeweled evening of excitement on Saturday, **April 21st, 2018!** Get ready to be dazzled at Martha's Home 10th Annual **Second Chance Prom**, themed "**Diamond Anniversary**". Adventure awaits adults who either missed their first prom or want that second chance to experience a whimsical evening with your current sweetheart or group of friends!

You can expect an original and outstanding experience to remember! And we're turning it up this year with more surprises to celebrate our **Diamond Anniversary!** Prom guests can expect

great food from Amarillo's finest eateries, a cash bar, dancing, music, a silent auction, live entertainment and more surprises! You don't want to miss this unique experience.

To become a sponsor and receive a reserved table for 8, please contact Sarah Silva, Director of Development by email at [Sarah@MarthasHome.org](mailto:Sarah@MarthasHome.org) or call **806-443-5577**.

Individual Tickets will go on sale in January.

All proceeds will benefit Martha's Home who provides shelter, support, assistance, and second chances to homeless women and mothers with children. Don't miss this opportunity for you to experience a second chance at prom, while helping to provide a second chance at life for our ladies.

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## Thank You!



our community.

Thank you to Valero for their donation to Martha's Home last month. Martha's Home was a recipient of Valero's Benefit for Children Charity Golf Tournament that takes place in the summer. The funds are distributed to Valero markets and then employees at each location nominate a number of local organizations that serve children. We are honored to have been nominated and given this generous gift among other very deserving non-profits in

Thank you to our guests that attended our first annual Wonderful Women Brunch & Fashion Show! It was a fabulous morning filled with fashion and fun and food by Chef Bud! We couldn't have done it without these WONDERFUL sponsors and Fashion vendors: CS Wilson & Associates, Panhandle Point of Sale Systems, Education Credit Union, Street Auto Group, Brumley Insurance Agency, Glass Doctor and Window Genie, Norris Audio Visual, KAMR Local 4, FOX 14, Wellborn Sign Company, Anderson Modeling, KC Cosmetics, Fishlady's Fashion Bowtique, Plains Dairy, Scentsy by Sara Britten, Gina Doss, Small Town Gypsy, CB Boutique, Kudos Clothing Company, and Makie Black.



Thank you to First Mortgage for throwing a pumpkin painting party for the children and residents on Halloween! It was a real smash!



Martha's Home was selected to receive a generous donation from Cross Texas Transmission. Thank you for your support Cross Texas!



Thank you to Santa himself for stopping by the Martha's Home Christmas Party! Santa recited 'The Night Before Christmas' to the children of Staff, Board, and Residents and handed out gifts. It was a Merry time had by all!

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All of us at Martha's Home would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!



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