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1st Annual Great Armadillo Hunt & Click!



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"What fun!" "Such a different kind of motorcycle run!" "Love the challenge!" "The best ran event!" These are just some of the comments we heard from over 150 motorcyclists who participated in Martha's Home never tried before **Motorcycle Photo Scavenger Hunt**. The original idea was presented by Karen & James Stovall, as a fund-raiser for Martha's Home. Also, thanks to the many special volunteers who gave their time and efforts to make this event a success!

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS AND DONORS!



My name is Mariah.

Since April of this year, I have been working as the weekend staff person at Martha's Home. In my time working there I have seen many good things happen.

The residents come from many different walks of life. Each one is there for a different reason. They have all had their own struggles in their lives that have brought them in to the Martha's Home. I've seen some residents complete their time on probation, just to continue on making progress in their lives to do better for themselves and their families. They obtain



jobs in many different areas and work hard to make progress. There are many things that are expected from the residents that aren't always easy to do, but they continue to meet the challenges placed before them.

Martha's Home gives the residents a chance and the tools they need to make a difference in their lives and skills that they can take with them and carry on throughout their lives. I have even had my own struggles in life and this job has even made a difference in my life and I in theirs. These women and children make an impact on me in how I am when I am not there. They also share stories about their progress and even ask me how I am doing. They are caring women that needed a break to improve their lives and Martha's Home does that for the residents and even the staff.

I am proud to say that I work for such a wonderful organization that does so much for their residents no matter what their needs may be. I hope that Martha's home and staff continue to make an impact on lives that need it. But these residents also make an impact on those lives they come across as well. I am glad that such an organization can make such a positive difference on so many lives in our community.

Martha's Home Needs & Wish List

Many families come to Martha's Home with very few, if any, of their possessions. Community donations help provide for a family's basic needs and are an important first step in helping them start over.



*Teresa Gallagher,
MH Shelter Manager*

The following is a list of items that Martha's Home needs. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

- Window unit AC for our sorting room
- Gas vouchers for women looking for work
- Any and all paper products
- Perfume, scented body wash and full sized toiletries

These items can be delivered to Martha's Home's main entrance at 1204 S.W. 18th Avenue. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide pick up services for all donations.

Martha's Home Launches Employment Service

In order for Martha's Home to have the impact we need to help our residents reach the highest level of self-sufficiency possible, we must create a continuum of complementary services to engage women where they are and help them progress.

To do so, we are taking the lead in creating an employment service for the ladies of Martha's Home. This will be an extension of what we currently do and will involve more emphasis on creating a single entry point to both identify what people need and ensure they are prepared and linked with the right employment opportunity.

As a business owner or manager, you can give a second chance to someone who is eager and dedicated to growing as an individual, thus making a great employee. If you have any full or part-time job openings within your business, please open your heart and call 806/367-1757, and together let's end the cycle of poverty for these women.

Jeepers Creepers!

Martha's Home Announces Theme for 2014 Second Chance Prom!

Rewind 90 years, Daddy-O, because you're in for an evening of big-timers, flappers, hoofers and vamps, dolled-up and sassy—as the Second Chance Prom returns with its 2014 theme, The Roaring Twenties! Now in its sixth year, the Second Chance Prom is an amazing evening on the town, in which you'll have a second chance to experience prom night for the first time, or as a fun evening out with friends!



Slated for March 29th, this is one hotsy-totsy affair, kicking off at 7 p.m. in the North Exhibit Hall of the Amarillo Civic Center.

Revelers will enjoy an exciting evening of live music provided by Jack Light of DJ Entertainment, while hoofing it on the dance floor, indulging in heavy hors d'oeuvres inspired by Roaring Twenties culinary temptations, and a cash bar—or speakeasy, if you will. The event will feature silent & live auctions, as well as professional photography, special entertainment, and much more.

All proceeds from The Second Chance Prom benefit Martha's Home, an Amarillo-based nonprofit organization providing transitional housing and assistance to homeless women and their children, giving them a "second chance" at becoming self-sufficient, productive members of our community. Learn more at www.marthashome.org. You can also find more information about the Second Chance Prom at <http://secondchanceprom.org>.