



# Hospitality House



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What an awesome summer this has been! Special thanks to all the mission teams of all ages that served here this summer: Sisters Who Care; FBC, Warren; Nacogdoches Bible Fellowship; Central BC, Jacksonville; Fellowship of Huntsville; FBC, Highlands; First United Methodist, Huntsville; Cornerstone BC, Lucas;

American Heritage Girls, The Woodlands; Fallbrook BC, Houston. From major construction projects, cleaning, sewing, organizing school supplies and food pantry, yard work, interacting with our HH guests and even making wallets to give to the parolees, you all worked so hard, serving with Christ like attitudes, smiles and incredibly willing spirits! Long days and short nights, but you accomplished so much! Thank you!

Thank you to all the churches and individuals who donated the much needed groceries and school supplies this summer! We were in desperate need and you came. An answer to our prayers! God continues to bless this ministry through the generosity of His people.

This summer we have been crowded so many weekends that we have placed families in the Prayer Chapel and Conference Room on cots and had to turn others away who begged to "just, please let us sleep on the couches, we'll be fine there". As families, TDCJ personnel and offenders are spreading the news about the HHouse, our numbers continue to grow. Waiting lists of 6-8 families are now common each weekend. Please pray for us as we struggle to meet the needs of all these hurting families.

*Debra*

Christmas is coming! Though summer is just ending and we haven't even finished handing out school supplies yet, it's time to begin collecting new toys/gifts for boys and girls of all ages 1-18. Please bring them unwrapped. We'll begin handing out Christmas gifts to the families Nov. 2nd. Please help us make this a special season of joy for the children as we share Christ's love with them!



We now have an electronic newsletter. We would love to have you sign up for it. Just go to our website and fill out the form. [www.thehospitalityhouse.org/news/subscribe-to-newsletter](http://www.thehospitalityhouse.org/news/subscribe-to-newsletter).

**Our Golf Tournament will be Nov. 10th at Raven Nest Golf Club in Huntsville.**

**\$65 Early Bird Registration Fee by October 24th or \$80 after.**

**Fee includes: green fee, cart, range balls, snacks and meal.**

**Register by mail. Please call if you have any questions – 936-291-6196.**

## Guest Comments

"Thank you for giving me a place to rest my body and mind. I get blood clots and need to get out of the car often. I cry for my son that's in prison so I need to do that here, not while driving. The beds are so clean and so comfortable. The showers hot. Plenty of toiletries. The staff is so friendly and helpful. The hot meals are "delicious" and plentiful. No one is stingy. All are helpful. Pray the inmates can start a new life and be productive. Get work. Stay out of trouble. Pray that their families will accept them back. Let them have lives with their children. God bless you folks." E.



## "Charity sees the need, not the cause."



"Everything exceeded our expectations. Hospitality, kindness from everyone was very nice. We cannot thank you enough for everything. You are all angels sent by God and we will keep you in our prayers." V.

## House Statistics 2nd Quarter Stats:

People – 787  
Churches – 34  
Counseled – 48  
Bibles – 66  
Executions – 2  
Volunteers – 636  
Volunteer Hrs. – 3,615

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- urgent needs
- stories
- online donations
- photos
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"Sharing God's Grace with the Other Victims of Crime"

## Chaplain's Corner

*Joe McCammon*

### JUST BESIDE MYSELF!

I once heard both of these expressions in the same day: "I was so scared, I was just beside myself with fear!", "I was so happy, I was just beside myself with joy!" Similar response to opposing emotions. This expression has come to mean that a person is not themselves or out of their mind while experiencing something out of the ordinary. However, at one time this expression referred to a spiritual person interacting directly with God, with great, overwhelming passion vs. how they react to people, in a more measured, focused way (2 Cor. 5:13).

If ever there was a time for Christians to act in extra-ordinary ways, the time is now. Those who do not know the Lord need someone in their lives who live with a passion for interacting with, and serving God. Today, try being "just beside yourself" with a passion for Christ. Someone around you may need you nearby, with the presence of Christ.

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*Thank You* for responding to the gospel message by supporting the HHouse with generous donations of time, talent, effort and money!

### You Can Help By:

**Praying** for the ministry of the Hospitality House

**Becoming** a Grace Giver

**Volunteering** your time to assist in HH ministry

**Donating** food items for meals for the families

**Inviting** the Director to make a presentation

### With Your Financial Help:

**\$ 7** will purchase much needed Bibles

**\$10** will provide meals for a child

**\$35** snacks, drinks and paper goods

**\$85** sponsor a family of 6 for a weekend

You can give online at [www.thehospitalityhouse.org](http://www.thehospitalityhouse.org)