



# Hospitality House

"Sharing God's Grace with the Other Victims of Crime"

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### The Bigger Picture by Jamie Bozarth, Development Coordinator

Since my time with the House began, the question I've had to answer the most has been "What are your needs?" It sounds like such a simple question but the answer goes so much further than initial thoughts. Of course, there are always items needed, but I've come to realize that there is a much bigger picture to look at. You see, the last few months I've been taking different training courses and the number one thing I've learned is you can't use a temporary fix as a permanent solution. By this I mean, though we need those temporary supplies, by spreading word of our mission and reaching new people therefore opening new hearts and eyes to the House, those supplies will come with the knowledge of the House itself. I am a strong believer in this because I have seen first-hand that once you have experienced the House and our families or even Debra speaking of the House you become addicted. Spreading awareness is our permanent fix and simply put, we can only reach so many people on our own. So what do we need the most? The answer is YOU and others like YOU! As we hope to expand our facility, we need to expand our reach. We need our supporters to share our Facebook page, forward our Constant Contact emails, and

simply tell friends, "You should check them out!" It all comes down to the old quote, "Without YOU, there is no me." That's our "bigger picture."

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you for providing school supplies to help the children who stay at the HH with much needed school supplies! You are making an incredible investment in their future by your gifts and thus encouraging them to do well in school.



### Summer Highlights

**VANESSA COLLIER** For the last two months I have been doing an internship at Hospitality House. During this time I have experienced a part of my education that no classroom can offer. It is impossible to realize the impact Hospitality House makes in the lives of the children and families who enter their doors on a daily basis. I have made lifelong friendships with the staff, missionaries and volunteers who spend their time making Hospitality House such a special place. I have realized how devoted these families and children are to their loved ones who they might only get to see a few times a year. This type of devotion and love is very admirable and I have a huge amount of respect for these families and their attitudes toward a very difficult situation. I have formed very special friendships with many of them and talk to them on a regular basis. I plan to continue my relationship with everyone I have met at the Hospitality House and cherish the memories I have made.

### KATIE BIGE

The Hospitality House really is a household. In my time here, I have shared meals and laughter and love with the people who enter our doors. I have come to realize that there is an extended family made up of people who make this ministry possible. I love the picture of the Family of God that exists here. I was blessed to be part of this family for the summer and I continue to rejoice that we are member's of God's family forever.



### Special thanks to the Mission Teams who've served this summer! We couldn't have managed without you.

- American Heritage Girls, The Woodlands
- Bethany Baptist, Houston – Ladies
- Cornerstone Baptist, Lucas, TX – Ladies
- First Baptist, Pearsall – Youth
- First Baptist, Warren – Senior Adults
- 1st United Methodist, Idalou – Youth
- Healing Hands, Trinity
- Junior Service League, Huntsville
- Zion Lutheran, Pasadena – Youth

### Fundraising Banquet

**When:** Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-7:00pm

**Where:** First Baptist, Conroe

**Cost:** \$10 in advance, \$20 @ door

**Church Groups:** \$85 for table seating of 10

### Kenny Humphries Testimony

Hear the story of an ex-offender who served 26 years, was head of Aryan Brotherhood, was recently released and is now serving the Lord in South Texas.

### Christian Benefit Concert

**When:** Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

**Where:** First Baptist, Conroe

**Cost:** \$5 in advance, \$10 @ door

### Recording Artist Keron Jackson

Let the rich bass voice of recording artist Keron Jackson carry you higher as you help us reach our higher calling as a ministry.

### Your Gifts At Work

"Everything was Awesome! The love of God is so strong here. I've been coming for over 10 years. It's like when you walk in the door, its God's arms are here to wrap you up & love you! Thanks for bringing the love of God back where it belongs. Thank you for what you do!"

### Christmas Toys

Please bring by December 12<sup>th</sup>. Our Santa Shop is open and ready to receive unwrapped Christmas gifts for children ranging from infants to teenagers



# Chaplain's Corner

## The Secret of the Authentic Swing

By Joe McCammon

"There's a perfect shot out there tryin' to find each and every one of us...All we got to do is get ourselves out of its way, to let it choose us. Just you, that ball, that flag, and all you are." These words of wisdom come from the caddy, Bagger, the "Yoda" of golf, in the movie The Legend of Bagger Vance. He is trying to help the young star golfer Rannulph Junuh after he hit a ball into the trees during the tournament that would prove his legitimacy in the game. Bagger points to the legendary golfer Bobby Jones, "He got a lot of shots he could choose from... but there's only ONE shot that's in perfect harmony with the field...one shot that's his, the **authentic shot**, and that shot is gonna choose **him**... where

everything that is, becomes one...You got to seek that place with your soul, Junuh..." "I can't." "Yes you can...I'm right here witcha...I've been here all along... Now play **your** game... The one that only you was meant to play...The one that was given you when you come into this world...Strike that ball...don't hold nothin back... give it everything...remember YOUR swing, **authentic swing**...settle yourself...Now is the time, Junuh"

As I watched this movie, I was reminded of its relevance to the Christian life. We all have but one "shot" at life. We need to make it our "authentic shot" the one that each of us was meant to play when we came into this world, allowing our Creator to choose us for being one with Him. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Prov. 3:5-6

By the way, don't forget to sign up for our third annual golf tournament, November 9th!



**3rd Annual  
Golf Tournament  
at The Links at  
West Fork, Conroe**

**Saturday, 9am**

**November 9, 2013**

**Register TODAY!  
Online or By Phone**



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statistics

People – 698	Bibles – 55
Churches – 35	Volunteers – 415
Counseled – 56	Volunteer Hrs – 3,308
Seeds Planted – 32	Executions – 7

*Thank you for responding to the gospel message by supporting the Hospitality House 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
- Bringing** a construction team to help with repairs

### With Your Financial Help:

- \$5** for bag of concrete (need 15 bags) to repair driveway
- \$10** will provide meals for a child
- \$85** sponsors a family of 6 for a weekend
- \$400** repairs Rainbird sprinkler system in front flower beds
- \$1,000** will help us expand the ministry by purchasing adjacent property

Generate donations by shopping online Search under causes for "The Hospitality House"



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



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