



SELAH'S
CENTER
OF HOPE

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We were blessed with baby # 4 born into the Hope House family late 2020. We are anxiously awaiting on baby #5 coming this Spring.

2020 was certainly an unprecedented year. By the grace of God, The Hope House was open & housing our first residents in April. Since then, our doors have been opened to 5 women & their infants. These women come into the home broken and scared. We are able to give them the hope and security they need to be strong and ready for a bright future.

We have secured a 5-year lease on the Hope House. So, we are not planning on leaving anytime soon! We are here to serve the community. With God's mighty hand these women will be given the right tools to raise their children in the fear and admiration of Him!

We are excited to introduce Karen Daniel. All of us at Selah's Center of Hope are honored to have her join our team. Her experience as a social worker and ministry leader will bring an infinite amount of worth to Selah's Center of Hope staff and clients.

"I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve in this new ministry of Selah's Center of Hope. As a mom of three teenagers, I am passionate about the importance of teaching our youth how to live lives differently than what our culture teaches. Our youth need mentors to teach them how to live lives focused on following Christ; in our relationships, marriages, jobs, and parenting. I have a background in social work working with the elderly, and have spent the last 18 years being a stay at home mom. During that time, I also



started a Bible club at a local Monroe elementary school and maintained it for six years. What a privilege and joy to teach children about Christ and his love for them in a public school! I have helped with other Bible Clubs as well and led children's ministry and taught Sunday school at my church. I believe at the heart of changing our world for good, we must begin by helping people to develop stronger family foundations rooted in Christ."



House Projects: We are working to finish the 3rd floor room in the house. The estimated cost to finish this room will be about \$2,500 (with labor donated). If interested in donating towards this project please contact Kara Dowler for our sponsorship levels.



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As you may know, besides Selah's Center of Hope maternity home, we also offer 'Life Skills' classes to anyone needing help in this area. In 2020 we provided 513 courses to 119 clients. Our men and women who take our courses are receiving courses that involve trauma care, financial skills, parenting, and job preparation. These courses are vital to our clients working towards their new self-sufficient lifestyle. Most of these lessons include a video, homework, worksheets, spiritual/life application, and testing. Along with these courses our clients are assigned a mentor to help them navigate how to apply these new learned skills into their day to day lives. We have been able to grow our educational program in 2020 and can now offer more classes and more material to our residents. In 2020 our staff was able to receive more training and certifications to be fully equipped to facilitate adoption mentorship from pregnancy to birth, birth parent mentorship, and abuse trauma care.

Selah's Center of Hope has also partnered with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS). This partnership not only supports our sustainability efforts but it also reaches more community members by providing life skills and job skills needed for those who face obstacles or disabilities.

We are now participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Kroger makes donations to participating charities based on percentage of purchases attributed to that organization vs. the grand total. You can add us to your card either at the store or online. If you are a new user, please create an account. Once logged into your account, search for Selah's Center of Hope either by name or using our code (SF177), and then click Enroll. Then just be sure to swipe your Kroger rewards card or enter your phone number whenever you shop. Thank you for helping us!

To continue this vital mission, of both housing and the education to end the cycle of poverty we need the continued support of our community. Will you please join us with your financial gifts along with your prayers.

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