



COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

Presentation Notes

Introduction

- Can you imagine not knowing where you'll sleep tonight?
- What your next meal will be?
- Or how you'll take care of your unborn baby?
- And, can you imagine having no hope?

Diaper Bag

- I'm sure you've all seen one of these before – yes?
- It's full of simple things to take care of a baby:
 - ▣ Bottles & Food
 - ▣ Diapers & Wipes
 - ▣ A changing pad
 - ▣ Perhaps an extra set of clothes
- These are necessities right?
- They are also luxuries. Luxuries that our homeless and pregnant teens do not have. A necessary luxury...

Introduction

- My name is Kathleen Miller and I'm the executive director at Living Grace Home.
- While Living Grace is a home – we are so much more.

We are...

- A clean bed, a warm bath, food in the kitchen
- A smile, a tender touch – and a push in the right direction
- We are full of laughter and tears.

- We are a ride to school or the doctor's for a checkup.
- We are conversations around the dinner table.
- We are babysitters and caregivers.

We are...

- We are social workers with a bit of charm school thrown in.
- We are teachers. And hand holders.
- We are family.

- We are teaching these young women that they matter.
- We are teaching them that they can have a better life.
- We are teaching them that people do care.

- We are the people that care. We are hope.

Phase II

- On March 1, 2014 we held the official Grand Opening for our second home.
- Phase II will provide extended housing for young moms who have not finished high school, or a vocational training program.
- 15,16,17 and even 18 year olds who have not finished school find it hard to find a job, and thus housing.
- Phase II will allow them to stay while they complete their high school or vocational program.

Continuing to grow

- These young moms will continue to have supervision, assistance with child care, and a roof over their head while they strive to become self supporting.
- They will be able to stay at the second home until their child is two.
- Phase II will serve first the young women who come through the first home, but will not that will not be a condition of residency.

Mission

- Working together, we will give homeless and pregnant youth a sense of hope, a sense of opportunity and a sense that anything is possible.
- Help us. Help them.
- Hope is born here.

Closing

- Have you ever seen someone holding a sign like this?



Closing

□ Or this?



Closing

- Or this?



January Babies!



Phase II is officially open!

