

### Private Fundraisers

You can raise money for Hands of Grace Ministries by hosting private dinner parties for your friends.

Host a private dinner party in the comfort of your own home on your own terms. You decide your menu and how much or how little to charge your guests per plate.

Once you have successfully completed your dinner, simply mail a check for the total of the raised funds to us at PO Box 132, Bellville TX 77418.

### Quick Facts

In the time it took you to read this newsletter, over 31 US teens became pregnant.

### Upcoming Events

Starting this spring, look for us at Bellville Market Days.

### Laptops for College

As a part of our effort to assist our girls in acquiring a quality education, we are requesting your help by purchasing low cost laptops for them to use in college. To find out more information on how you can help with this important ministry, please visit our website at [handsofgraceministries.org](http://handsofgraceministries.org) and do a search using the keyword laptops.

### How You Can Help

If you would like to make a donation to our ministry, feel free to fill out the enclosed donation form and mail it back with your check or money order in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. You can also go online to [www.handsofgraceministries.org](http://www.handsofgraceministries.org) and donate money through our safe online terminal.

For a Tax Advantaged or Planned Estate Giving consultation, please email your questions to [taxplangiving@handsofgraceministries.com](mailto:taxplangiving@handsofgraceministries.com).

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# Grace in Action

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## Executive Director Appointed to Ministry

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2009 could have been a discouraging year. It can be discouraging if we measure results in the same way we measure our own performance, test results, etc. Expend effort and get expected results. But God says plant seeds and harvest. We go into this knowing that those planting the seeds may never see the harvest. We are called to plant seeds by ministering to pregnant teens and show them Christ's unconditional love and example. Caras House Maternity Home continued operations in our Founder's home as we continued to raise funds to build the long prayed for Caras House.

An immediate need to continue working with the young women who had chosen to parent and had graduated from Caras House became critical. That need was met by open-

ing Victory House Transitional Living. It is a safe place and program for those young women and mothers who are working on an education or certification while learning parenting and living skills. As we speak we have 3 young women enrolled in Victory House Transitional Living. To all of those who were faithful in prayer and funds we thank God for you. You have made the difference!

We all prayed for someone to lead this ministry on a daily basis since my job continues to take me out of town over half the time. We were praying for a MIRACLE—a big one. Little did we know that all throughout the year, while we were praying (and not seeing an answer), God was preparing the right person and moving them to Bellville with their family.

Unbeknownst to us, God was preparing us and them for the right time—HIS time. If we had written a resume for this person, it could not have been any better. Our new Executive Director has a Master's in Education, has taught at the High School level, was a volunteer counselor at a Crisis Pregnancy Center and she and her husband worked at Boys and Girls Country for two years right before moving to Bellville. AMAZING!

But it gets better! Our new Executive Director is strongly rooted in the Bible, has a heart and passion for teen girls in crisis and connects with the girls in a way many can't. Cyndi is a gift from God, and you will begin to know her and her heart in the coming seasons. I introduce to you, Cinnamon Dull, our new Executive Director!

## From the Executive Director's Desk

How amazed I am at God's astounding wonder and grace in my life. That he would cross my path with Hands of Grace Ministries at exactly HIS appointed time for both my life and HIS ministry for teenage pregnant girls, in need of HIS love, is evidence of HIS sovereignty. I humbly say, that I am so profoundly blessed to have been appointed by God as the Executive Director of this ministry; only by Grace are we Saved and only by Grace do we get the honor of serving the King of Kings. With all that said, I want to share a bit of my heart for this ministry. I promise that this is only a peek in the door regarding my passion for this ministry. I pray that my passion will be as a little seed of faith that God needs to drive this ministry to HIS potential to help reach

the world for HIS glory and purpose.

They will return from the land of the enemy. So there is hope for your future, declares the Lord.  
Jeremiah 31:16-17

How many of us, whether we have been a Christian most of our life or otherwise, have ended up in the land of the enemy? We all can find ourselves living according to the world (the land of the enemy), or according to our earthly desires, and we all know Jesus saves us from the land of the enemy continuously as we seek HIM. In Jeremiah 31, God tells us there is always hope for our future, and not just for Christians but for all that are willing to receive HIS hope.

Hands of Grace Ministries is an instrument that intentionally strives to bring this HOPE to young women who, just like all of us, have found themselves in need of God's love and hope. I thank God for every opportunity to be an instrument for HIM to save these young ladies from the land of the enemy.

Our main purpose is to be a witness for God's love to each girl and her baby. We do this by providing the girls with shelter, guidance, and HIS truth. May God always keep us focused on HIS mission to allow HIS love to flow through us to give hope to each girl HE sends us. I thank you, God, for calling me to this ministry.  
Cinnamon Dull

