

NEW YEAR, NEW POSSIBILITIES

A new year typically seems to be an exciting time full of possibilities. The season of transition often brings about a reflective mind in many. Over the past year, New Beginnings went through many changes - some planned and some unplanned. Through the obstacles that we faced last year we also saw many blessings.

Baby Noah was featured in our newsletter last February as a newborn and today is over one year old! His best buddy, Navy, is now 19 months old! And just before Christmas Aaliyah passed the math portion of her graduate equivalency exam, a test she needs before pursuing her career goal to become a welder. Although Aaliyah failed this test three times before passing it, her tenacity was incredible, and she likely would not have been able to accomplish this goal without New Beginnings. Volunteers tutored Aaliyah, fellow residents babysat Noah while she studied, our Case Manager helped her create and follow through with a study schedule while

connecting her with study resources. Through your monetary donations we bought her a test prep book.

Spiritual growth cannot be measured as concretely as educational accomplishments. However, it can be witnessed. Through this past year I have seen four women with little or no understanding of Jesus learn the truth. Answering Bible questions correctly shows understanding but application of the Word is also important. I have seen women who are accustomed to lying, repent of their mistakes and become more honest and trustworthy. I've seen Aaliyah and Erika become leaders and even teachers for the newer residents during group devotions. I've also seen a thirst for the Lord grow in the residents as they request more devotions and more Bible studies! I've witnessed the Lord's power and grace, and it is unmatched.

-Carmelita Aufdemberge, Executive Director



MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

We are hosting our first Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 8. The mothers and babies of New Beginnings will be present as well as the New Beginnings staff. This is a family event, so all are invited! More details on the event will be coming soon! If you cannot come to the event but would still like to participate, we can use the following donated items:

- Flowers
- Gift Baskets
- Raffle Items
- Auction Items

If you would like to donate any of these items, or would like to inquire about sponsorship for this event, please contact Carmelita at carmelitaa@homeformothers.com



Pictured: Noah as a newborn

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is a one-day event in which people around the world contribute to their favorite non-profits by providing monetary gifts. This past Giving Tuesday we raised over \$5,000! Thank you for your support! The residents and staff came together the Sunday after Giving Tuesday and put a bulb on our Christmas tree for every donor who gave a donation. After we finished decorating, we discussed what the bulbs meant to us. The residents were amazed to have the support of so many people, and we were humbled by the experience of visualizing that support. The residents made a thank-you video that was posted on our Facebook page and YouTube channel; if you missed it, you can view it on our YouTube channel by scanning the box below using the camera on your smart phone.







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New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers is a Christ-centered ministry for single mothers and their children operated by Christian Life Resources. The home has been serving residents since 1993. It is supported entirely by the generous support and prayers of those who are committed to sharing Christ and reflecting his sacrificial love.





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Paper Towels
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Size 6 Diapers
Girl Clothes (Newborn-9 Months)

Complete list: **homeformothers.com**Mail large packages to the home:
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OUR GIFT OF LOVE

Our Change for Life program incorporates themes for each giving season, and our theme for February is "Our Gift of Love." The program is simple to organize at your church or workplace! Learn more by emailing Christina at christinap@homeformothers.com. Last year, many could not participate due to COVID-19, but we are hopeful that this year more churches, groups, and others will be able to participate. Please consider participating in this fun, simple, and life-changing project!

