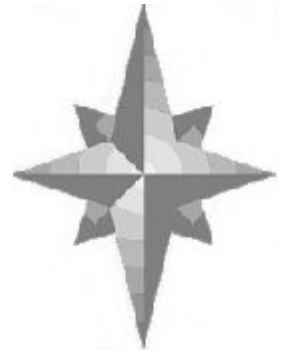


**J**oy to the world!  
**T**he Lord has  
come!



## The Neighborhood Inn

Over a thousand miles away and many years ago, someone committed themselves to establishing a place that would provide physical and spiritual assistance to women in a crisis pregnancy. Not so long ago, and a lot closer to home, the vision of providing the same kind of ministry was birthed. Today the vision has a place – Roberts, Idaho. And, just as before, people have stepped up to support The Shepherd's Inn. Hundreds of individuals and groups have provided volunteer labor, energy, time, money and prayer – a ministry right here in our own back yard.

As a result of God's grace, The Shepherd's Inn and a similar, yet unknown, ministry in Atlanta, GA, I have story. A story that displays God's greatness and daily puts us in awe of His provision as we watch our Hannah grow. But the story is incomplete unless we take some time to realize that long before Hannah was conceived, or my wife and I began to look for a baby, people unknown to us had stepped up to support the ministry of The Shepherd's Inn. It was their

willingness to support a ministry right here in Idaho that provided the foundation for what God would do in our lives.

Often other ministries tell us of needs in lands far away and encourage us to reach out to those in the "uttermost parts of the earth." However, let us not forget those who may live very close to us that find themselves hurting or in a severe crisis. The last words of Jesus directed the disciples to begin their ministry in Jerusalem – and yet when the witness spread to Samaria and Asia – Jerusalem was not forgotten. Jesus was also very direct in pointing out that our "neighbor" is not someone necessarily of our choosing, but rather any person we come into contact with and find in need of assistance.

As we come to the end of the year 2003 please take a moment to consider "your Jerusalem", the place where God has planted you. There is the possibility that this article may provide a window of opportunity for you to establish yourself as one of those who will support the ministry of The Shepherd's Inn – a ministry to pregnant women in your own back yard.



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In November we are reminded to be thankful. In December we are reminded to give of ourselves – just like Jesus did. For some, the words of Peter will ring in your ears – "Silver and Gold have I not, but such as I have give I thee." It is seldom how much we give, but how we give, that often makes the difference.

For others, God has blessed you financially and this could be an opportunity to be a channel of God's grace and blessings. What better way to end this year and enter into 2004 than knowing that The Shepherd's Inn, a ministry to women and children in our own 'neighborhood', "...glorified God in me." (Galatians 1:24)

Thanks to all of you who are reading this article and have already been a part of The Shepherd's Inn. The staff of The Shepherd's Inn is encouraged and looking forward to the opportunities the Lord will provide in the coming years. My prayer is that you will consider partnering with us prayerfully, financially and personally, so that we may be prepared for the women and children that the Lord will bring our way.

Board member, Mike Glaser



Whole Cow Raffle A Success – Thanks for your 'mooving' generosity!

On Friday, October 31, at 2:00 pm, Mayor Linda Milam graciously did the Whole Cow Raffle drawing for us - and the winners were.....

PRIZE	DONOR	WINNER
Whole Cow	Craig Simpson, Larry Duncan, Thiemans's Meats	Steve & Crystal McCormick
Computer Class	Executive Training Resources	Deanne Wilde
\$25.00 Gift Certificate	BJ's Bajou	Gary Messenger
\$25.00 Gift Certificate	BJ's Bajou	Nancy Stewart
Prime Rib Dinner	Amy's Place	Nancy Davison
Prime Rib Dinner	Amy's Place	Betsy Presley
4 of Snell's BO Rib Dinners	Dave & Eloise Snell	Mike & Sue Nelson
Custom-made Putter	Dennis Horvath	Brent Hardin
Hand-made Pottery	Warren Bratt	Marie Putnam
Angel Jewelry	Celestial Tidings	Gale Scrivner
Tudor Figurine	Mt. Carmel Christian Books & Gifts	Amy Butikofer
Haircut	Amy Hanson, The Cuttery	Marlene Clark
Matted Wildlife Photo	John Beach	Gary Winthers
Matted Wildlife Photo	John Beach	Tom Terrillion
Matted Wildlife Photo	John Beach	Robinson Family
Matted Wildlife Photo	John Beach	Aris Boyle
Framed Wildlife Photo	Bryan Forsmann	Todd Thompson
Carpet Cleaning	Nelson's Carpet Cleaning	Ron King
Carpet Cleaning	Best Way Carpet Cleaning	Anne Mitchell
Hair Cut & Style	Suzanne Mickelson – New Images	Shepherd's Inn
Manicure	Elegant Nails	Linda Weiss
Deanna Hally Print	Pat Fletcher	Brian Wright
Chiropractic Treatment	Dr. Todd Reese	Nadine Kelso
Floral Wreath	Nancy Davison	Vern Peterson
Chiropractic Treatment	Dr. Kerry Young	Joy Rule
Massage	Intuitive Touch Massage Therapy	Amy Powell
Massage	Head To Toe Therapeutic Massage	Mike Ghiglia
Massage	Head To Toe Therapeutic Massage	Leo Miller

*Thanks so much to all of you for your generous support of The Shepherd's Inn – You help us make a difference - two lives at a time!*



Remember - now is the perfect time to make a year end contribution for 2003 tax returns !

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE – TWO LIVES AT A TIME

It is difficult to explain all that The Shepherd's Inn ministry involves. The following list is a typical month's activities. Almost 3000 miles were driven to obtain the services being provided to one of our girls.

14 trips to the Good Samaritan  
Nursing Home for volunteer work  
2 trips to the dentist  
3 trips to the doctor  
3 meetings with the childbirth  
preparation instructor  
3 meetings with the house counselor  
2 meetings with the adoption  
counselor  
4 trips to church  
1 trip to the pharmacy  
2 trips to UI/ISU Education Center  
2 meetings with relief house parent  
3 visits with family members  
2 movies  
2 grocery shopping trips

The real heart of the ministry, however, is more subtle and far more important. Girls come to us in all conditions, mostly negative, having already met with a number of life's harsh realities: some come from broken homes not having a positive upbringing with the benefit of two parents; some come with little self-confidence and self-esteem; some come with issues related to rebellion; and some come with no manners or training in common etiquette, lacking even the social skills to hold down a regular job. These problems, which are normally associated with children, come to us in 18 year old and older women.

In short, our challenge is to parent adults who often act like adolescents and try to help them resolve issues that would hurt them and their future, while maintaining a focus on delivering a healthy baby.

The girls become involved in the daily routines of the home (i.e., cooking, cleaning, and laundry) as well as normal family entertainment. Social issues are addressed during meals through normal family-type



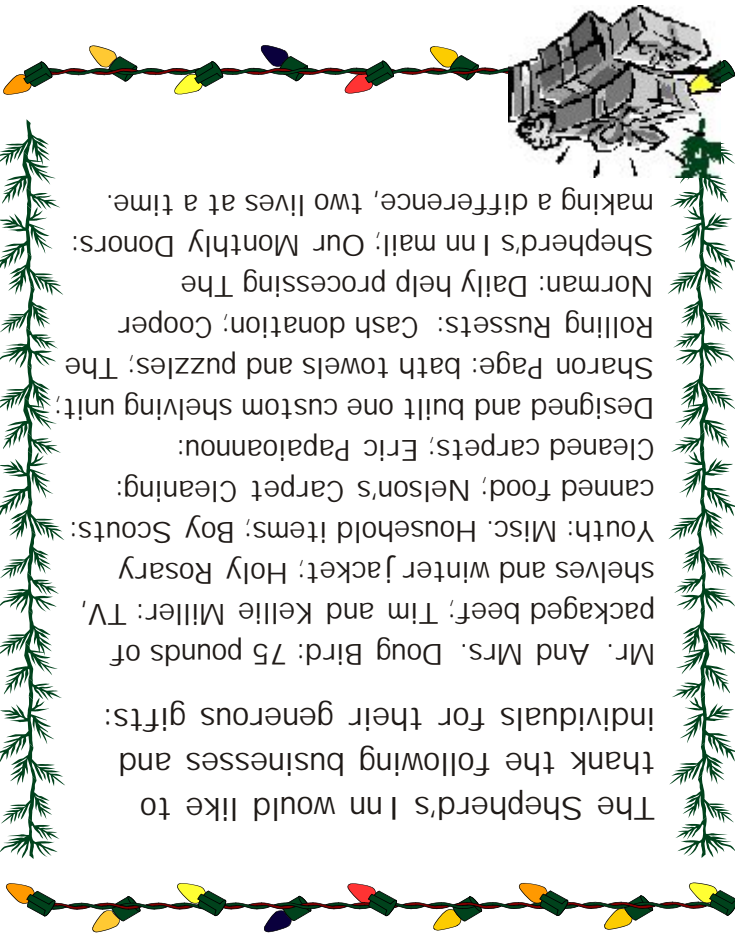
discussions. Conversation is continually encouraged and is typically relevant to the day's activities. For example, after each work day, conversation related to the job is initiated (i.e., how was your day, what did you do, who did you see, who did you work with?). These conversations help to define how the girl is really doing, to identify the positive and negative issues she may be experiencing, and to help the girl resolve each experience.

The home operates on an agreed list of guidelines to ensure safety, stability, consistency, and accountability. This discipline is often what is needed the most to help them move toward a successful life.

Our overall goal is to do whatever is necessary to ensure the success of each resident as they transition from our ministry to life on their own. As a result, social and practical skills have been learned. Hopefully they have discovered new direction for their lives and regained a sense of value and purpose. Most of all, they will leave knowing they were accepted, loved, and cared for unconditionally. They will always be able to look back on this season of their lives as a positive experience versus what would have otherwise been quite the opposite.

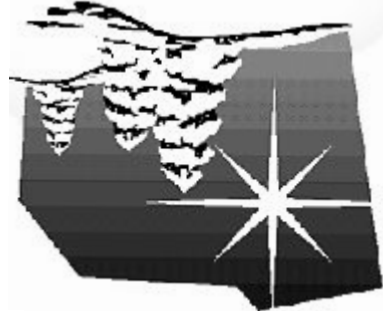
Dale and Barb Swenson  
House parents





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