

Greetings!

This is the 15th year that families are celebrating Christmas in Hope House apartments. The staff of Compassion Ministries is grateful that each of these families has the opportunity to be living here and working to create a better future for their children in our program. As the year draws to a close, we hope you will continue to support the families that need Compassion Ministries.



All I want is a home
for Christmas
And a doll and a
Barbie AND
a picture with
Santa Claus
and a patch to
love Ruby

Picture and Santa Letter by 5 year old

2017 brought change to Compassion Ministries. We have now been operating without federal government funding for several months, and I believe it will make our program stronger. All fourteen Hope House apartments are now dedicated to families with children. This has improved the workflow for our case workers and helped the community in our facility.

Because Compassion Ministries is now financially independent, we are able to better meet the needs of our families. In January, a father moved into Hope House with his four children, while their mother was in rehab. She got clean, and was able to rejoin her family shortly before he graduated from our program. The Compassion Ministries case worker was concerned about the family moving out so soon after they were reunited. Because we are no longer beholden to federal restrictions, we were able to invite the family to stay at Hope House several more weeks, while our case worker helped the mother transition to independent living with her children and husband.

As you plan your end of year giving, please keep families like this one in mind. The budgeting and job skills these parents learn in the Compassion Ministries program are vital to ending the cycle of homelessness for their children.

All of the children at Compassion wish you and your family the joys of the holiday season.