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Founder's Greetings

Welcome to our first edition of iLight. I have been blessed this summer to have an intern from John Brown University here volunteering. Miss Haylea Parks has done many things to help our new non-profit organization including revamping our brochure and website, designing the iLight, coordinating a mail-out to all diabetes camps in the U.S., and much more! The Lord richly blessed us by having her come and help further the cause of Christ through this ministry to help diabetic teens in need. I am most appreciative of her dedication and service!

At least 3-5 times per week I am asked by various people when our home will open. You may even be curious with that same question. I can only answer as simply and honestly as I can: In the Lord's timing. No doubt we are working on a continual basis to see our future home be opened. We are waiting to hear about a major grant submission and are actively seeking private foundation funding. As we remain firm against relying on assistance from the government, we remain firm in our faith and belief that the Lord will make a way. I heard the saying once, "Where He guides, He provides," and I hold that dear to my heart. My children recently attended VBS at a small church down the road from our home. The theme was "Route 254" with Psalm 25.4 being the theme verse: "Show me Your ways, o Lord. Teach me Your paths." Daily, I am trusting the Lord to show me His path not simply for my own life, but for the Home as well.

Each day of working for the Cyndie Parks Memorial Home for Girls is a new endeavor for me. I have not had prior experience working for a non-profit. Until the Lord directed my path about a year ago, I had every intention of proceeding in my career path of school administration. I now see that these girls are important to Him, and He has a plan for their care. They are loved and are highly esteemed by Him. I appreciate your care and concern for these young ladies, our future residents, as well. God Bless!

Forming Partnerships

Over the past month, we have formed wonderful partnerships with many, many organizations, companies and individuals across the nation through email, phone and mail. We have a great community of givers who truly care about our cause and are willing to help in any way possible. Some of these friends include: Feltner's Athlete's Corner, Liberty Bank of Russellville, Rose Drug, Vaughn & Associates, Centerless Grinding, Inc., Hatcher Construction, Walmart of Dardanelle, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Greater Arkansas Chapter. As we patiently wait for a cure, we look forward to working with these entities in the future, fighting for the needs of teenage girls with Type I Diabetes everywhere.



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*“Utilizing
Christ-centered
principles to
empower
young teens
with diabetes to
become healthy,
confident, and
pro-active
young adults”*

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Needs

As always, we need your help to provide *Prayer*, to *Share* about our home, to *Care* financially, and to also *Be There* by volunteering time or talents. Being a prayer partner for me, our board and advisory committee members, and our future residents is precious to us. Sharing about our organization with those in your personal life and at your place of work helps spread the word about the work we are doing. Private donations are the bedrock of our program. Even \$10, \$20, or \$30 per month is a wonderful blessing to us. We even have automatic bank draft available if you so desire. Being available as a volunteer can take on any shape you need. At the present time, we have one sweet sister in Christ who has decided in her heart that the Lord wants her to make a small lap quilt for each of the future residents. At her home recently, I was able to see the patterns she has prepared and the blocks she is making. Praise God! How might the Lord lead you to be a part of this ministry for young diabetic teen girls in need?

Outlook

As we move through the summer months and into the Fall of 2010, we will continue seeking opportunities to share about the Home. We will be sharing at the Russellville Rotary Club, attending the Arkansas Association of Homes for Children meeting, and have the “HOME Team” walk in support of JDRF and its goal to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. We will also look toward the beautiful month of December with our 2nd Annual “Caroling for a Cause” and possible participation in Dardanelle and Russellville Christmas parades. If your church or organization would like for the Home to come share a presentation, please contact us at 479-264-3288.

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes Kickoff



On July 7th, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation kicked off its annual Walk to Cure Diabetes at the Governor’s Mansion in Little Rock, Ark. The Cyndie Parks Memorial Home for Girls attended the event and got the chance to meet Arkansas’ First Lady Mrs. Ginger Beebe [see photo to left], participate in the luncheon and lecture, and collected materials to prepare for the walk in September.

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*“Learn to do good.
Seek justice.
Help the
oppressed. Defend
the orphan.”
Isaiah 1:17a NLT*

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes Event

Want to help find a cure for diabetes and support us as well? Consider walking with us, The HOME Team, in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes on September 18 in Little Rock, Ark. If you would like to walk with us, please [sign up online!](#) Our light-blue team t-shirts [see designs below] are currently available for \$20, which will help support us and JDRF, the leading funder in diabetes research. T-shirts will be available through August 15th. If you would like to order one, please contact us via e-mail <administrator@diabeteshomeforgirls.com>, find us on Facebook, or purchase via Paypal on our website, leaving your phone number or email so we can get in touch with you about needed sizes.



Thank-You Notes

Thank you to all of the public school nurses who visited our exhibit at the H.A.N.D.S. conference in June! We were excited to make your acquaintance and appreciate your daily efforts to care for diabetic students.



John Brown University Summer Intern Haylea Parks and Founder and Administrator Erin Aylor present an informational poster and organization materials, such as pens, handouts and business cards, at the H.A.N.D.S. conference in Little Rock, Ark., on June 3rd, 2010.

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