

# LifeHouse News

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## Just Do The Next Right Thing

**LifeHouse** fully relies on the power of Jesus Christ and the support of the Christian community to change and save lives. Our desire is to turn the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy into an opportunity for growth for the pregnant woman and to ensure life for her unborn child. We facilitate this by providing a Christian family home setting under-girded by counseling, instruction and post-partum support.

### Mark Your Calendars

- July 24: Houseparents' First Day
- Aug. 12: House Blessing Party
- Aug. 13: Shower of Love at Houston's First Baptist Church
- Aug. 21: Houseparent Training in Raleigh, NC
- Aug. 28: Official Re-opening of LifeHouse

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What a joy and a great honor to write my first article for the newsletter of LifeHouse!!!

As I look back over these past months, I am amazed and blessed by the faithfulness of the great Jehovah God. He is most definitely Jehovah – Jireh, the God who provides, but He is also the Finisher of our faith and is accomplishing what concerns us.

For those of you who do not know me, I am the consummate planner! Making to-do lists is a joy to me which is only surpassed by checking off a completed task on these lists. God in His humor has taken me way out of my comfort zone!! There is not a specific plan to follow or clear

action steps to take as we bring Life back to LifeHouse. I am definitely in a place where I must constantly be on my knees asking God for directions. Can anyone else relate?

What I continue to hear from Him is, "Just do the next right thing." One step, one decision, one day at a time. I believe this is not just a word for me but a word for the residents that will soon be living at LifeHouse. Just do the next right thing.

Through the teaching of our Houseparents, the advice of our professional Counselor and much prayer, the teens and young women of LifeHouse will realize what is the next right step. Proverbs 4:18 says, "...the path of the just and righteous is like the light

of dawn, that shines more and more (brighter and clearer) until...the perfect day." (Amp.) As I take the next right step... as the residents take the next right step, the path becomes clearer and clearer. Of course the opposite is true also. If we do not stay on the path of justice and righteousness, the path becomes darker and darker.

Would you please pray for all of us to remain on the path of Truth? Would you pray that together we can do the next right thing?

May you, too, do the next right thing.

For the Kingdom,

*Becky*  
Becky Turner  
Executive Director

## New Houseparents & Programs – Same Mission

Praise the Lord!! After much prayer and searching, God has once again provided an awesome couple to minister one-on-one to the residents of LifeHouse. Jenny and Cesar Gevert are the newest staff to join LifeHouse as Houseparents! They are an energetic couple with two precious children, 4-year old Demetri and 2-year old Delcy.

"We have so much to say but one thing that stands out in



**The Gevert Family**

both of our minds," says Jenny, "is that everyone needs Christ and everyone needs a sense of family; we are more than happy to share our family, the love of Jesus Christ and our love with all the women who come in the doors of LifeHouse."

Jenny and Cesar come to us with years of experience as Community Care Team Leaders with Apartment Life ([www.ApartmentLife.org](http://www.ApartmentLife.org))

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## New Houseparents... (cont. from page 1)

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They have spent the past two years in the Arlington area building community and ministering to the residents of their apartment complex.

Unlike the past, our Housefather will not have a job outside the home but the couple will be full time staff members of LifeHouse. The Houseparents have an extensive list of duties and responsibilities that when accomplished will create an environment where our residents can grow into the women that God desires them to be.

Another change in programming will be the increase in training that LifeHouse is investing in the entire staff. Becky Turner, Executive Director, has already attended the Boys Town USA Common Sense Parenting Training of Trainers class and is now able to provide training not only to the LifeHouse staff but also parenting training to our supporting churches.

To receive real life training, Jenny, Cesar and Becky will travel to Raleigh, North Carolina to work with the Christian Life Home (CLH). CLH is a maternity home ministry that has been serving women since 1988 and has a vision to not only impact the residents entrusted to them but to also multiply themselves by providing a model for other ministries. While in Raleigh, the LifeHouse staff will spend a week in classroom training as well as in-home practice. Upon their return, CLH will send a trainer to Houston to help implement the entire model with the residents at LifeHouse.

Yes, there have been and will continue to be many changes at LifeHouse but the heart of the ministry – providing a safe, Christ-centered place for teens and young women to grow through their pregnancy – will always be the same.

***A Christ-Centered Sanctuary for Those Touched by an Unplanned Pregnancy***

## House Blessing Party

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LifeHouse of Houston is re-opening and you are invited to join us for a special time of prayer and fellowship. Please drop in anytime and see the changes and meet our new Houseparents, Jenny and Cesar Gevert.

**Date:** Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10 am – Noon

**Place:** 2407 Minnesota Houston 77034

To help facilitate the restocking of the linen closet and the kitchen, we have registered LifeHouse at **Target** (see Baby Registry at First Name: LifeHouse and Last Name: Houston) and **Bed Bath & Beyond** (registry #2408757.)

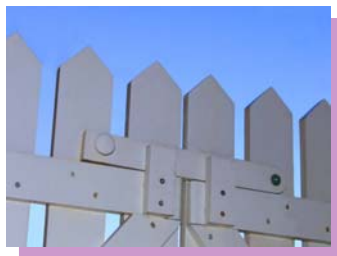
Please RSVP to Becky Turner at 713.623.2120.

BABIES BEDDINGS &  
BLESSINGS

## Join the Picket Fence Club

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Picture with me a home that is warm and inviting. A home where love is the predominant theme and there is a sense of security. There are blooming azaleas



and freshly planted impatiens with a white, picket fence surrounding the entire yard.

LifeHouse may not have the exact same flowers or the picket fence but it is a warm home that is filled with the love of Christ. It is a safe place for residents to become all that God desires. Because of your prayers and support, you make this possible.

There is an amazing new opportunity for you to be further involved in the ministry of LifeHouse. Next month will mark the official beginning of the *Picket Fence Club*. As a member of the *Picket Fence Club*, you help us reduce administrative costs and provide us with steady financial support. This monthly-giving program is an awesome way to join others in providing a Christ-centered sanctuary for those touched by an unplanned pregnancy.

To become a member, simply fill out the form included in this newsletter and return it with your first *Picket Fence Club* gift in the enclosed envelope. After each gift, you will receive a receipt of your generous investment and another envelope for your next contribution. Of course, you can cancel or adjust your donation level at any time.

Would you please help us make picket fence dreams possible for those touched by an unplanned pregnancy?

## Residents are Coming!!!

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In cooperation with Harkins House in Humble, we already have two young women who will be coming to LifeHouse as soon as we are ready to take them. Both expectant moms are due in January

and are able to “transfer” to LifeHouse so that the Directors of Harkins House can take a much need sabbatical. Please be in prayer for these two moms and their unborn babies.