

HOSPITALITY HOUSE

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- NEWSLETTER -

House Happenings:

by Debra McCammon, Executive Director

I recently received a wonderful email from one of our long time international guests, Anna, from the Netherlands. She always came twice a year to stay for 2 weeks while she visited her husband in the TDCJ Polunsky Unit located in Livingston. Anna, was a regular for 7 years and we loved spending time with her.

Excerpt: "...If I wouldn't have had that safe place (which grew so familiar for me it was almost a sort of home), food (this morning I was looking for a recipe in your cookbook!), but definitely the whole atmosphere that surrounded me the moment I stepped in. I want to take this opportunity to thank you both for that. You have setup a vibe of which many people will feel ripple effects of it for a long time! Sometimes I just watch the movies on your website, because I miss it all so much. Sure, I have my own life here, but for me those years that I travelled to Texas, was a mixture of reading a nerve-wracking adventure book, mixed with a love story, and coated with a travel sauce. I've met so many wonderful people along the way, collected many recipes, ha ha, and have seen so many 'American' things, and have loved it all. Well, anyway, I just felt the urge to write you to let you both know that I have been able to do that 'adventure book', due to y'all. I wouldn't been able to do so at all, otherwise, due to the costs and the feeling of a safety net nearby, just in case. I really hope I can make the trip one more time, but hey, things go as they go, I'm not in control, He is."

We were excited to receive this email from Anna! It brought back funny memories of her first arrival and how much she hated Texas and America due to the justice system here. However, the love of Christ shown to her by the staff and many volunteers over the years won her heart and she gave it to Jesus! Thank you for being a part of families lives just like Anna as you give to support the HHouse! Your gift does make a difference!

Celebrating our Ladies Tea Event!

Thanks to you we raised \$16,286.80!
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Ladies Tea
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY JOE MCCAMMON



The Finished Puzzle

Occasionally, I enjoy spending time at the puzzle table at HH. It has been a centerpiece there for almost forty years! I am amazed to think of the hundreds of individuals who have sat at that table and casually shared some of their heaviest burdens with others and somehow found relief from their stress by working a puzzle.

A while back, a very challenging puzzle was at the table, and it took us two weeks to finally finish it. That same evening a couple of preteen boys decided that the puzzle should not be finished, but it should be unfinished. So they tore it up and left it in a heap in the middle of the table, a pile of 500 puzzle pieces! Of course, the goal of a puzzler is to finish the task and, after it's done, allow reasonable time for enjoying the beauty of the finished puzzle. But for some reason the boys did not see it that way.

The following day, one of our best dissectologist (puzzle enthusiast) sat down to complete the same puzzle again. She had it done in record time! But the next morning the same boys did the same thing, they tore it up again! But this time they began working to finish it!

Instead of trying to figure out what motivated them to tear it up again, I chose to take a lesson from it. I felt God's spirit say to me, "I'm not finished with you yet, either!" Thank you, Lord, for the eternal lesson in a simple puzzle. The Great Puzzler is in charge of the many pieces that built me. And He is the Great Finisher of you, also!

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2



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