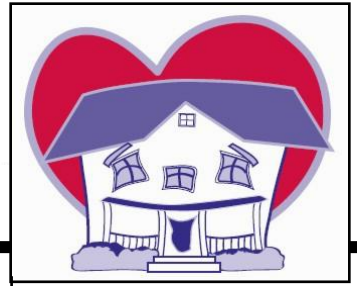
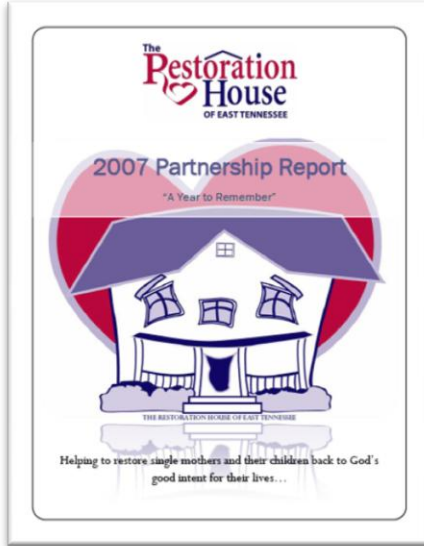


The Restoration Monthly

Helping to restore single mothers and their children
back to God's good intent for their lives...



II Corinthians 5:18 – All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. – NIV



A Year to Remember!

2007 was a year to remember! God opened up so many doors to The Restoration House and provided an incredible number of opportunities. So many in fact that we wanted to share them to you in more detail than we ever could in a newsletter. If you have been to our website recently you may have already had the opportunity to view our 2007 Partnership Report. Inside you will find a letter from the executive director, highlights from 2007, some ideas on creative ways to give, a highlight on mentoring, a financial summary, a list of partners, and so much more! Download your free copy today by clicking the link below or visiting our homepage. You can also email us and we can mail you a hard copy. Feel free to pass it on to a friend and let us know what you think!

[2007 Partnership Report](#)

Mentoring...

Mentoring is a great way for you and your family to come together to serve single mother families. The Restoration House offers a team mentoring model through which single mother families develop a strong social network of love and support. In this way, no one individual is responsible for mentoring. Rather a team of families and individuals come alongside the single mother family, both dividing their roles and their time; as well as offering a unique set of life experiences & perspectives to the mentees' experience. We feel mentoring is so crucial for a single mother family that we will not begin working with one until we have a team for them. There are three key time commitments for a mentor:

1. Weekly contact with the assigned participating family
2. Monthly individual activity with mother and her children
3. Attend a quarterly gathering sponsored by The Restoration House with participating family and whole mentoring team



If you or your family would enjoy mentoring with TRH, please contact us for more information; we would love to share with you. We currently have two single mother families waiting for mentor teams. For more information contact Mandy Watson at mandy@therestorationhouse.net or at 406-0168. You can also click [here](#) for more information on the web.

On the Web...

We are always looking to expand The Restoration House community by broadening our presence on the World Wide Web. You can now find us at many of the sites you may frequent regularly like Facebook & Youtube. Spread the word, we're always looking for more 'friends'. Click the links below...

[TRH Main Site](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Blogger](#)

[Giveness](#)

Preparing for Our Second Family!

We are so excited about our second family moving in on March 9th. This family of two will be a great addition to The Restoration House community. We have been getting to know the mom and her daughter over the last two months and are confident that she has a deep desire for restoration. They will be coming to The Restoration House out of a partner organization and will not have much for their new home when they arrive. We have come up with a list of items that would help them settle in. If you or your family would like to donate one or more of these items please let us know as soon as possible. The items in bold are more necessary than the others. You can download a more detailed list by clicking [here](#). Thank you in advance.



- **Couch/loveseat**
- End table(s)
- T.V. with stand
- DVD player
- Basket for toys
- **Small dining table and chairs**
- Blender, can opener (elec.)
- Coffee table
- Radio alarm clock
- **Household safety kit (plug covers)**
- **Cleaning supplies and tools**
- Curtains
- **Kitchen utensils, dish drainer**
- **Laundry supplies (no basket)**
- Closet organizer
- Small desk and chair
- **Table lamp, floor lamp, bed lamp**
- **Towels, linens**

Around the Corner in 2008...

Last year was an amazing year for The Restoration House (TRH) as we prepared to partner with single mother families. As we begin 2008, we are now partnering with our first two families. TRH is continuing to do the things necessary to work with even more families while also providing deep relationships and quality programs for the families already with us. There are three major initiatives TRH is working toward this year. Please join us in praying for these initiatives.

You can download the [2007 Annual Partnership](#) report for even more detail.

- **Growing our Capacity for More Families**

Our current capacity is two families which is limited by our number of units. In order to grow our number of units we are considering a two-pronged strategy. The first immediate strategy is to partner with an existing property for three more units and the intermediate strategy is to purchase an 8 to 12 unit apartment complex. Be watching for more information about these opportunities as it becomes available.

- **Strengthening our Mentor Base**

In order to work with more families we need to significantly grow our mentor base as each new family we partner with partners with a minimum of eight mentors. If your church would like to hear more about how they can partner with us to provide mentors we would love to speak with you.

- **Developing our IDA Program**

These IDAs will accelerate a mother's ability to save toward a home or secondary education by providing a 3:1 match toward every dollar saved during her two year stay with TRH. We have received two grants totaling \$4,400 to begin this program. There are many opportunities for groups or individuals to help support this program by matching a family's savings.

