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- Providence Baptist Church and Women's Ministry
- Shady Chapel United Methodist Church (Zavalla)
- St. Andrews Catholic Church
- St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church
- Word of Life Church

### Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 3-31: Applications accepted for Class 18
- Jan. 14: GED and ESL resumes
- Jan. 20: MLK Day March
- Feb. 3: Class 18 begins
- April 3: Hearts for Hope Dinner & Auction
- April 24: Class 18 Graduation
- May 17: Family Fun Day/Graduate Reunion
- Summer 2014: Dates to be announced for Certified Nurse Aid and Parenting classes



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# Mosaic Pieces

### The Mosaic Center by the numbers:

- Over 2,600 women have been served by The Mosaic Center since its founding
- In 2013, over 500 volunteers gave nearly 10,000 hours of service to The Mosaic Center
- In addition to the 197 total graduates of the Core Program in 2013, The Mosaic Center served as a clearinghouse for over 500 women in Angelina County, assisting with social service referrals, intakes and questions
- 25 local churches across all denominations partnered with The Mosaic Center in 2013, providing prayer, lunches and financial support
- Partnerships with over 20 local social service organizations, including The Dream Center, Love, INC and Harold's House



*"The Mosaic Center gave me friendship, knowledge and the Word of God. Before I came here, it was like I was invisible, but I came in this house and all the staff and teachers were praying for me, someone they didn't even know. Before, I was nobody and I was never going to do anything, but I'm not invisible anymore. Thank you." Class 17 Graduate*

### Class 17 Graduates

The Mosaic Center held graduation for its seventeenth graduating class on Thursday, November 14 at Calvary Baptist Church in Lufkin. Eighteen dedicated women completed the program, learning job and life skills over the course of 11 weeks. This semester's classes included computer skills, real-world math and financial management, as well as the Jobs for Life curriculum and a parenting course taught by Rev. Ashley Cook of Harold's House. Each student also attended daily Bible Study and experienced the benefits of strong Christian mentors who demonstrated Christ's love on a daily basis. Class 17 also graduated with CPR certification from East Texas CPR and Food Handler's certification from Angelina County & Cities Health District.

"Our students worked hard these past 11 weeks to improve their job skills and prepare for their future careers. Even more importantly, six

of our graduates accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior while at The Mosaic Center and seven of them rededicated their lives to Christ. We are thrilled with the work that God is doing here, and we look forward to watching the continued growth of our students," stated Donna Busler, Executive Director of The Mosaic Center.

Please join with us in praying for Class 17 as they work to find jobs and tackle the "real world" of life after The Mosaic Center. We are very proud of them and we are thrilled to include them in The Mosaic Family. Congratulations Class 17!





## HOW CAN I HELP THE MOSAIC CENTER?

### Prayer Partners

- Pray for the women in crisis that contact The Mosaic Center for help
- Pray for Class 18 students and volunteers
- Pray for past graduates of The Mosaic Center



### Current Needs

- Clorox wipes
- Copy paper
- Kleenex
- White cardstock
- White #10 self-stick business envelopes



## The Mosaic Center Partnerships

As a local clearinghouse for women's social services, The Mosaic Center strives to partner with other area agencies, creating an effective network of service for women in crisis.

As The Mosaic Center moves forward into its ninth year of existence, the staff and Board of Directors continue to see the importance of community connections and partnerships. As a result, we are always on the lookout for ways to connect our students to the wealth of resources in our community. This past semester, students in Class 17 benefitted from the following partnerships:

- **Angelina College (AC):** spoke with our students about how to take the next step in their education and provided a tour of the campus. AC also provided the ROPES course for our students to learn valuable team-building skills
- **Angelina County Health District:** provided information on women's healthcare issues to our students, as well as a Food Handler's certification class
- **Workforce Solutions:** provided resources to our students to aid in

the job search and conducted mock job interviews

- **Brookshire Brothers:** invited our students to tour their store and provided smart grocery shopping tips

- **Harold's House:** conducted a 4-week parenting class with our Core program students, as well as an additional course in the summer for other women in need

- **Rose Cottage Resale Shop:** provided invaluable "Dress for Success" tips to our students and helped them pick out proper interview attire

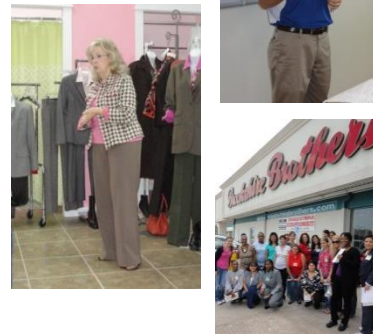
- **Samaritan Counseling Center:** spoke to our students about "Forgiveness" and provides counseling on a sliding scale as a resource in the community

- **Lufkin Adult Learning Center:** partnered with The Mosaic Center to

provide GED and ESL classes throughout the year available to all women in our community

- **Goodwill Industries:** staff members assist in mock interviews with students

- **Love, INC:** stepped in to fill the gap when students had an emergency need



The Mosaic Center appreciates all of our community partners and we look forward to forging new relationships in 2014.



## Save the Date for 2014

The Mosaic Center's annual dinner and auction event, Hearts for Hope, is scheduled for Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at the Texas Bible College. We are excited to partner with Texas Bible College for the venue as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The fabulous TBC Chorale will provide the musical entertainment for the evening with songs from their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CD.

The Hearts for Hope committee has been hard at work planning the event and has already received some exciting items for the silent and live auction. Our always popular raffle tickets go on sale soon.

The Hearts for Hope event provides approximately 37% of The Mosaic Center's operating budget each year, so your attendance is an important part of supporting The Mosaic Center. Mark your calendars for this exciting event!



## HOW CAN I HELP THE MOSAIC CENTER?

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Receptionist
- House Mom
- ESL Assistant
- GED Tutor
- Computer Assistant



### Financial Support

- Monthly donations
- Auction items for Hearts for Hope
- Lunch provider when class is in session
- Donate furniture to Furniture Fetish and clothing to Rose Cottage on behalf of The Mosaic Center



## Did You Know?

**Core Program students attend class at The Mosaic Center for 11 weeks, Monday through Friday, 8:30am-2pm**

Each day begins with Bible Study, taught by mature Christian women from all denominations. After Bible Study, students alternate attending Jobs for Life and Computer Class. Jobs for Life focuses on helping our students learn how to write resumes, how to interview for jobs and what skills they need to know to keep a job. The computer class curriculum gives students the opportunity to

learn the basics of Word, Excel and Publisher. After a yummy lunch provided



by a gracious volunteer, students have afternoon classes, including "real-world" math, money management, decision-making, boundary-setting, as well as guest speakers. It's a full day of learning packed into a fast-paced day!