



offering a hand up

not a hand out

## *For unto us a child is born...*

Trevon (pictured right) was born earlier this year while his mother was living at Martha's Home. We've had many new babies come home from the hospital over the years.

I can't help but think how difficult it must be for a new mother. Imagine the joy of having a new baby to bring home to your beautiful new nursery. Now imagine being young, alone and having to bring your new baby home to a homeless shelter.

That's why Martha's Home is so important in our community. We offer a safe, warm, comfortable place for mom and her new baby to stay while she recuperates and gets back on her feet. Seeing the look of relief and gratitude on a new mom's face always reminds us why we are here and makes all the sorrows and stresses of the job worth it.



So far this year, we have given shelter to 49 homeless children ranging in age from newborn to teens. They come with their moms for a variety of reasons, but they all have the same need; a home. Many arrive traumatized and frightened, with only the clothes on their backs.

Here at Martha's Home, we provide stable, safe place to stay with plenty of food and clothing. We also offer plenty of encouragement, hugs and kisses and even some toys provided by generous donors with big hearts.

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As the Christmas season approaches and you assess where to contribute your hard earned money, please consider a gift to Martha's Home. We offer more than just a handout, we give a hand up, helping the women who stay with us develop the knowledge and skills they need to become productive members of our community.

When you give a financial gift to Martha's Home it is not just a gift, but an investment in the future, helping homeless women and single mothers in Amarillo become self sufficient and break the cycle of poverty for generations to come.

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and we appreciate your love, your prayers, and your support!

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