



offering a hand up

not a hand out

## Giving Back

By Denise Harley

When I first came to Martha's Home five years ago, I was battling depression and felt there was no way out. From day one Connie and the Martha's Home staff showed me nothing but encouragement and support. After completing the program at Martha's Home, I went to live at Eveline Rivers Sunshine Cottage and stayed there for three years while attending Amarillo College. I graduated AC in December of 2014 and was finally able to take my tests to be a cosmetologist. I have been working as a stylist at Smartstyle for over a year now and have also started my own Thirty-one business. The boys and I now have our own apartment and have been here a little over year.



At first, I thought my boys would see me as a failure because I had to take them to a homeless shelter. But to hear them now, and how they loved Martha's Home, makes my heart smile. The boys are doing wonderfully. Brian is a junior at Palo Duro and has made varsity baseball two years in a row. He has taken education classes that will help him become a coach. He already has two colleges looking to give him scholarships for baseball. Braedyn is in 7th grade at Mann Middle School. Although he is sick a lot, he maintains straight A's and is in advanced classes. He is playing basketball and will move to track next. He will attend AACAL and PD after next year in hopes of becoming an EMT before heading to medical school.

I thank Martha's Home for believing in me as a stranger when I didn't even believe in myself. I am no longer depressed, proud to be providing a stable home for my boys, and know I am worth

every minute of my life.

I am happy with my two jobs as a hair stylist and consultant for Thirty-One. I love the fact that I can now give back by providing free haircuts to the ladies and kids staying at Martha's home, and now through a Thirty-one fundraiser.

I am excited to be hosting a Thirty-One fundraiser party to benefit Martha's Home ! Please join us!

**WHEN: Thursday, January 22nd,  
5:30 pm - 7 pm  
WHERE: Joe Daddy's Restaurant,  
2108 Paramount**

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Party will be upstairs at Joe Daddy's! Come have dinner, fun, and THIRTY-ONE!!! Two thirds of my commission will be donated directly to Martha's Home to obtain merchandise to be used as silent auction items at the Second Chance Prom! If you are not able to come to the party, you can order online:

1. Go to my website [www.mythirtyone.com/dharley80](http://www.mythirtyone.com/dharley80)
2. Click on my scheduled parties
3. Click shop now under Fundraiser for Martha's home
4. Follow instructions.

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## It's a Fairytale Ball!

### ***Martha's Home Announces Theme for 2015 Second Chance Prom!***

Anything can happen in a fairy tale! It's a mystical place where heroes slay dragons, talking mirrors offer fashion critiques, and wicked witches spin their worst but never prevail. And the Princess always gets her Prince. But fairy tales aren't real—or ARE THEY? Most fairy tales begin with "once upon a time." And our time is **Saturday, April 18th** when the clock strikes seven. It's Martha's Home 7th Annual Second Chance Prom, with its 2015 theme, **Once Upon a Time**, and your second chance to experience prom night for the first time, or as an enchanted evening on the town with your friends!

This fairytale ball promises to be magical, as the biggest fundraiser of the year for Martha's Home. Upon your arrival at the Amarillo Civic Center's North Hall you'll encounter kings and queens, ogres and trolls, and countless Princes and Princesses, whirling about the dance floor to live music by Insufficient Funds. You'll feast like a beast on heavy hors d'oeuvres from many of the area's finest eateries, and enjoy adult libations as you wish. The event will also feature silent auction, as well as special entertainment, professional photographers to capture the magical moment, and a costume contest to determine who gets to be crowned 2015 Prom King & Queen! And who knows, ladies? A handsome prince toting a glass slipper might follow you home, and you'll live happily ever after. It could happen!



The Second Chance Prom is open to the public, and folks from all across the kingdom proclaim it to be the “most fun fundraiser you’ll ever go to!” What to wear you may ask? Prom attire, fairytale costumes, or however you want to “get gussied up”! This year we are partnering with Costume Castle and Al’s Formal Wear , who are offering help and special discounts when you tell them you are attending the Second Chance Prom!

All proceeds from the Second Chance Prom benefit Martha’s Home, providing transitional housing and assistance to homeless women and their children, giving them a second chance at becoming self-sufficient, productive members of our community. Learn more at [www.marthashome.org](http://www.marthashome.org).

Individual tickets are \$45, and are available thru all Panhandle Ticket outlets, including United Supermarkets and the Civic Center Box Office. For table reservations or corporate sponsorship, please contact Mary Kay Kuhrts at (806)367-1757 or [marykay@marthashome.org](mailto:marykay@marthashome.org).

**Book early—last year was a sellout! <http://secondchanceprom.org>**

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