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It's Almost Time to HUNT & CLICK!!

3rd Annual
The GREAT ARMADILLO
Benefiting
Martha's Home
2015
HUNT & CLICK!
Motorcycle Photo Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, October 3, 2015
At Tripp's Harley Davidson Amarillo, Texas

Event Info
At Tripp's Harley Davidson
Check in 11:00 am-12:30 pm
First Bike out @ 12:00 pm - In @ 4:00 pm
Last Bike out @ 1:00 pm - In @ 5:00 pm

After Party
Music by Buster Bledsoe Band
Free Food & Drinks
(With Registration)
Raffle Tickets to Win Prizes
Awards for Winners of
Hunt & Click

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Come out and have some fun on Saturday, **October 3, 2015** at Tripp's Harley Davidson, 6040 I-40 West. This year's **GREAT ARMADILLO HUNT & CLICK** will be our best yet and we want you to be a part of it!

WHAT'S A HUNT & CLICK, YOU ASK? It's the most fun ever on two wheels for a darn good cause! Each biker will be given a list of locations in and around Amarillo, and the goal is to visit as many of them as possible over a 4-hour period. At each location said biker snaps a picture, and then merrily rolls along to the next. Each pic is worth points, and at the end of it all, we'll add 'em up and see who is the winner of 2015 Hunt & Click!

Don't ride a motorcycle? No problem! You can still join us for the After Party from 5-7 pm for just \$10! Enjoy great music by the **Buster Bledsoe Band**, food and drinks, and raffle tickets to win great prizes! Then be there to congratulate the winners of the 2015 Hunt & Click!

Visit www.huntandclick.org for more info on this one-of-a-kind motorcycle photo scavenger hunt!

Tribute to June Higgs



June Higgs, a great lady, passed from this world August 23, 2015. What a loss to the Amarillo community. June was instrumental in promoting the relationship of the High Plains Thunderbirds and Martha's Home. As the High Plains Thunderbirds were considering which organization to benefit from the proceeds from their annual "Day of Thunder" Car Show, June spoke up. As a past board member of Martha's Home she strongly communicated the importance of Martha's Home to the Amarillo community and also stated their need of financial support from individuals and groups.

The High Plains Thunderbirds have been supporting Martha's Home for thirteen years with their car show proceeds, and June worked hard soliciting donations each show. What a blessing this relationship has been. The Thunderbirds have donated a total of \$34,060 of support and are proud to be a part of the growth of Martha's Home and its expanded service to the women of the Amarillo area. June, we thank you for being an involved citizen and car enthusiast. You will be missed by many.

Martha's Home 2 - Open House & Ribbon Cutting

Thank you to all who came out to celebrate and honor the individuals and businesses who contributed in the remodeling of Martha's Home 2! Special thanks to the following companies responsible for the renovations:



2014 PHASE ONE TEAM -
 5-Day Kitchens
 Accurate Plumbing
 Adobe Walls Stoneworks
 Carpet Tech
 Chambers Electric
 City Glass
 Daltile
 Ferguson
 Floor Coverings international
 RE•BATH of Amarillo
 Reed's Cabinet Shop

2015 LOWE'S HEROES TEAM
 Lowe's Home Improvement Stores:
 Both Amarillo locations
 Lubbock
 Clovis, New Mexico

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Pictured Above L-R: Brad Higby, City Glass; Melissa Davis, Floor Coverings International; Tracy Weiland, Ferguson; Henry Wall, RE•BATH of Amarillo & 5-Day Kitchens; Jill Shennum, Adobe Walls Stoneworks; Mary Kay Kuhrts of Martha's Home; Wynona Bradley, Lowe's Hero Team; Zabrina Mireles of Martha's Home; and Miguel Sandoval, Accurate Plumbing.



Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting



Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting

Thank You Xcel Energy Foundation!



David Hudson presents an \$8,500 grant to Connie Garcia, Executive Director of Martha's Home, with long-time supporter of Martha's Home, Mayor Paul Harpole

Xcel Energy Foundation recently gave \$400,000 in grants to 74 nonprofits across Texas and New Mexico, including 40 organizations in the Amarillo area.

David Hudson, President of Southwestern Public Service, Xcel's Amarillo subsidiary, said, "We think it's important that our communities thrive. One way we like to demonstrate that is by giving to our local nonprofit agencies and help them succeed."

Martha's Home is grateful and honored to be among the grant recipients. Community support is crucial to Martha's Home in continuing our mission of providing shelter and support to homeless women & mothers with children.

When Mercy Met Me with Opened Arms and a Humbled Heart

Day after day, month after month, and sometimes years pass by until that one moment you find yourself in a situation where you have to choose that only decision you never ever thought you, yes, you would ever be in, Homeless.

That moment came in March 2012 when I chose to get away from the Devil I was in a relationship with, who was keeping me in oppression and manipulation and kept brainwashing me from seeing the truth. I was scared to death, ashamed, embarrassed, humiliated at myself at how I allowed and chose such bad choices for my life. I felt like I was trapped and didn't have any way out or option but to just deal with my consequences of my choices. On that Wednesday in March, I got enough strength and courage to call Martha's Home and I spoke with Connie. I told her my situation and thank God, they had 1 opening but would not be available until the following Monday. My heart was literally shaking as tears fell like a river as I was trying to keep my composure on the phone until our conversation ended. I was so thankful and grateful to hear Connie say yes, see you Monday. "How could I have gotten myself in this situation"????? How I ended up at Martha's Home was by dating a guy for almost two years and during those years he introduced me to the "Devil" drug Meth and Cocaine. I had no idea of what these drugs were but he told me he loved me and that's all I ever wanted was to be loved. Someone told me, Brandi, if he loves you he would have never had introduced you to drugs! I was still healing from an adulterous, mental, emotional, and sometimes



physical marriage of 14 years I didn't see the control and manipulation that I was in, I was trying to heal from the one and only relationship I had been in since I was 18. Getting divorced at 32 to an unbeliever and an adulterous husband I was so broken, beaten, and battered, and hurting so deep within I was just living life day by day hoping for a change. Hiding the hurt underneath a false smile and avoiding conversations that would bring up my hurts. Through this whole time, I didn't realize God's mercy and grace and love was always with me even going into the world and putting God on the back burner and just doing my own thing. When Monday came around after work I showed up at the front doors and with all I had in my car and with Faith and Hope I rang the doorbell. I was shaking and trembling and could hardly control my emotions. Never really knew how much strength I had until that moment my home was now at Martha's home. I was so humbled and grateful, but crushed in spirit the first couple of weeks I cried myself to sleep and at times felt like I was in prison. While there I met some awesome strong woman, with all walks of life, we all have a story and it's up to us how we choose the road to complete our created path. Martha's home became my blessing in disguise from our Heavenly Father. I stayed there for almost 3 months and ended up leaving in June 2012. Shortly thereafter, in September I was in a car wreck and totaled my car. When I felt the impact of the air bag hitting my face and realizing I was still alive, I knew this was my 2nd chance the Lord was giving me. That is the moment I heard the Lord speak to me and tell me "Stop playing with Fire". I knew what he meant by that and that was my wake-up call.

As of today, slowly but surely the Lord has been changing my life and blessing me in ways I could have never imagined. Years ago I could not see nor feel Jesus's love, His Unconditional Agape Love, but I have and feel it today. It's all about having a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Through all my brokenness and heartache the Lord showed me how truly deep His Love is and how Faithful a Father can be to His Child. The Lord has made me Fearless, Courageous, Bold, and a Fighter to Never Give Up on Hope.

I'm so blessed and loved in such away, I know my identity and who I am in the Lord Jesus Christ and I am so grateful and humbled to have had Martha's Home to open their doors to me and to allow me to regain a foot hold and put some structure back into my upside down whirlwind I was living in. Today, I am a Daughter of the King, Jesus Christ, His Princess daughter and Loved and blessed beyond my own understanding, My Father Delights with Joy and shines his light upon my Heart.

No matter where you are at in your life, don't ever give up on Hope, Hope is of the Lord and He truly loves each of us more than we can even fathom. My hope is if my story touches the heart of another to not give up and to keep fighting past there trials they are facing and keeping their faith and trust in Our Lord Jesus Christ, there is light at the end of the tunnel and blessings waiting to come.

Where I am weak, He is strong. ~Philippians 4:13 ~ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Thank you Jesus for your Amazing Grace and Love. Keep your Faith in Jesus Deep, Believe in your Whole Heart He is For

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