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RHODE ISLAND  
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# HOUSE OF HOPE RI

Healing teens and restoring families

## They Want to Make a Difference— A Vision Unfolds

By Holly Otten

I spent time talking with Dana Altland and Jane Stach, co-founders of House of Hope Rhode Island, to hear how the organization to help troubled teens was birthed. I asked Dana why it was that she felt compassion for wayward teens. "When I was a teenager I felt very alone and troubled. As an adult and co-parenting my step-son I was faced again with the issue of a troubled teen." Dana and her husband sought Christian counselors and/or a home where he could receive the help he needed, as well as help for themselves in parenting a troubled boy, but found none. They might have found a place if they were willing to drive hundreds of miles.

As Dana and Jane volunteered with their church's youth group,

### HOH's Recent Activities

In August, HOH sponsored a concert for teens called HOPE '11 outdoors in Wafefield on the South County Museum grounds. One concert go-er shared her thoughts on the event in a letter to HOH. "As a Christian praying mom of 4 teenage and college age children, this concert was nothing short of a huge answer to prayer in bringing the love of Jesus to this small area of South County. This concert touched the hearts of so many. As I looked around, I observed tears streaming down on-lookers' cheeks, old and young alike. I saw people melting into the love of Jesus, hands raised and heads bowed.

To see this concert happening in the summer sunset light and to

they discussed this need in their community. They decided to commit their Saturday mornings to prayer to seek God on this matter.

Following a year of Saturdays, Dana found an old brochure in her home about House of Hope in Orlando, Florida that she picked up while at a Women of Faith conference. This triggered something inside of her so she took it to show Jane. "I happened to be at that conference and remember that I was struck by the testimonies of founder Sara Trollinger and a teen resident," Jane responded. It was 2006, and they decided that they would travel to Orlando and attend a training seminar that would equip them in becoming an affiliate and opening a home.

feel such a strong presence of God, truly spoke to my heart—that prayer works, never give up on believing God for so much more than we could ever imagine and to know the enemy is always defeated in the name of Jesus. I personally would love to see more concerts like this in our area—but not tucked away in the woods, but out in the open for all to see the glory of God working in the lives of our youth."

HOH spent a September afternoon at the Son Splash music festival in Woonsocket sponsored by Harvest Community Church. The Lord blessed the day in countless ways, including sunshine, when the forecast for the day was to be rain. The gospel was shared by many who received it in faith. The event was a testimony to

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Once in Orlando, both Dana and Jane knew that this was the answer to their prayers. Jane received another confirmation of God's will following the seminar. Jane was sitting in a church while visiting her mother, in Florida, when she heard these words in song: "Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive...a house where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew." The song *All Are Welcome* by Marty Haugen has been held in a special place in Jane's heart ever since.

Jane and Dana have yet to see the fruition of their hard work and prayers. They still don't have a house that troubled teens

of RI can call home, but there is a 10 acre property in Hope Valley that they would love to call the home of House of Hope RI. Is God calling you to help "build a house?"

### Prayer Intentions

Provisions to purchase Hope Valley property  
Committed volunteers  
Monthly donors  
God's blessings on the families who've sought help from HOH RI

the love of God through diversity. The music, mime, hospitality and fellowship was so genuine and friendly that a wonderful day was had by all. HOHRI would like to thank Harvest Community Church for extending an invitation to us to this worthy event.

### Turning Hearts Conference Cancelled

HOHRI regrets to inform you that due to lack of registrations, the conference had to be cancelled.

Stay tuned for details on our Spring conference with Eric and Leslie Ludy in April 2012.

### Dealing with Today's Teens class

— Mark Gregston

It is not too late to register for parenting classes on Tuesdays through November 29th at West Bay Christian Academy at 7:00pm Call Jane 378-6050 for more info or to register.

"Mark Gregston overflows with biblical wisdom and practical insights gained from over three decades of helping parents with teens."

—Senior Pastor,  
Harvest Bible Church