



A Journey of Faith

My sister just took a pontoon ride down the Colorado River. Even though the current was fast and the course rocky, she remained relaxed because she was promised that the ride was completely safe.

In a similar way, as you can see from this newsletter, His House has been on a quite a journey. Truly, I don't know if I would have gone along for the ride if I were not extremely sure that God had directed and protected every step of the way. He is the very current moving this agency around every corner and through every storm.

Just as adults try daring things only when they are assured that they are safe, children can't grow and blossom until they feel secure. Our mission at His House is to provide children with safe shelter through some difficult times in their young lives. Through care and loving discipline, we have watched children grow in confidence and maturity. We encourage them to enjoy the ride because they are safe in His House.

Our history is a testament to everyone who has joined us in our journey of faith through their generous gifts of time, prayer and financial support. Without faithful friends like you, we could not continue to meet a growing need to shelter boys and girls. I am extremely grateful that you have chosen to come along for the exciting ride as the Lord continues to build His House.

Going with God's flow,

Jean Caceres-Gonzalez,
Founder and Executive Director

FOSTER & ADOPTION TRAINING CLASSES

MAPP
(Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting)
State Required Curriculum for Licensure Class Schedule

Orientation Meetings for MAPP Training

Friday, August 3 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 18 at 11 a.m.

English & Spanish MAPP Training

September 14 and 15
September 28 and 29
October 12 and 13

Orientation Meetings for MAPP Training

Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, December 8 at 11 a.m.

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CAPACITY TO SERVE

His House is making room for more and more children—but the need is still great.

1993-99 12 children

2000 24 children

2001 36 children

2002 (January) projected 56 children

2002 (December) projected 76 children

In His House

Summer 2001 • A newsletter of His House Children's Home

Unless the Lord builds the house...

To our old friends and our new ones: As God continues to build His House and leads us into exciting new paths of ministry, we want to pause for a moment to give Him thanks. And we want to thank you, our faithful friends, for standing beside us as we care for His children who are hurting here in south Florida.

1991



Teresita and her mother are reunited after her successful drug rehabilitation. They are flanked by Dinora and Tina Alvarez, left, and Mario Gonzalez, key volunteers in the founding of His House.

1990

His House founder Jean Gonzalez with Teresita, the first child admitted.

His House is incorporated.

Given property to use 3 years at no cost.

First baby admitted to His House care.

His House receives second baby.

His House renovated; six more children given care and hope.

1989

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1991

Many volunteers help to renovate our first house.



1997

His House kids stand in front of new house.

1993

First house is licensed and opened.



New year starts in our new home.



1997

His House children pose on playground fort.



1997

“By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; and through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.” Proverbs 24:3,4



2000

The children enjoy their first year at Building 29.



1996

Miami International Airport hotel maintenance and construction workers review Building 22 blueprint.



1995

Pastors Mel and Nora Santiesteban support His House and also serve as respite caregivers.



1997



Melinda Crow and Alice Boemler, two of our faithful volunteers, become first foster parents.

1996



Siggi, first live-in child care worker volunteer, arrives from Germany.



2001

Pastor Jose Bello and Maritza are house parents at Building 31, which opens this summer.



The children visit their new home at Building 22, still under construction in the fall of 1996.

Licensed and contracted by state of Florida.

Foster family program initiated.

13 children and child care worker move to Building 22.

Building 23 renovated; Gonzales family, children social worker move to site.

Leases signed on Buildings 29 and 31.

Building 29 opens.

Building 31 opens.

Projected completion of the building "Horizon."

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