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Empowering teen mothers to achieve independence through education.
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We've reached our goal for the Meadows Foundation Grant!

Thanks to your generous support and contributions we've raised \$33,823 and reached our goal for the Meadows Foundation matching grant!

With the Meadows Grant we will reach 62% of our annual fundraising budget. If you haven't submitted your donation yet, there's still time. Even though we've reached our Meadows matching grant goal, our work is not done yet and we need your help to continue to raise money to meet our budget.

You can make a donation directly to our Web site at <http://www.alleyshouse.org/>, by calling 214.954.6400 or mail your contribution directly to alley's house, 3027 Routh St., Suite 207, Dallas, TX 75201. Thanks for your consideration and helping us help teen mothers become successful members of our community!!

♥ Meet Angela ♥

Angela and her adorable 10-month-old son, Jaymond came to alley's house in March, after she was referred by a teacher at Woodrow Wilson High School. Since then, Angela has eagerly taken advantage of alley's house programs and services. She says that alley's house has taught her a lot about how to interact with people and how to play with her baby. Before alley's house she says she didn't know that you could play games with a baby that young, but now says her son loves the creative games she plays using simple objects and making mud prints or playing with scotch tape. She is also learning how to budget and is proud of saving up her own money to buy a cell phone.



Before coming to alley's house, Angela was really nervous about how she would be treated and if people would like her, but she says that everyone at alley's house put her at ease. She even has a mentor who helps her play with Jaymond, takes them to parks & the movies, takes pictures with them and because her mentor is an "English genius," helps her with her English homework.

This 17 year-old, who will be graduating from high school in July, has lofty goals for herself. She plans on becoming a nurse because she likes to help people, and will enroll at El Centro Junior College in the fall. For her son, she hopes that he will finish school and have a great life.

Like other teenagers, Angela enjoys watching television, especially Lifetime movies and her favorite soap opera, "As the World Turns." She loves to read dramatic books like "The Da Vinci Code," "Anonymous" and "Sister Soldier." A native of Zambia, she loves to cook African food and says Jaymond eats it right up!

Save the Date...

Saturday, August 12, 2006!!

Our 2nd Annual Wine Tasting will be held on Saturday, August 12 from 7-10 pm at 1505 Elm St in the Moroccan Room. Complimentary Valet Parking is available. Please mark your calendars and be on the lookout for the Evite! Our first event was lots of fun and this one will be even better!!



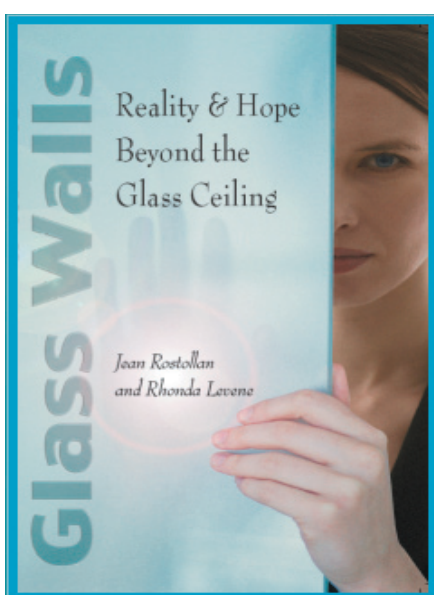
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Rhonda Levene is an alley's house board member.

"Our purpose for Glass Walls is to create a dialogue that raises awareness of an issue that is an impediment to real



Volunteer Corner: Why I ♥ alley's house



ah: What is your volunteer position?

CR: I started out as G.E.D. tutor and came to alley's house twice a week on my lunch hour to tutor. I quickly grew to love alley's house and then used my background in public relations to assist with news releases, spring newsletter and special events.

ah: Why did you choose to volunteer at alley's house?

CR: I love the mission of alley's house and especially the empowerment aspect. I know how essential education is for success and I wanted to be involved in helping young moms achieve their goals for themselves.

ah: What have you learned from your experiences at alley's house?

CR: Before I started tutoring, I had no idea how comprehensive and challenging the G.E.D. is and how much dedication it requires from the teen mothers. I don't think a lot of people realize what it takes to earn a G.E.D. and how much of a difference it can make to have a one-on-one tutor and cheerleader!

ah: What do you want people to know about alley's house?

CR: I want people to know that alley's house does incredible things for young moms and their children, but that doesn't happen on its own. The success of these young women and children relies on us... volunteers and donors! Of all the places I have ever volunteered, I feel especially close to alley's house and only wish I had more to give. I hope that others will read about alley's house and be moved to get connected themselves.

Name: Carly Ryan
Age: 22
Volunteer since: October 2005
Hometown: Allen, Texas

Favorite Quote:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
-Maya Angelou