



THE LETTER



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"harvest home, where new lives begin"

THE SCOOP:



Hello friends!
Although I'm not a collector of books (even though my bedside table would indicate I am), I know that a first edition book is usually of higher value than subsequent editions. I often wonder why that is and could that be true about

this first edition of 'The Letter', our quick, few-minute newsletter. I can hear you now...but I liked the old Harvest Home newsletter. So did we! But for the sake of trees, your time, and our budget, we have to be shorter and sweeter.

For some of you, this might mark the beginning of actually reading our newsletter and to that I say, good. To those who prefer the computer screen to the written word, we can help you there, too (email me at theletter@theharvesthome.net to sign up)! If you just aren't going to read anything, then by golly, let us know (and hopefully you've read this far to know that we want to know!). With all those formalities out of the way, let's get to some content. Excuse me a moment while I go get some. Ok, I'm back, albeit more than a moment later...I hope you enjoy this quick read. Thanks for reading!

Jennifer Jenson
Director

PS. So we don't leave our last newsletter story about Bertha unfinished and leave you wondering what ever happened, let's finish what we started.

THE STORY: *BERTHA'S STORY*

Raised by an abusive alcoholic aunt after her devoted parents' death, Bertha attempted independence when she met Brian. The young couple welcomed baby Ashley, and life as a family began. Brian's partying eventually halted their plans, and Bertha ended the relationship. Being drawn into the tattoo industry, she met Nick. They lived together until he threw Bertha, now pregnant, and Ashley, out on Thanksgiving night.

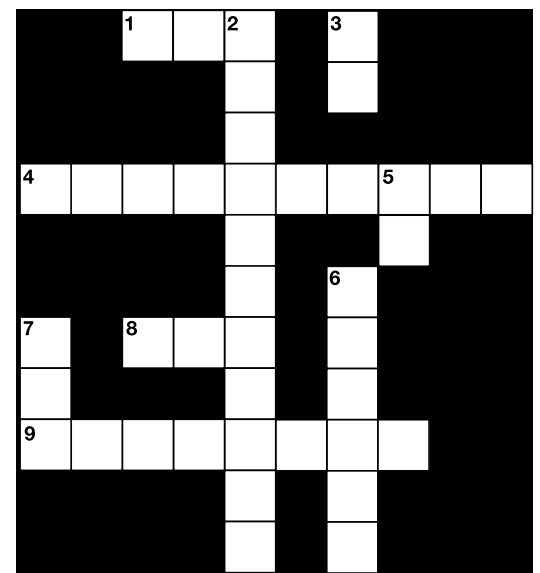
Ashley was sent to live with her dad, and Bertha was homeless until a friend and alumni of Harvest Home, urged her to call us. "I no longer worried about where I would sleep and where my baby would be born." At 36 weeks a stress test showed no fetal movement. Abby was born by emergency C-section, and quickly whisked away. She had suffered two strokes in utero, had an enlarged liver, and her organs were shutting down. Abby was dubbed "the miracle" by hospital staff when she was released a month later.

Given no hope of ever walking or talking, Abby is now an active 2-year-old. "Harvest Home was there for me, like a family," Bertha remembers, "I was lost and God answered my prayer."

See Bertha's Story in its entirety at www.theharvesthome.net>alumnae>their stories

THE SHORT LIST:

Since books and reading seem to be a recurring topic in 'The Letter', let's have some fun with it. For my own learning, I try to read a variety of books (some I agree with and some I don't) about social trends, mental health, homelessness, helping others and other topics that affect Harvest Home and those you and I aim to serve. Here's a quick crossword puzzle to see what is on the nightstand (and hopefully being read!) this month. We'd love to have you learn with us!



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| ACROSS: | DOWN: |
| 1 Begins many sentences | 2 The 'everyone owes me' mentality |
| 4 Obsessive self focus | 3 Off minus one |
| 8 A three letter word | 5 Not out |
| 9 The swine flu | 6 Not dying |
| | 7 Equals number of birthdays |

Put the words together in the prescribed order (1,4,9 – 6,5,8,3,2) and the title of the book is: _____

_____ by Jean M. Twenge, Ph.D and W. Keith Campbell, Ph.D

THE QUESTION:

What would you like to hear about in our upcoming newsletters? Email us your thoughts to theletter@theharvesthome.net.



THE WISHING WELL:

On your next Costco visit...

- ___ 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binders (20)
- ___ Jam Free copy paper
- ___ 'Forever' postage stamps
- ___ Tupperware – variety of sizes
- ___ Ziploc baggies – all sizes
- ___ Dishwasher detergent
- ___ Liquid dish soap - refill size
- ___ Clear hand soap - refill size
- ___ Paper towels and toilet paper
- ___ Batteries: AA, AAA, C and D
- ___ Reusable water bottles
(Contigo, 3 for \$18)

On your next Target, Marshalls or Ross visit...

- ___ New bed pillows (40)
- ___ Twin sheet sets (white or cream)
- ___ Coordinating bath towel, hand towel, wash cloth sets (15, neutral colors, please)
- ___ \$25 gift certificates (for the Rewards Program)

On your next internet voyage...

- ___ 'Quest' Bibles (20)
- ___ 'Safe People' book and workbook sets, by Cloud and Townsend (8)

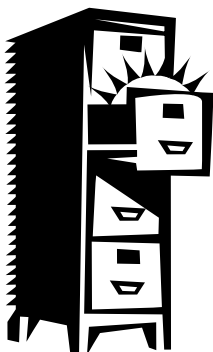
ANSWER: The Narcissism Epidemic – Living in the Age of Entitlement

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THE INDISPENSABLE:



CPA: File our annual tax return (due on May 15th) and to conduct an annual independent financial review.

Mentor(s): Meet weekly to help new moms adjust to their new life by offering support, guidance, advice, an open ear, and sometimes just a hug.

Board Member(s): Passionate, business-minded people (especially a few good men - come on guys!) who care about our Cause and have the Capacity to Contribute their expertise in moving our organization forward.

Party Host(s): Throw a fun, themed, party at your home with close friends, introducing them to Harvest Home and the unplanned pregnancy cause. It's a party in a box – we give you everything you need.

