Whatever you did to the least of these you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

The Treehouse is a ministry of Orthodox Christian Ministries, Inc. We are a non-profit organization that fills a unique niche in Wichita, providing moms and babies with compassionate physical and emotional support and positive Christian relationships.

The Treehouse Mission
The Treehouse seeks to transform the lives of mothers and children with God's love and genuine personal care.

The Treehouse Vision
To foster the well-being of women and babies by offering basic necessities, programs and education supporting their growth and development.

The names of moms and babies have been changed throughout this brochure.
The flower 24-year-old Jenay wears in her hair is not just an accessory, it is a symbol of hope. A hope she found on a lonely bus ride the first day she visited The Treehouse just two years ago.

Her newborn was wailing. She tried to comfort him, yet her hugs, her kisses, her rocking, her pleading, nothing could calm her 8-week-old son, Gabriel. As Jenay fumbled through her diaper bag, she realized with panic that it was empty. She had vowed to give Gabriel the world, to love, to cherish, this tiny little person, but at that moment no amount of love could provide the one thing her baby needed the most: a diaper.

So, Jenay did the only thing she knew to do. She folded a cloth into a make-shift diaper, and boarded a city bus to The Treehouse, an agency she had been referred to in a cry for help. If that organization could give her just one diaper, she reasoned, she would find a way for Gabriel to make it through the night. In the morning, she would get her cash assistance, and she could buy a package of diapers.

She didn’t just receive a diaper that day. The Treehouse staff greeted her with a smile, a hug and a layette: a gift basket filled with an entire package of diapers, onesies, booties and receiving blankets.

“In that moment, I felt for the first time that I wasn’t alone,” Jenay recalls. “It had to have been God. I was so excited, people on the bus that day must have thought I was crazy.”

She didn’t care because she had found a ray of hope when her world was as dark as the midnight sky. So, she wears that hope everyday in the form of a flower pinned on the side of her hair.

Following a baby’s birth, mothers referred to The Treehouse receive a one-time layette gift filled with basic necessities. Each year The Treehouse welcomes 400 new moms into our ministry.
Esme was referred to The Treehouse and she never said much. She trusted no one. But, she noticed over time The Treehouse staff always remembered whatever she told them – no matter how small. For the first time she had someone who listened to what she said, and more importantly, what she didn’t have the courage to say.

Would they still love her if she told them about the darkest spots in her life? Over the course of several years, Esme slowly shared her story with her Treehouse family. "Throughout my whole life, I've been testing people’s love for me," Esme recalls. "If I mess up, will you still be there for me? No matter what I told them, The Treehouse never judged me."

Over the past few years, Esme has become the beautiful wife and mother she was meant to be. She is an inspiration not only to other moms but to anyone she connects with. If you ask her how she overcame her past, she will quickly tell you the The Treehouse played a major role in her transformation.

You see, at The Treehouse, Esme found something she had been searching for her entire life: Christ’s unconditional love.

By incorporating Christ into everything we do at The Treehouse, we teach moms they are not alone in their struggles. When the world seems like a very dark place, they have someone and somewhere to turn for hope.

The Treehouse guides and empowers new moms by providing positive female role models, education and spiritual support. Showing and providing Christ’s love to moms who may not be exposed otherwise is core to The Treehouse mission. We gently encourage moms toward a spiritual life regardless of denomination.

The reflection room at The Treehouse is always open for moms to pray, read a scripture or simply enjoy a quiet moment.
Jay, 26, may be a model, but her life is far from glamorous. Spit up, dirty diapers and messy faces are the usual part of her day. So much so, that it is hard for Jay to remember what she did before she had children.

As a senior in high school, Jay became pregnant. She was unprepared to be a mother emotionally, let alone financially. Without The Treehouse, Jay doesn’t know how she would have provided even the most basic necessities for her children: diapers and formula.

With three children in diapers, it doesn’t take Jay long to add up how many she goes through in one month: 160. Jay knows the panic that can set in when her children are on their last diapers, but The Treehouse has eased that burden.

“I have faith that God always provides,” Jay says. “He may not come when I want Him, but He always comes on time.”

We believe that to touch a person through our programs, we must first gain their trust and ensure their basic needs are met. Often moms begin attending classes simply to earn additional diapers and formula. They return because they make strong connections with other moms who are experiencing similar struggles and joys.

Five times a year, the moms at The Treehouse can receive extra assistance of diapers or formula with no questions asked. Moms can also earn additional assistance by attending group meetings or watching our parenting video series, Earn While You Learn.
At 17, Jennifer wanted to be a famous pastry chef. Little did she know, that same year, she would become a single mom.

When she told the father she was pregnant, he “flipped” and left the state.

“I was stressed,” Jennifer remembers. “I was worried about how I was going to be able to take care of this child on my own.”

So Jennifer jumped online and started looking for parenting classes. That’s how she found The Treehouse.

“I told them I was scared,” Jennifer says. “I was having a little boy, and I needed some parenting classes. I wanted to do everything I could to make sure this baby got a great start in life.”

Not only did she learn how to comfort a crying baby, she learned about the importance of reading to her child and providing structure in his life.

By the time Collin finally arrived, Jennifer couldn’t wait to show the staff at The Treehouse. “I had to show my extended family my new arrival.”

Jennifer no longer has lofty goals of wanting to be a chef, but she does want to go back to school. Mostly, she wants to be a great mom for Collin and her new little one that is soon to arrive.

Parenting and support classes are offered twice a week at The Treehouse. Classes in both English and Spanish give all of our moms the opportunity to form bonds with other moms. Class topics range from parenting and life-skills to child development and personal growth.

In addition, the Earn-While-You-Learn series allows moms to come in on their own schedule and view videos on the same topics. Our Earn-While-You-Learn library has 95 videos that grow as a child grows, touching on topics the moms have discovered are extremely relevant to milestones in their babies’ lives.

Our classes and Earn-While-You-Learn programs have attendance of nearly 1,200 mom visits per year.
It was so cold her cheeks went numb when she just peaked her head outside the door. Five days of single-digit temperatures, and 32-year-old Stacey knew she needed help.

A few months earlier, she packed her bags from California hoping to find a more affordable life in Kansas.

Now, 8-months-pregnant, Stacey didn’t have a heavy coat nor any winter maternity clothes, but she knew she had to find some. It was dangerously cold outside.

She called every agency she could think of to no avail, and then someone suggested she call The Treehouse. At the Thrift Store, she found warm maternity clothes, and when her search for a winter coat came up empty, The Treehouse director suggested they go find one together. They went to a second hand store, and, without any questions, she then bought her a coat. She looked Stacey over and then asked, “Have you ever worn a scarf? Here try on mine.” The Treehouse director took the scarf off her neck and tied it on Stacey.

“Most people won’t even give you directions,” Stacey explained, tears brimming in her eyes. “She took off her own scarf and gave it to me. She never brought it up again. She genuinely did it for me and she did it from her heart.”

Love Her

The thrift store serves as a resource for both the moms and The Treehouse. Moms can purchase gently used clothing and supplies from newborn to 4T at an extremely low cost. The free area in the thrift store is constantly stocked with goodies for moms to take whenever they come to visit.

Most importantly, the thrift store gives moms a reason to visit The Treehouse on a regular basis. The opportunity to connect can come at anytime and our clients enjoy chatting with staff and volunteers in the casual comfort of the thrift store. Some of our most impactful guidance opportunities have happened while shopping alongside the moms.
You can help make a difference in a new mom's life.

The greatest gift you can give is prayer – for God’s guidance to our organization as we serve to meet the needs of moms, and for our moms who struggle each day to provide the best lives they can to their children.

In addition, we have several opportunities to give of your time and treasure.

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I would like to make a tax-deductible gift to The Treehouse.

Enclosed is my check payable to The Treehouse.

Please contact me about other giving options including special projects, capital opportunities, memorials, etc.

I would like to know of specific needs or programs I could financially support.

I would like to donate my gift of time and become a Treehouse volunteer.

(By checking below, we will contact you with specifics on each opportunity.)

I would like to organize a diaper drive at my church or business.

I would like to organize a group volunteer day at The Treehouse.

I would like to volunteer at The Treehouse.