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*I Myself will search for
my Sheep
and look after them.*

Ezekiel 34:11



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The Sheepfold Texas is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors composed of community leaders. Complete financial statements are prepared monthly and completed by a local accountant.

We are privately funded. We accept no funding by the state, otherwise we would not be able to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We receive donations from individuals, churches and businesses.

We are acutely aware of our accountability to God for monies given for the care of the widows and the fatherless.



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Shelter, refuge, and a new beginning
for abused women and their children

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No Looking Back

When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city. . . So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed." . . . But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 18:15,17 & 26

Has the Holy Spirit urged you to "get up and move!"? At some point, all of God's children are called to make some changes or moves in our lives. Usually these warnings or directives come to either spare us from hardships and pain, or to place us in a better position to receive blessings and to live out the purpose God has ordained for us. But with any move can come feelings of uncertainty, anxiety, fear, and sometimes sadness from leaving familiar people, places and routines behind. Not all moves are fun and filled with joy of starting a new life. Because the Lord loves His children and knows all, He sees when the lives we are living and the paths we are choosing are becoming destructive. At the Sheepfold Texas, God has made it so the families we serve have been snatched up out of harms way, often just in the nick of time. Something...an angel, the Holy Spirit, even God Himself, has moved into these ladies lives and said, "Escape for your life, and don't look back!" And in our sheep fold is where they've found safety and refuge. As we are moving forward and accepting God's will to remove us from perilous situations, we can't help but to reminisce about what we've left behind. Sometimes we thank God for saving us and at other times we long for that place where we once felt we belonged. It is during these times that we teach and encourage the ladies to lean on the Word of God and to find that peace, comfort, and surety in His will and way. Sometimes it is good to look back to remind yourself of where the Lord has brought you from and get in the spirit of thanksgiving. At other times God warns us not to look back, because looking back may cost us our lives just as it did for Lot's wife. It is not always easy to trust that God is equipped to be in full control of our lives, but it is important to recognize that sometimes trusting in the Lord is a matter of life and death. God wants us to choose life and live it abundantly. Therefore, when God tells us to move, MOVE! Obedience is better than sacrifice (1Sam 15:22). Even as God is bringing you out, don't look back, keep moving forward. He has greatness in store for you!

-Kirby



GIVING WORKS

If you like to sell things on Ebay, you can now donate a percentage of the proceeds to The Sheepfold Texas through Ebay giving. Go to ebay.com, go to the Sell menu, scroll down to 'Sell for Charity'. From there you will be directed to a page called 'ebay giving works'. This will give you all the info you need to sell your items and support the Sheepfold Texas!

Sheep it Up!



Hi, Barnabas here...The Sheepfold Texas is a non-profit 501 c3 and accepts no federal or state funding. If we did, we wouldn't be able to preach the Gospel. And I don't know about you, but "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ...for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... Rom. 1:16. If you agree with me—and I know you do—let's join together and show our community that God is bigger than any supply of wealth the world has to offer—He owns the cattle on a thousand hills—and even sheep like me! Your \$10 a month goes a long way to shelter, clothe and feed our moms and kids. Not to mention the daily dessert they get feasting on the Word of God! Talk is "sheep" – Are you feeding them?

You can now give online through our website!

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Shelter Needs

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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| Baby food | Hand sanitizer |
| Diapers (size 3 and 4) | Bathroom mats |
| Stainless steel pots & pans | Adult school backpack |
| Knives | Electric can opener |
| Knife sharpener | Diaper genie |
| Wooden spoons | Twin sheets |
| Kitchen floor mats | Laundry baskets |
| Blender | 84-inch round table cloths |
| Fabric softener | Bible covers |
| Hair brushes | Gift Bibles |
| Clorox wipes | Christian CD's |
| Gas/grocery gift cards | CD holder |
| Sprinklers/sprinkler system | Adult Christian/Family friendly movies |

Educating the Public

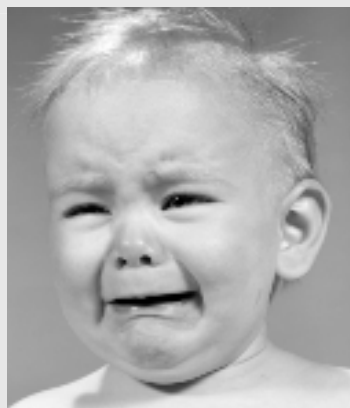
Want to know more about the ministry and how domestic violence affects our community? The Sheepfold Texas is offering education and prevention presentations. Choose from the following topics:

- Welcome to The Sheepfold Texas-15-30 min**
Learn the history, mission and array of services we provide to assist women and children impacted by sexual & domestic violence and homelessness.
- Domestic Violence 101-15-45 min**
This introductory program defines domestic violence and discusses the dynamics of an abusive relationship and the impact on the victim, children, batterer and the community at large. Participants will be able to identify the reasons a victim may stay in an abusive relationship.

Sign up for your presentation by contacting Kirby Gibbs, lead house manager at 936-4645-4311.

Derby Hopes Dashed!

Sorry to disappoint you, but the Baby Derby at the Texas State Forest Festival has been cancelled this year. We know the dreams of many aspiring scooters have been dashed, but don't cry...just keep those diapers charged up for next year. See you in 2012...Vrooom!



'Wait 'till next year!'
Ps.119:116 (NIV)

Thank You to Our Supporters!

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Heb. 13:16

A special thanks to Kim Turner from Shawnee Prairie Baptist Church, who shared her talents by taking family portraits for our residents. What a blessing!

Thank You to all who give of their time and resources to The Sheepfold Texas!