
Guest Commentary: Lynn's Hope House of New Beginnings dissolves

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People were in a bit of a panic because this new disease COVID-19 was threatening the lives of people. No social gatherings were allowed. Meetings were held on Zoom and other venues. We at Lynn's Hope House of New Beginnings had to decide what to do. This was to be our first major fundraiser and we expected it to bring in at least \$30,000. With that

money, grant funding and individual donations it would be great. But that didn't happen.

Also, our fifth year at the house was coming up, (an agreed upon time frame with the First Baptist Church with whom allowed us the use of the house) and decisions had to be made. The board convened and decided to at first postpone the fundraiser in hopes that the fairgrounds would open up but it didn't, so the fundraiser was officially cancelled. With that and needing to determine what the future would be for LHHNB.

It was decided that we would dissolve (close) the nonprofit. May 31 was our last day at 1100 H Street.

According to the IRS, as well as was written into our bylaws, that upon dissolving all assets must be donated to another 501(c)(3) nonprofit. It was decided that all of the furnishing would stay in the house and be donated to the First Baptist Church. Del Norte Mission Possible was given some hygiene products and a Taskalfa copier.

Do I regret taking that leap of faith? Not at all. I would not have known if my venture would be a success or failure unless I tried. A lot of lives will be forever changed. I know that my life will be forever changed because I had the opportunity to be a part of Lynn's Hope House of New Beginnings transitional home for women leaving jail and prison and returning to the community. August 2020 would have been my 14th year as a volunteer minister at the Del Norte County jail. That also came to a halt due to COVID-19.

We are not yet formally dissolved but are still in the process with the Attorney General's Office and Secretary of State, hopefully in the next month or so it will be completed.

I would like to thank everyone who donated finances, time or items to LHHNB, you also have a part in helping change lives.

I would like to mention Del Norte Mission Possible who helps homeless men, women, and families and who now occupies the house on 1100 H street that was formerly LHHNB and is used for homeless women with

health issues transitioning into the community. Del Norte Mission Possible was blessed to be able to move into a fully furnished house thanks to the First Baptist Church. Our blessings have become their blessings.

Daphne Cortese-Lambert is the Director of Del Norte Mission Possible and she can be reached at (707) 954-7319. All types of donations are welcome.

I know how hard it is to get funding, whether from grants, fundraisers or individual giving so I am asking you to donate to Del Norte Mission Possible. They also are in need of volunteer staff who can work various shifts including overnight.