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Hannah's Home rings in new chapel

TEQUESTA, Fla. (May 27) – Board members, supporters, staff and residents of Hannah's Home gathered Saturday to cut the ribbon on a new \$135,000 on-site chapel at Hannah's Home.

The dedication and ribbon-cutting of the New Life Chapel capped three years of planning and construction. The chapel is part of a \$10 million capital campaign to also add four transition cottages and a 16-bedroom, two-story dormitory.

"The new chapel is only a beginning, the cornerstone for a broader campus build-out," said Carol Beresford, founder of Hannah's Home. "We are excited to soon break ground on our first duplex cottage."

Hannah's Home resident mothers will use the new chapel to meet for worship, group studies and life skills classes. The chapel will perform an important ceremonial function, as well. Each time a baby is born through Hannah's Home, the chapel bell tower will announce the good news to the community, renewing a tradition dating to medieval England.

Still to come is a brick courtyard to surround the chapel to provide a quiet setting to pray and to reflect.

To mark the chapel opening, singer/songwriter Rachel Aldous made a special guest appearance to perform, "A Mother's Prayer (Hannah's Song)." Carol Beresford's daughter, Kimberly Kauffman, performed her song, "Thank You." Members of the Tequesta Fire also attended, as did MaryLynn Magar, former Florida state representative.

The event was coordinated by former mayor of the Village of Tequesta, Abby Brennan.

The residential program at Hannah's Home provides young women facing crisis pregnancies with housing, food, clothing, child care, medical care and educational opportunities.

Since its doors opened in 2011, Hannah's Home has welcomed 71 infants. With a maximum capacity of eight women and their children, Hannah's Home is currently serving six resident mothers, with three infants on the way.

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About Hannah's Home of South Florida: *Providing a safe and loving Christian environment for single, pregnant young women, Hannah's Home is a maternity facility with a mission of offering hope and transforming lives through counseling, life skills development, and educational opportunities. More information available: www.hannahshomesf.org.*