

## Hearing the Story...

### **ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**

Ms. C is part of our *Providing A Sure Start (PASS) Program*. She is a twenty-two-year-old single mother who has been living with family members as she struggles with finding affordable housing. In December of last year, she had her second child, two months early, weighing 3lbs, 6oz. The baby's stay in the NICU in St. Louis, Missouri has been hard for this single mom as she has coped with concern for her infant son and caring for her eighteen-month-old daughter.

There are days when Ms. C has stated through tears that she was tired and felt like the world was closing in on her. LBDNH staff have been supporting this family with daily inspirational texts and regular visits to help her through this stressful time. Ms. C says that her parent educator's presence brightens her day and gives her the strength to go on. She has stated how thankful she is for the love and support she is receiving through LBDNH and watching a miracle unfold before her eyes as her son improves. She has affirmed that she now understands what having faith is all about.

*Jennifer Brown, Parent Educator  
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## Sustaining Love's Embracing ARMS

Each person who accepted the invitation to serve on the *OCOK Steering Team* has expressed a sense of God's call to effort, demonstrated their commitment by giving extra time and energy, including traveling to each agency for the first round of our meetings, and pledged or already given financially to support ***Our Conference, Our Kids***.

Members of the Team include: *Amanda Richards, Carol Rankin, Ethan Carnes, Joe Scheets, John Hamilton, Joyce Francis, Randy Reese, J. Keith Zimmerman, Chair; Liaison for Bishop Beard and the Extended Cabinet: Janice Griffith.*

Supporting the *OCOK* endowment in reaching its goal of \$2.5 million will assist each of our conference's children and family serving agencies in ***Sustaining Love's Embracing ARMS*** as they keep spiritual life ministries as a pillar in their holistic care for children and families.

Thank you for joining in this ministry through your gift to ***OCOK Spiritual Life Endowment Campaign*** (*Advance Special #6960*) through your local church.

## Our Conference, Our Kids

### **Sustaining Love's Embracing ARMS**

With your prayers and financial gifts, you can join Jennifer and Cheryl in **LBDNH** ministries because **"ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"**.

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## Holding LBDNH in Prayer This Week

***Please pray during Sunday worship and each day this week for those Sustaining Love's Embracing ARMS through Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House.***

*Children Served by LBDNH  
Administration, Program Supervisors  
Jr/Sr High School Youth Served  
Teachers, Aides, Parent Educators  
Families of Children/Youth Served  
Social Workers, Case Workers, Senior Ministry Leaders*