



REFLECTIONS *from Melany*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It's hard to believe that summer is already coming to a close. As I look back over these past several months, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all that God has done through APO, and for the many people He has used to make it possible.

Since our last newsletter, so much has changed.

Ally's Place is now home. Little toddler feet pitter-patter

down the halls. We smell meals being prepared and shared by resident moms. We hear squeals from the playgrounds and splashpad, and see heartfelt conversations happening on the porch swing. Our backyard has already hosted Easter egg hunts, Valentine's celebrations, end-of-school-year festivities, and countless playdates.

And that's just one part of the story. **Our Baby Steps program has grown** tremendously, with classes happening almost every day of the week. We opened The Cottage, our baby and children's boutique, offering clients a beautiful space to shop for the things their growing families need. Summer class participation has continued to increase and has been more active, and our staff continues to grow alongside the ministry.

We are especially grateful to see Ally's Place now at half occupancy. What was once a vision is becoming a vibrant community of young mothers and children finding stability, support, and hope.

We have also seen tremendous growth in our **Spanish-speaking client population**. Our website is now available in Spanish, and we continue working to make our team, communications and resources more welcoming and inclusive for the families we serve.

As we prepare for fall, we are onboarding more than **50 new volunteers** to serve in Mama Club, Baby Steps, and our Real Men community group, which is now expanding to welcome dads of all ages.

There is so much to celebrate.

And behind every class, every conversation, every meal, every diaper, every safe night at Ally's Place, and every family welcomed through our doors is a faithful supporter who said **yes** to this ministry.

Thank you for saying yes.

Thank you for believing in the mission of APO.

And thank you for helping us create a place where families can find practical support, meaningful relationships, and hope for the future.

We are humbled by what God is doing here, and we are so grateful that you are part of it.

With gratitude,

Melany



Parenting & Outreach programs:

- **Mama Club** will continue to give young moms a place to belong, build relationships, and find encouragement as they navigate motherhood.
- **Real Men** is growing into a community for dads of all ages, creating opportunities for men to grow in strength, responsibility, and love for their families.
- **Parent Academy** is preparing to launch in five local high schools this fall, equipping young people with practical tools and meaningful support. We are ready to serve additional schools as needed.
- **Baby Steps** has grown significantly, with classes offered throughout the week in both English and Spanish. From pregnancy and parenting education to wellness and community-building, there are now more opportunities than ever for parents to connect and grow.



Aggieland Adoptions

This year, we have celebrated 2 placements and 2 finalizations, with 2 more finalizations coming this fall! We've also continued hosting support groups for birth moms and adoptive families, creating space for connection, encouragement, and community. On August 25th, we had a sweet time of celebration and connection with our adoptive and birth families at a Post-Adoption Splash Day at APO.

Every adoption story is unique, and we are honored to walk alongside families through each step. We are grateful for every family who trusts AggieLand Adoptions to be part of their story.



We rejoice with the May's & Kitchel's over their finalizations and the growth of their beautiful families.



Ally's Place

It's no longer just a house; it's home. Today, Ally's Place is half-occupied, and we are incredibly proud of the community taking shape within its walls.

Moms are learning to live in community with one another while establishing healthy routines. They are managing the many responsibilities of motherhood: classes, jobs, appointments, chores, and caring for their little ones.

Some have celebrated the completion of difficult semesters, postpartum healing, budget management, and cooking classes. They've celebrated the first of many holidays with their children, including Valentine's Day, Easter, and Mother's Day. Some are starting college for the first time. These may seem like simple milestones, but they represent something much bigger: growth, stability, confidence, and hope.

Ally's Place is becoming what we hoped it would be: a safe, stable, joyful place where young mothers and their children can grow. We are humbled every time we walk through our doors. Thank you for your support.



Volunteers serve by wrapping diapers and packaging wipes.

Upcoming Events:

- 8/25: Post Adoption Family Splash Day at APO
- 8/25, 8/30 & 9/1: Volunteer Training
- 9/8: Fall Programs launch
- 9/14: The Village Support Group begins for pregnant & postpartum mothers.
- 9/17 Prayer Gathering at APO for friends of APO
- 9/20 Early Giving begins for Brazos Valley Gives
- 10/10: Donuts with Doula's at APO
- 10/20 Brazos Valley Gives Day

Show your support!

Visit our online storefront to shop apparel designed to help you proudly represent our mission throughout the community.



PRAYERS

- For our teen and college parents starting school.
- For the **50+ volunteers** we are onboarding for the fall and for the relationships they will build with the families we serve.
- For **Mama Club, Baby Steps, and Real Men** as our fall programs launch and expand.
- For our **Real Men community** as we welcome dads of all ages.
- For the families living at **Ally's Place** and for the community developing among our residents.
- For our **Ally's Place Childcare** team as we hire two additional employees and continue to provide excellent care for the children entrusted to us.
- For our **two new interns and additional TAMU work-study employee** as they join the APO team.
- For our growing **Spanish-speaking client population**, that every family who walks through our doors feels welcomed, understood and supported.
- For **wisdom and discernment** as we continue to grow our programs and meet the needs of families across the Brazos Valley.

PRAISES

- **Ally's Place Childcare is serving families** as a fully-licensed, on-site childcare for the children of residents and staff.
- **The Cottage is thriving!** Clients now have a welcoming place to find the items they need for their babies and growing families.

YOUR FINANCIAL IMPACT

So far in 2026, we have received \$187,845.94 of our \$600,000 annual goal.

But the numbers tell only part of the story.

Because you said yes...

You have given families access to support.

You have helped create a home where a young mother can study, work, parent, and build a future.

You have helped make childcare available where it is needed most.

You have helped us offer classes, education, material support, encouragement, and community throughout the week.

Your generosity helps ministry happen in real time.



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