

If you are a mother (of any kind, to any one, in any way) we would like to say

Thank You!

If you are not a mother, be sure to "Thank" a mother!

Here are some AMAZING WOMEN from the Bible; we "Thank God" for them!

Eve – The Original Mother (she had no mother to learn from)

Sarah – The Patient Mother (her pregnancy came late in life)

Jochebed – The Mother of Aaron, Moses & Miriam (she took great risks to protect her children)

Mary – The Mother of Jesus (she suffered persecution for being a young virgin out of wedlock willing to give birth because an angel said she was "chosen" to give the ultimate sacrifice here on earth.)

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May is a month to honor women and we are celebrating "Mothers" and their roles in our lives. We want to share with you some of the mothers that have been blessed by your generous donations, some of the mothers that need your blessings and how mothers in our community are living according to scripture.

Sheila is a <u>caregiver to her father</u> and an example to her 18-year-old son. She is following *Ephesians 6:2-3 ² "Honor your father* and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.". SOLM paid her **OGE bill of \$284.45**

Thaisha is a recent graduate from Platt College, showing her 11-year-old daughter that education is very important and worth the extra effort. Following *Proverbs 4:13 "Hold on to instruction*, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life" is an awesome example for her daughter. SOLM paid her **OGE bill of \$194.87**

Andrea is supporting her family of 4 after her husband lost his job. She continues to take her children to church to encourage them that God will indeed provide for their family in times of need. What better example of a woman following Philippians 2:3-4 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Their need is \$134.91 for OGE.

Malisa took off work for two weeks to <u>care for her mother</u> who recently had a stroke. She was recently admitted into re-hab. The children in her home range from 1-1/2 to 16; they are fortunate to see her nurturing her own mother. I Timothy 5:8 explains just this! ⁸ But if anyone does not <u>provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household</u>, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. Their current need is help with **OGE \$444.50**.

Rashana is working part-time but looking for full-time work so she can raise her 1-year-old daughter. She has interviews lined up and is hopeful. She continues to attend a local church receiving spiritual & social support. She used her tax refunds to pay her rent to avoid eviction. She understands exactly what Proverbs tells us. "To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice." Proverbs 21:3. SOLM paid OGE \$141.19 to restore her electricity for her and her daughter.

