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Dear So Big Supporters,

As many of you know, the mission of So Big is to offer Hope to pregnant women in need and So Big has carried out that mission through the vision of the Mountain House Maternity Home. Since we opened our doors on March 1, 2018 we have served 38 women, 21 babies and 16 siblings. We have seen pregnancy complications lessen, healthy babies born, and we have watched God transform lives in both big and small ways.

After much prayer, consulting with mentors, and some sleepless nights, the So Big Board and I have made the decision to close the Mountain House Maternity Home this December. We have chosen December as it will ensure that our current residents have delivered their babies and have gotten through their postpartum period. Staying open until December will also allow us to use the money that was raised specifically for the operations of the Mountain House. We have chosen to share this with you 3 and ½ months before closing for a couple of different reasons. One, we have decided to cancel this year's Born to Sparkle Gala. Knowing that God is directing us to close the house, we didn't feel right about having a fundraising event. Plus, we want to direct all of our attention to serving our current residents in the best way possible. Secondly, we want to give our residents time to find a new place to live. We currently have 4 women, 2 siblings and 2 babies living at the house. We will be working with each resident individually to help them arrange new housing. With our experience in having to temporarily close last year, we know that God will direct us and will provide for each family currently living in the maternity home.

We continue to work at full capacity at the Mountain House and so we are asking for your assistance in several areas. We are currently in need of help to transport the women to and from work and school and the children to and from daycare. And, we still need help cleaning the house on a weekly rotation. We also welcome your continued support in providing meals through our meal train as well as purchasing items through our Amazon Wish list. You can sign up for these opportunities through our website or you can contact our volunteer coordinator, [Karen Hernandez](mailto:karen@sobig.org) at karen@sobig.org.

I would like to thank you for your amazing generosity over the years. We couldn't have done this without you. Over the next several months, with the help of Kristi by Design, we will be celebrating all that God has done through Mountain House via Facebook and Instagram posts as well as through our Newsletter.

I would also like to say a special thank you to New Hope Christian Church for allowing us to use the Wiley House over the last 7 years.

Many factors have gone into this decision to close and many other options were considered as well. This journey with the Mountain House has been one of 10 years for me and it has been challenging for me to surrender and begin to let the maternity home go, but I know that God has wonderful plans for So Big and for me. We will continue to pursue finding a location for the Safe Haven Baby Box that we wish to donate. And, I will be spending concentrated time with God listening to Him and talking to Him about the direction for So Big in this next chapter. Thank you again for your support. I am so grateful!

Sincerely,

Lori Buzzetti MD
Founder and President of So Big