GIRLS HOPE OF PITTSBURGH

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

GIRLS HOPE MISSION STATEMENT





Welcome to the Girls Hope Coraopolis house!

This is the double-door garage we JUST fit the vans into!



we have two company vehicles!





What you see here is the beginning of a brand new basketball hoop! The scholars are helping Mr. Bob (academic tutor) build and paint it on the weekends

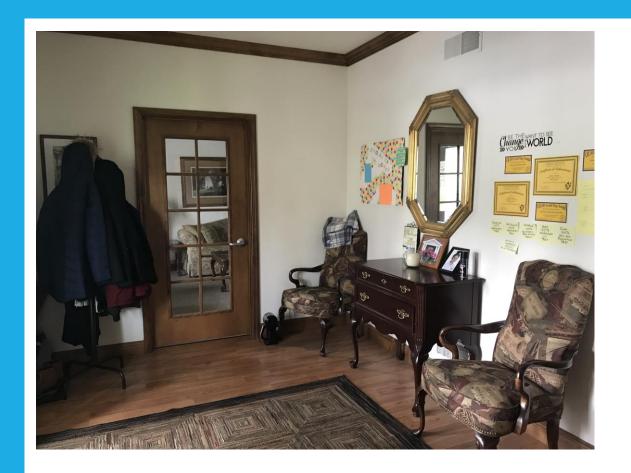
Security is extremely important to this organization as we are responsible for the well-being of 8 young women.





The house is equipped with a security system with motion sensors, as well as a fire alarm!

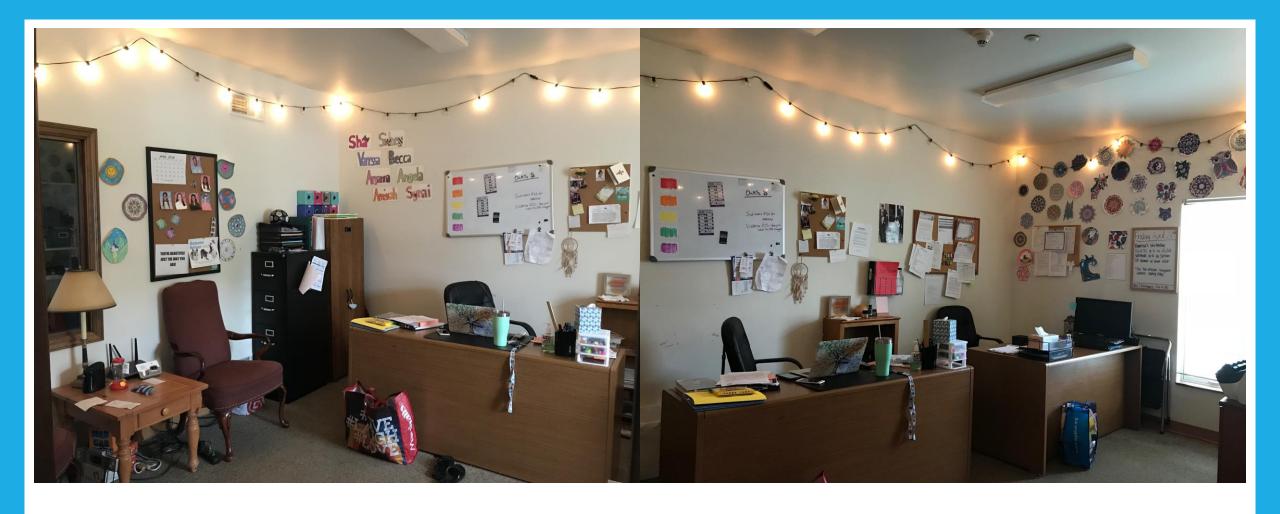




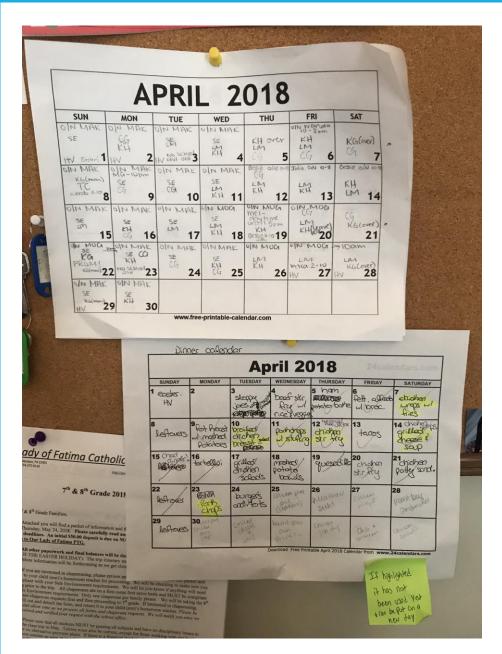


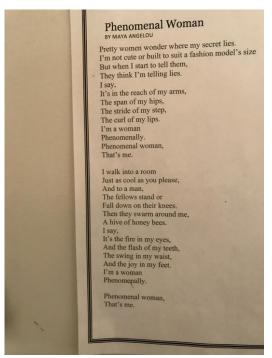
This entry way of the house is referred to as the parlor. Scholars sometimes utilize the room to the left to study and staff uses it if anyone wants to have a private discussion!



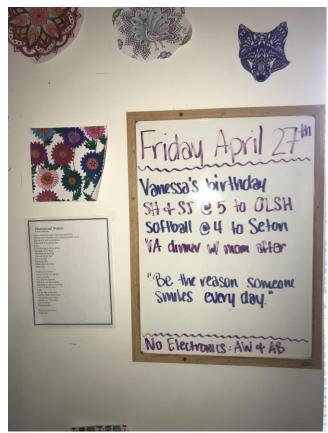


This is the office staff uses every day! This is where I spent a majority of my time when the scholars weren't home. This is where any and all information about scholars is kept. The scholar's laptops, portfolios, allowances, savings, and motivational pictures fill this room!



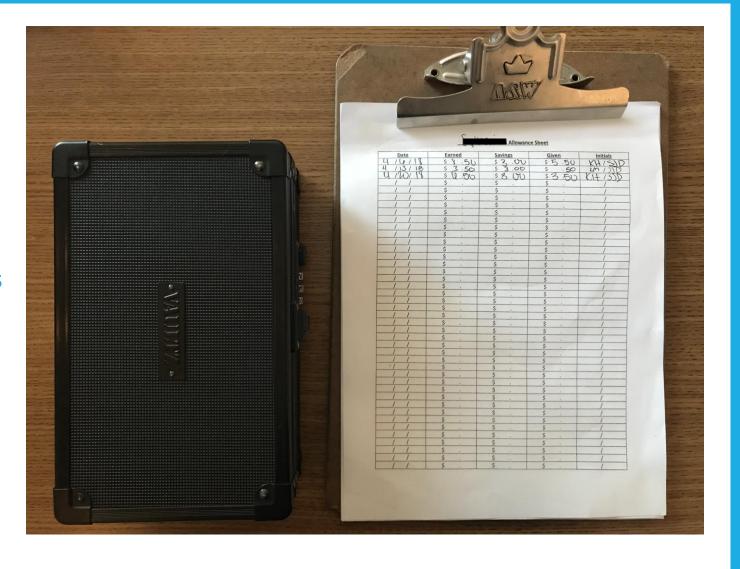


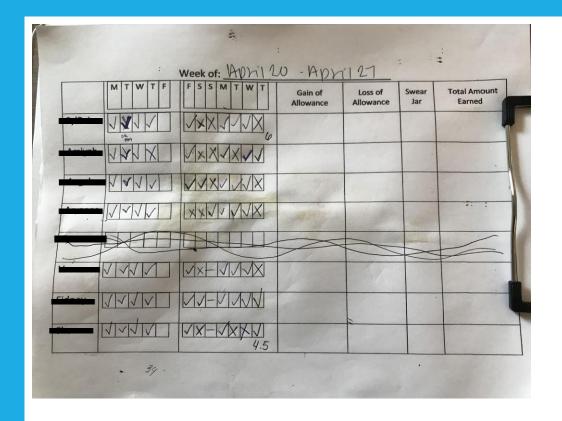
In the office we have our staff calendar to keep track of who is on duty, and the bottom calendar is the monthly meal plan! We try to change it up as much as we can, and if a dinner is skipped it gets highlighted to let other staff know it wasn't made yet



The dry erase board is where the daily schedule is written to help be on track of any events, like softball, volunteer work, or therapy the scholars might have!

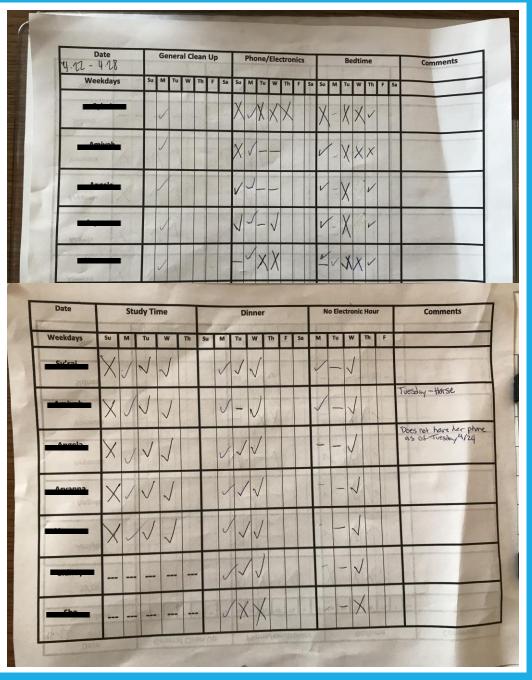
This is the allowance chart we use to help log the girls' finances. Every Friday the girls receive their allowance minus \$3 that automatically goes into their savings, which is then locked in this box and put into the desk!



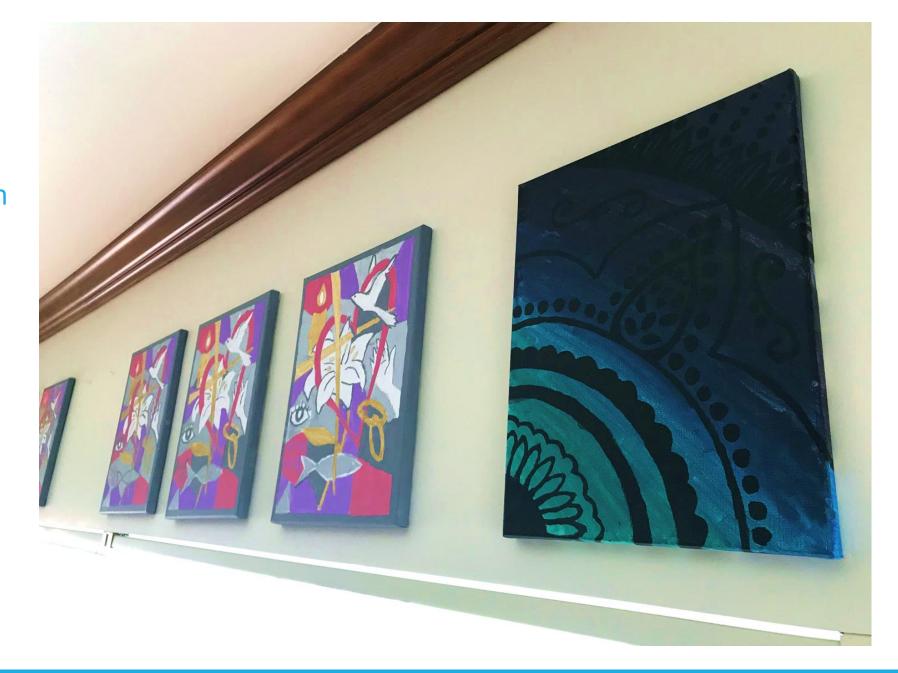


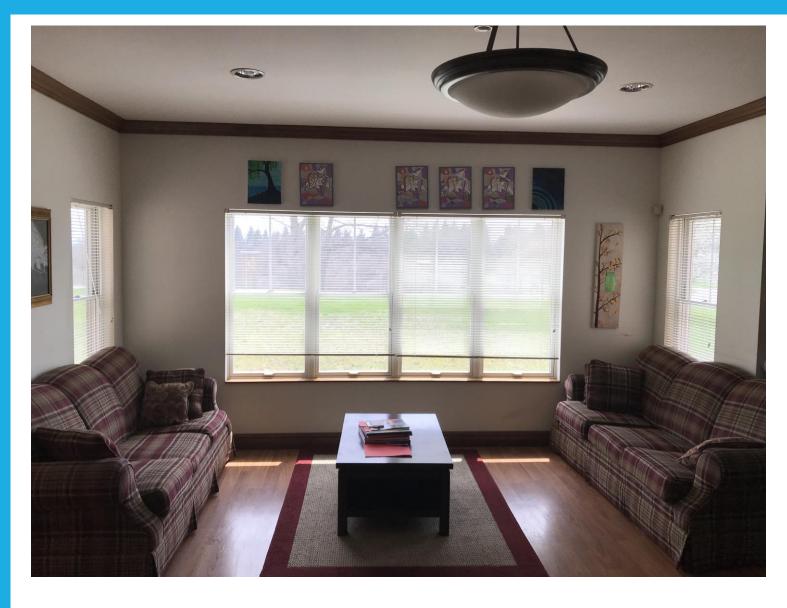
The charts on the right are the behavior charts! Each scholar is in charge of completing their assigned chore before bed

This chart is for room checks. An X indicates that a scholar didn't clean their room. Their allowance is dependent upon the scholars' behaviors and if expectations are met



The scholars engaged in an art therapy session right in the basement! The girls were very respectful and appreciative of the mentors who volunteered for this event.





The scholars spend a lot of time in the living room when they get home from school! The girls usually do their homework here. Study time is from 3-4:30PM





Every day around 5PM, the house eats dinner together family-style. The girls are pretty good at respecting our "no phones at the table" rule.



Here is the fully supplied kitchen. I've had the privilege of helping make tacos, a ham and potato casserole dish, and chicken tortellini dinners and received good feedback from the girls!



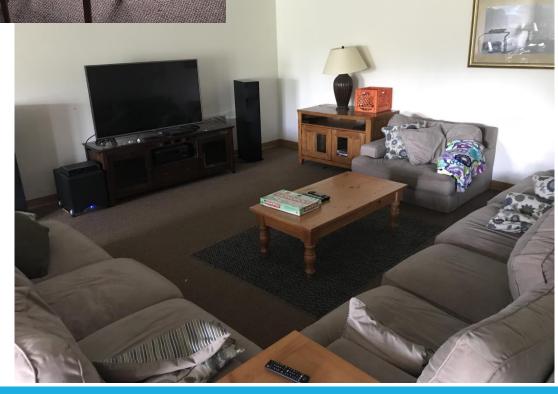
One of my first responsibilities on duty was to cleanout and reorganize the pantry! The scholars have done a great job at keeping it neat!



The basement isn't used as often as the main floor, but the scholars love watching movies down here! For a while our dining room table was getting repaired, so we also held a few of our weekly staff meetings down here!







Attached to the basement living room is the laundry room where the scholars are all in charge of doing their own laundry



In the laundry room is a locked door that only staff have access to, that leads into our storage! Any extra house hold or school supplies can be found down here.





Within our storage is a new edition: The Hope Store! Hope bucks can be received as an incentive for good behavior, good grades, exceptional behavior or going over the top by doing extra chores. Hope bucks can be cashed in for items from the hope store; items such as beauty products, facial masks, cell phone chargers, and weekly planners!







