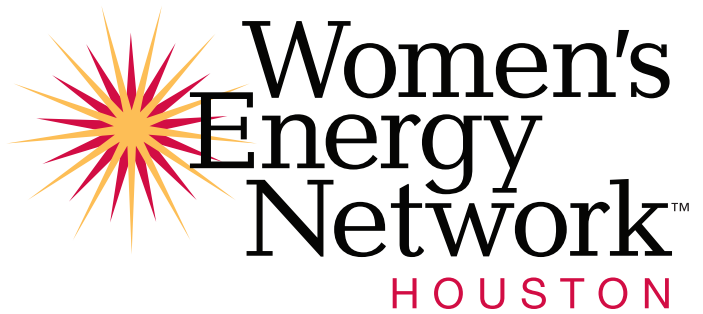




**GRACEWOOD**  
*A Children At Heart Ministry*



## Opportunity Changes Everything

**GRACEWOOD** provides just that:

*Opportunities for women who face unimaginable challenges and have no where else to turn.  
By empowering women who have the drive to succeed, lives are changed for permanent good.*

*empowering*

*Introducing the WEN biennial Charity Luncheon  
and Silent Auction benefiting Gracewood.*

**30 April 2010 | 12 p.m.**

**Houston Country Club**

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Keynote Speaker Leta Smith  
Director at IHS

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# Growing To Meet the Need



Gracewood is a temporary residence for women in difficult transition. Provided with room and board, women and their children reside in a place of refuge and support. Whether it's an opportunity to rebuild their savings or the chance to finish school, women are able to make a permanent change for themselves.

*Success*



**Mary** had a good job with a company whose only customer was Enron. When Enron collapsed, she was laid off and soon exhausted her savings. At Gracewood, Mary found a new job and replenished her savings account. After only six months, she and her two boys left us to move into an apartment. Eventually, with a small short-term loan from Gracewood, she bought a condo, giving her and her two sons a permanent home. Today Mary is the one offering help. She wants to volunteer and pass on the benefits she found through Gracewood.



**\*Veronica** is a native of the Central African Republic of Cameroon, where she attended the university for three years to study education. Her husband died not long after they moved to the U.S. and she wound up in Houston. Referred to Gracewood by a local church, Veronica has worked hard to provide for her family. With the help of a scholarship from the Children At Heart Foundation she was able to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree from San Jacinto College and is now a Certified Respiratory Therapist.

\* Client names have been changed



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