

## **New Center of Hope's Grand Opening Is Set for Friday, May 6**

The Center of Hope, located at 10877 Reiger Road near the I-10 and Siegen Lane exit, is hosting a community reception to celebrate its grand opening on Friday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

“We are pleased to open a faith-based organization to aid individuals in the Greater Baton Rouge area who are going through trials and challenges in their lives,” said Roger Bower, director of the center. “We will not only help meet their basic needs, but we will also endeavor to instill hope in them for a better future.”

The Center of Hope in south Baton Rouge is the only faith-based community center in the state that features a collaboration of nonprofit organizations housed together and coordinating services for individuals and families in need. The 36,000-square-foot facility houses three entities. The Women's Help Center, operated by Barbara Thomas, offers crisis pregnancy counseling, prenatal and maternity home instruction, post-abortion counseling, and adult literacy. Set Free Indeed, operated by Darren and Tonja Myles, offers addiction recovery and destructive behavior counseling, group sessions, and retreats. The emergency provisions department at the center distributes food, clothing, and other household items to needy families.

The Center of Hope has a second location at 13843 Plank Road in Baker. For more information, contact Daisy Schudmak at (225) 906-4294.