

NEW LIFE FOR GIRLS

MINISTRY IN ACTION

LOVING, CARING, AND SHARING SINCE 1972

DECEMBER 2009



My name is Shawneen. I'm 24 years old, from Baltimore City, Md. I was raised in the projects and grew up poor. My family was a long line of drug addicts and alcoholics. In my attempt to gain affection, acceptance, and affirmation, I strived for academic excellence. At one point I was sexually abused. I felt rejected and developed a lack of respect for others. When I was 14, my mother was deep into drugs and I was left to fend for myself. I started selling drugs which helped to provide for all of my physical needs. I used alcohol to drown my emotional needs. At 19 I was arrested and then released. I quit selling drugs, went to college, got a job, and had a boyfriend. I was still empty on the inside. I began to use pharmaceutical drugs. I was so full of guilt and shame because I then had a daughter and I knew I was destroying my family. I realized I needed God in my life. My mother had now become a born again Christian and I yearned for what she had. God opened the door for me to go to New Life For Girls in Westminster, Md. I was also able to bring my daughter with me. God put people in my life to love me and show me how to love my daughter when I couldn't even love myself. Through the truth of God's word I am being transformed into the mother, daughter, and friend that God always intended for me to be. The counsel and guidance I have received at New Life For Girls has sparked a flame inside my heart and I now have a passion for life. Today, I can honestly say that I love myself, my child, and others. I am a living testimony of God's grace and mercy, given to me through the blood of Jesus Christ!

THANK YOU JESUS

CELEBRATING JESUS!

I don't know if there is any experience, beyond receiving Christ into our hearts, that can compare with witnessing the birth of a baby. Seeing a live birth, even in the animal kingdom almost seems to make time stand still. It is as if, for just that moment, everything else stops because there is a miracle about to take place. On Christmas Day we celebrate the birth of our Lord. So much has been lost in the commercialism of the Christmas season. We cannot, and must never forget the miracle of what took place over 2,000 years ago. Were it not for the birth of Jesus this world would be a different place, and New Life For Girls would not exist. There would be no changed lives, no relationships restored, no hope, and no place for us to bring our broken hearts.

Gratitude is not a big enough word to describe the joy that Jesus has brought to our lives. We are so thankful that one day, time stood still for each one of us as the miracle of new birth took place in our hearts. In the busyness of Christmas, it might be a good idea to take a moment and meditate on Jesus and His miracle working power. Possibly even step outside on Christmas Eve in the quiet of the night to experience the hush of the evening hour. There really is a sense of peace that can be felt, almost as if even nature itself stops and remembers that night so long ago when our Savior was born.

We hope and pray you have a blessed Christmas. Thank you so much for another year of loving us, caring for us, and sharing your resources so that lives can be changed. Whatever "your" need may be this holiday season, Jesus is there. He is available to each of us as if there were only one of us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

With Love and Prayers - From The Staff and Students at New Life For Girls

THANKSGIVING DINNER

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO HELP PROVIDE OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER. SOME OF YOU GAVE A FINANCIAL GIFT, WHILE OTHERS BAKED PIES, CAKES, COOKIES, AND BROUGHT TURKEYS, HAMS, SODA, VEGGIES, ROLLS, AND PAPER PRODUCTS, ALL WRAPPED UP WITH LOTS OF LOVE!

WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME TOGETHER HERE AT NEW LIFE FOR GIRLS AND WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR DAY SO SPECIAL.

GOD BLESS YOU

CARMELA'S DREAM

WE ARE EXPECTING THAT SOME TIME IN DECEMBER THE WORK WILL BEGIN ON THE BUILDING PROJECT. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN YOUR PRAYERS. WE KNOW THAT GOD'S TIMING IS PERFECT!

ESTIMATED TOTAL NEEDED FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT:

PHASE I \$476,021.00

PHASE II \$182,952.00

PHASE III \$212,517.00

\$871,490.00 - TOTAL ESTIMATED COST

GOAL

\$871,490.00

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT HAVE TOTALLED

\$4,098.80

\$327,555.91

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

We are happy to report that many of you are responding to our Christmas project.

It has always been our goal to provide three gifts, at a cost of no more than \$25.00 per gift for each student, child, and staff member.

Each year, we have seen this goal reached, and at times exceeded! If you would like to participate in this project, please let us know. Please call Bernadette at 717-266-5614.

THANK YOU!

CHOIR MEETINGS

12/05 - Normandie Ridge Sr. Living Comm.
York, Pa. 2:30pm

12/06 - Freedom Life Church
Lancaster, Pa. 10 am

12/08 - Red Hat Group
York, Pa. 1:45pm

12/13 - Shining Light Ministry
Lebanon, Pa. 6pm

12/17 - Penn State Extension Office
York, Pa. 11:45am

ANTIQUE CAR SHOW AND AUCTION

★ THANKS TO UNIQUE WHEELS, OVER \$1,000.00 WAS RAISED ON NOVEMBER 21ST DURING THE CAR SHOW AND AUCTION. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED. WE ARE ALREADY PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR.....

ZOOM.....ZOOM.....ZOOM!!!

SPECIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF JEFFREY DALE CRIST
GIVEN BY EVAMAE CRIST

IN HONOR OF YVANGELA JACKSON
GIVEN BY CARL & DOROTHY THERN

IN HONOR OF CAROL STOUGH
GIVEN BY PRINTED IMAGE

IN HONOR OF BETH GURRERI
GIVEN BY PRINTED IMAGE

Thank you to everyone who has given this past year in memory of, and in honor of those you hold close to your hearts. To those who have lost loved ones, we pray God will continue to comfort and sustain you.