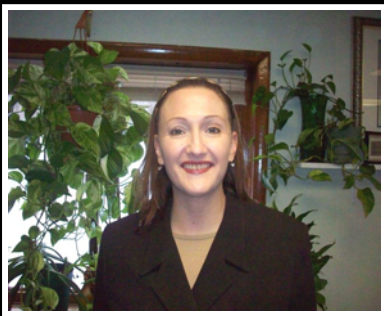


NEW LIFE FOR GIRLS

MINISTRY IN ACTION

LOVING, CARING, AND SHARING SINCE 1972

JANUARY 2010



Hello, my name is Ruth Elisabeth, 34, from Woodbridge Va. I was raised in a Christian home, and knew the bible, but did not develop a personal relationship with Jesus. I was easily swayed by peer pressure. I was born deaf in my right ear, and was discouraged because of my disability. I compared myself with others and tried to outshine everyone. I knew God had given me a gift to play piano by ear. I would play things note for note even though I never had formal instruction. I developed perfectionism tendencies at 12 which escalated into a cutting disorder by age 14. I would slash my arms open with razor blades to punish myself if I believed I had failed or fallen short of a goal or task. I would cut myself until the physical pain outweighed the emotional pain. Ashamed, I would hide my arms with long sleeves for weeks. This continued for 20 years. I became disobedient, dishonest, and promiscuous. Already experimenting with various drugs and alcohol, I tried crack at 19 and was instantly addicted. I flopped out of my first year of college. I became a thief and prostitute in Washington, D.C. to support my habit. At age 21, I was sentenced to 5 years, having already been in and out of jails and rehabs. When I was released, I rebuilt my life, but eventually relapsed at 30. The shame I felt caused me to flee from my family and return to prostitution. Within three years, I found myself broke and homeless, sleeping on the streets and eating from garbage cans. On Christmas Day 2008, I contemplated suicide by jumping in front of a train. I called my dad, wanting to say goodbye, but God compelled my family to pray for me. In that moment, God spoke to my heart so clearly that I stopped looking for that train. I called my family back and asked them to come pick me up. I entered New Life For Girls six weeks later. I have been in the program for one year. While here, I have rededicated my life to Christ. I have begun to play the piano again and believe that no matter how far down I have gone in life, there is still a purpose and plan for me in God's kingdom. God revealed to me that it is His opinion that matters, not man's approval. I am freed from the people pleasing, perfectionism, and the cutting that plagued me for so many years. Far beyond breaking my addiction, God erased my sins, and all the labels and lies the world put on me. I am free from the pain and shame of my past. Thank you for your donations and support of New Life For Girls which gave me a place I could come to in the darkest time of my life.

DAMAGED GOODS

We've all done it, returned an item because it was damaged. We either received a gift, or bought something, only to find a scratch, dent, nick, tear, or missing button. We go to the return counter, and when asked why we are returning the item, the cashier will ask us to pick a reason for the return from a checklist on a piece of paper. When we come to Christ, we already know we are damaged. We don't have to be told how messed up we are. The problem is that the "damaged goods" label can become deeply ingrained in our hearts. When that happens, the tendency is to seek out ways to cover up the pain of feeling so "less than". God already knows our condition, flaws and all. He sees the brokenness of our lives and will not pass us by or leave us at the return counter because we are damaged goods. Neither will He leave us on a dusty shelf and walk away because we are not what He expected. God knows exactly what He is getting. Scripture tells us He knows everything about us. The world may say "damaged goods".....God says "you belong to me".

Because of your faithful support, we are able to provide the opportunity for women and children to know that they are precious, valuable, and loved. As we begin this new year, we ask for your prayers and continued support. God loves fresh starts and new beginnings, and we are fully expecting Him to reveal His creative miracle-working power in this coming year.

GOD BLESS YOU

THE TIME HAS COME

January 4th is the target date for work to begin on the building project. This has been a long time coming and we are very excited about the prospects this year holds for us. We are beginning with what is called a "slow start" by the construction company. There are levels of preparation prior to major construction. Our plans are to announce a groundbreaking ceremony which will be open to the public. We will post the date on our website at www.newlifeforgirls.org and announce it in our newsletter as well. As you know, we are building as the finances are provided. We do not as of yet have all of the monies to finish this project, but we are not deterred in any way from moving forward. We are certain of God's purpose and plan and are trusting in His provision to complete the task!

GIVING GOD THE GLORY!



CHOIR MEETINGS

- 1/10/10 - Enola Church of God
Enola, Pa. 10:15 AM
- 1/24/10 - Zwingli United
Church of Christ
East Berlin, Pa. 9 AM
- 1/31/10 - Yocumtown Church of God
Etters, Pa. 10 AM

DO YOU EMAIL?

Do you have an email address that you would share with us? We want to fine tune our ability to keep you posted of current events and projects. Please let us know by writing or calling Kathy at 717-266-5614.

THANK YOU!

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OUR CHRISTMAS PROJECT WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS. SO MANY OF YOU OPENED YOUR HEARTS AND MADE PROVISION FOR OUR STAFF, STUDENTS, AND CHILDREN. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

PRAISE REPORT!

For some time now we have been wanting to update our website. We thank God for Rusty C. who has offered his time and skills to help in this area. We also thank Ken S. who has given so much time and effort to keep our webpage up and running. God has proven Himself faithful once again. We will begin to update throughout this coming month. Check us out on the web at www.newlifeforgirls.org.

ESTIMATED TOTAL NEEDED FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT:

\$871,490.00

PHASE I \$476,021.00

PHASE II \$182,952.00

PHASE III \$212,517.00

GOAL

\$871,490.00

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT HAVE TOTALLED

\$650.00

\$328,205.91

On Dec. 2nd, Josephine Calbi (mother of Carmela Pacheco) passed away due to cancer. As you all remember, Carmela passed away on March 12th of this year. Please keep the Pacheco and Calbi family in your prayers. These were two very special and much loved women. So many of you have experienced the loss of loved ones. We are counting on you to uphold these families in your prayers. Thank you so much.



SPECIAL GIFTS

THE FOLLOWING HAVE GIVEN A GIFT IN MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE CALBI

- TERESA MARAFELIAS
- WESTPORT CORPORATION
- PATRICK & CLARE DARCY
- ROSEANNE BARNES
- JOHN & RACHEL BARNES
- PAUL S. BARBERI, ESQ.
- ALICE PHILIPPS & THE MORNING GLORY GIRLS

- GIVEN BY BUNNY MARTIN
- IN HONOR OF FRANK & MICHEL BAKER
- GIVEN BY DALE & EVAMAE CRIST
- IN MEMORY OF JEFFREY DALE CRIST
- GIVEN BY DAVID & THONSOOK YOST
- IN HONOR OF MARGARET YOST
- GIVEN BY LORI BARD
- IN HONOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION AT THE S.F. SCHOOL DISTRICT
- GIVEN BY ALAN & DENISE TAYLOR
- IN HONOR OF BETH GURRERI
- GIVEN BY PRINTED IMAGE
- IN HONOR OF CAROL STOUGH