



*NEW LIFE FOR GIRLS*

*MINISTRY IN ACTION*

*LOVING, CARING, AND SHARING SINCE 1972*

*Elaine's Story.....*

SEPTEMBER 2011



*Elaine now has a sparkling smile from the inside out!* My name is Elaine Johnson. I am 46 years old, from Baltimore, Md. I have 3 daughters, and one son. I am the youngest of eleven children. My father was in prison until I was 14, and my mom raised us up to know who Jesus was. My life changed when I was ten because I was sexually abused. I developed guilt, shame, and pain. I was afraid to tell my mom. She tried so hard to raise us and I didn't want to hurt her. Keeping this secret caused me to become angry and hurt. When I started having my children, I tried to be a good mother but the pain of my past was weighing me down. I tried going to church and fellowshiping with others but the darkness of my past would never leave me alone. I started using drugs which eventually took over my life. I did whatever I needed to do for money. I was hurting my family by the way I was living. I wanted to kill myself. I sat down on a doorstep one day, planning how I was going to make my pain go away. I knew in my heart that killing myself was the wrong thing to do, but I still wanted to die.

As I was sitting there, some lady from the neighborhood walked over to me, and started telling me how she was going to a program called New Life For Girls to get some help for herself. I was truly ready to die, and I can't explain it but when this person started talking to me, I heard Christ in her words. It was as if Jesus was speaking to me too about a new life. The next day I walked into the neighborhood pizza place and asked if I could use their phone to call New Life For Girls. I called the Westminster, Md. New Life For Girls and on September 27, 2010 I entered the program. I can only say it is because of God's grace and mercy that I am here today. I wanted to die, but God gave me a chance to live. God bless New Life For Girls who has provided a way for me to receive God's love and have a relationship with the Lord.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL**

## NOT BY CHANCE

So there was Elaine, sitting on a doorstep, planning how she could end her life. Along came someone she recognized from her neighborhood. This person just happened to have information about a program she was going to try because she had a need in her own life. Was this by chance? Elaine didn't say it in her written testimony, but the owner of the pizza parlor didn't make a habit of letting people use his phone, but this time he did. Was this by chance? Now here she is months later, a transformed and extremely grateful woman. You couldn't convince Elaine that the day she was sitting on that doorstep was just by chance.

39 years ago, a small group of people came together, united with one purpose. A parcel of 27 acres was acquired on which several buildings stand today. Within these buildings love abides, tears and laughter are seen and heard, lives are transformed, children are re-united with their mothers, dreams are dreamed, hope is rekindled, and futures are planned. Is this by chance? Just ask Elaine, or all of the other women that have come through New Life For Girls. The answer would be...it's not by chance...God raised up New Life For Girls just for me. They have become that secure in knowing how much they are loved by God and others.

Something else that does not happen by chance is raising the funds needed each month to support this ministry. Like so many others, we are seeing the results of decreased financial giving. If we can say anything this month to you, we would want to present this thought...would you consider "giving on purpose" (meaning to commit, resolve, determine). You can be that very person who will help to make a difference at this crucial time. This ministry stands today because of those such as yourselves who give oftentimes out of your own personal needs. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Please keep us in your prayers, as we also are praying for you.

**THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSING THAT YOU ARE TO US!**



### CHOIR MEETINGS

- 9/4 Pine Grove UM  
Parkton, Pa 10am
- 9/4 Pleasant View BCC  
Red Lion, Pa 6pm
- 9/11 2nd Church of The Brethren  
York, Pa 10:30am
- 9/18 Mt. Olivet UMC &  
Mt. Nebo UMC  
Delta, Pa 9 & 11am
- 9/24 Believers Tabernacle of Faith  
York, Pa 5pm
- 9/25 Grace United Methodist  
Wellsville, Pa 10:15am
- 9/25 New Granada Church of God  
Waterfall, Pa 16689

Please call Junie at 717-266-5614 if you would like to schedule our choir to minister at your church.

### BACK TO SCHOOL

**THANKS TO EACH OF YOU WHO HELPED TO PROVIDE BRAND NEW SCHOOL CLOTHES FOR OUR KIDS!**

**GRADUATION IS COMING SOON!**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
SATURDAY OCT. 29TH  
6:30PM  
NEW LIFE FOR GIRLS GYMNASIUM

### SPECIAL GIFTS

THANKS TO PRINTED IMAGE FOR GIVING US A GREAT DEAL ON THE MONTHLY COST OF PRINTING OUR NEWSLETTER

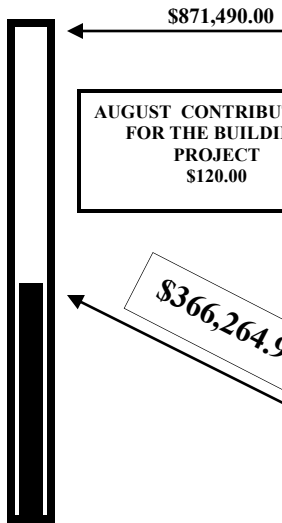
**GIVEN BY PRINTED IMAGE IN HONOR OF BETHANNE GURRERI**

#### BUILDING PROJECT



**TOTAL NEEDED**  
\$871,490.00

PHASE I \$476,021.00  
PHASE II \$182,952.00  
PHASE III \$212,517.00



#### OUR LAUNDRY LIST!

We have had a terrific response to some basic supplies that we are in need of on a regular basis. As a result, for those of you who may choose to support the ministry by shopping for supplies, the following is a list of items by category....

- Kitchen** - Coffee/tea/sugar/powdered creamer  
Eggs/all dairy products  
Vegetables - canned/fresh  
Meats  
Cereal/Oatmeal  
Snack items  
Canned soups
- Nursery** - Pampers (call for specifics)/Wipes
- Offices** - White copy paper  
Ink/toner for printers (call for specifics)  
Postage stamps
- Household** - Industrial mops/brooms  
Dish Liquid  
Furniture Polish  
Pine Sol  
Dish Towels  
Oven Mitts  
Paper products  
Large/Sturdy Fry Pans/Pots  
Rock Salt/Sturdy Snow Shovels
- Automotive** - Gas Cards for Rutter's/Tom's/Sheetz  
Antifreeze/Oil  
Ice Scrapers  
Jumper Cables