



*A Home Group from Cedar Creek Church recently volunteered at our ministry.*

## A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The other day as I was preparing for a speaking engagement, I felt suddenly overwhelmed reflecting on the ongoing work that faces me here at Stand at the Crossroads Ministry (SATCM). Then it struck me how far the ministry has come and how God has seen to it that I no longer work alone! From one house with four residents, we have become a campus offering sanctuary and support for up to 25 residents at a time – from one person, we have become a workforce of more than 20 regular volunteers a week!

In addition, there are the groups that come throughout the year to do special projects and landscaping, making Stand at the Crossroads a beautiful place to live. Our thriving vegetable garden was designed, built and planted for us by an Aiken garden club. Landscaping and appliances for our newest apartments were donated and installed by local businesses.

Even as we grow in size and need, God is faithful. He orchestrates everything and uses people so our needs are met. We needed washers and dryers recently, and someone I encountered suggested a place to call. Not only were the washers we purchased delivered for free, but the owner of the business fixed our broken dryer at no charge. He even brought us a meal from a restaurant where he had eaten lunch, donated because he mentioned SATCM to them; and they were interested in helping, too!

Our boutique, Redeemed Treasures, is now open full time from Tuesday to Saturday, with our Grand Opening in June. (We are blessed that our store manager, Shannon, found her way to SATCM because of Jesus' persistent call - see story in this newsletter.) We have also already been able to christen our newly completed Community Center with babysitting, classes and get-togethers.

Every part of the vision, design, and construction or reconstruction of these two additions to our campus has been overseen by the Master Contractor. We invite you to come and see what He and you have accomplished; and I'll be happy to give you chapter and verse of the marvelous way in which prayers are answered here every day.

Most important are the changes He makes in the lives of those who seek refuge at My Father's House and Crossroads Community. Working together with God's guidance, we are blessed by offering new paths to an abundant life for those women who choose to take them.

Yes, God does abundantly more than we ask or imagine. He does it using the Holy Spirit working through each of you to pray, give, and help us out. Thank you and God bless you all!

For His Glory,  
Deborah Lamb



Ashley and Shannon

## MORE THAN COINCIDENCE

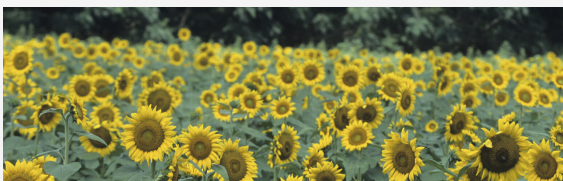
Shannon knew it was more than coincidence when, homeless and struggling with an addiction relapse, she heard three times from kind strangers that My Father's House was the place for her. The Third time she agreed to have a look, and by day's end, Shannon was accepted into the program.

"Debbie believed in me," Shannon says, "so I was going to earn my keep." She was a risk, but Debbie and Linda, our executive and assistant directors, saw something special in her.

That was a year ago, and they were right. Here she has learned how to be a person, set boundaries, have confidence and even make friends. "Living here has helped me grow up," she acknowledges.

Shannon's spiritual life, too, is blooming. As a child, she was forced to go to church and didn't see how church related to real life, especially in a home filled with anger. As she attended daily devotions and Cedar Creek Church, Shannon began to see that God had kept her alive, and she was eager to go to the Bible and see how to apply it to her life.

Now the manager for our thrift store, Redeemed Treasures, Shannon couldn't know that the ministry had been praying for many months for God to send her. She thrived in our program and found jobs in fast food, but longed to return to retail, which she truly enjoys. So, Shannon volunteered in our store, arranging displays and talking to the customers on the monthly sales days.



With the purchase of the store building and plans to open full-time, the time was right for the ministry and for Shannon. In April, she became our store manager and loves every minute. "We have regular customers who come in twice a week to shop--and to visit." She is assisted by volunteers from among her friends on our campus as well as from ministry volunteers. Shannon also handles our online sales.

With God's grace and support from SATCM, Shannon has reclaimed her life, reconciling with her two teen children, Courtney and Trevor, her mother and her sister. Recently, she moved from the big house to a Crossroads Community apartment in anticipation of regaining custody of her five-year-old daughter, Ashley. "I love this place!" Shannon says.

## Redeemed Treasures Boutique

Open Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm.

Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

More Items. More Choices. Check it out!

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**PRAYER** – Receive our prayer list or become part of our Monday morning prayer group

### TIME

- Construction and/or maintenance
- Babysitting our children
- Office work
- Organizing and sorting in our boutique
- Teaching parenting or budgeting skills
- Yard work/gardening

### DONATIONS

Material Goods: House supplies, personal items for our residents, donations for SATCM's Redeemed Treasures Boutique, grocery gift cards

Monetary Gifts: SATCM is a 501(c)3 non-profit, so your donations are tax deductible

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<https://crossroadsaiken.com/donate>  
and can be designated or undesignated,  
according to your direction.

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