

Dear Friends,

We have had an interesting year with ladies coming and going in 2021. With all the stimulus checks going out, inquiries to come here were down. However, in the past few months, calls have picked up and we are beginning to fill up again. We are only putting one person to a room at My Father's House but have not had to quarantine anyone yet.

To date in 2021, we have had 13 single ladies stay at My Father's House, along with our 2 resident managers. A total of 12 women and 20 children have stayed in our 5 apartments. Grace House has had a total of 5 women and 5 children. One of our residents in MFH just had a baby in November.

We have seen many success stories here this past year. April reunited with her husband after 8 months of separation – she became a Christian, was baptized, and is still active in church. After growing tremendously in her faith, Elana was reconciled with her family after being estranged for years because of alcohol addiction. She moved near them in NC, getting a job and apartment. Carol came in for a short time and helped encourage the ladies here and organize the store before moving on to another job. Lacey moved into her own apartment after working well at Emerson for a year. Leah found a trailer near her parents to help her with her autistic son.

Although several ladies sadly left without achieving the goals they set out to reach, we were able to speak the Word of God into their lives and share Jesus with them.

We have much to be thankful for. We've had wonderful volunteers helping us with the store and with building and repair projects. Our weekly prayer team has seen God answer many prayers. God has blessed us in meeting so many of the ministry needs as well as the needs of the ladies. We have had churches and individuals donating to our store and giving gift cards, meals, food and snack items, and blessing bags.

The residents have been appreciative of getting a helping hand to get back on their feet. We've seen ladies get driver's licenses, a car, their GED, jobs, custody of their children, and peace and encouragement that they needed to push them forward.

There are several projects we have been working on this year. The Grace House remodeling was completed and is now housing women and children. We are close to completing the apartment above our shed behind the store, which will be another option for housing residents. We are beginning to work on desperately needed additional office space, instead of waiting to buy the property next door. The additional room will add privacy when interviewing people and meeting with our residents.

Our Christmas fund will be put toward paying off Grace House (we only owe \$40,000 now), finishing the upstairs apartment, and adding the addition to the office.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are mindful that it is because of His great sacrifice for us, that we want to help others come to know Him as well.

Merry Christmas,

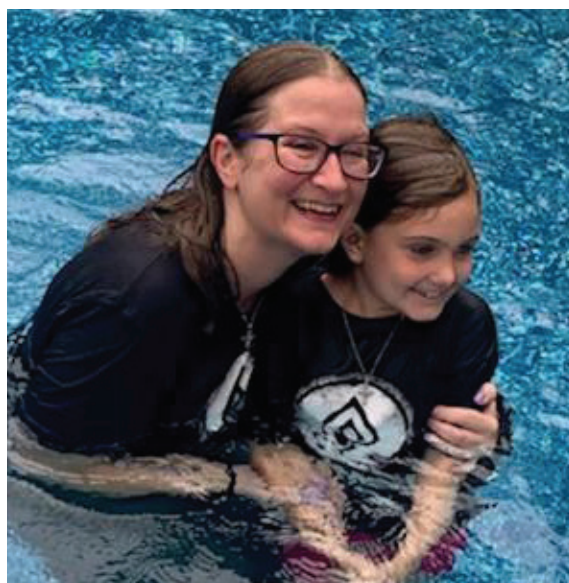
Debbie Lamb



## Some of the Highlights of 2021 at Stand at the Crossroads Ministries



Bethany received a car



April & Trinity were saved & baptized



Kids had summer fun on the playground



Thanksgiving meal with new friends at SATCM





## Donna Banks

### *Asst. Resident Manager*

Donna came to us as a resident in April, 2019 as she was waiting to get into a Senior housing development. Over time, we realized what a giving heart Donna had, as we saw her unselfishly doing yard work around the property or assisting Debbie in various tasks.

Then she began helping drive ladies to and from places they needed to go. We eventually rewarded her by giving her a room by herself. And finally, we titled her the Assistant Resident Manager at My Father's House.

Everyone at the house has always called her "Mother." Though Donna never married or had children of her own, she was a foster mother to several children and adopted two. She has been a mother to the many women who have

come to live at My Father's House over the years. Donna never moved into that Senior housing she was waiting for... she seems to have found a home where God is using her to bless many others.

We are so appreciative of the part Donna has played in making this ministry run smoothly. She has been such a blessing to us and to many women needing the love of Jesus!



Our newest resident

**Cataleya Diaz**

born November 23, 2021



## Redeemed Treasures Thrift Store

Our store has gone through a lot of transition this year. We had our resident, Brittany as store manager for a few years, and then she was able to move on. Then Carol came for a time and helped us develop some good relationships with customers as well as start our weekly sales.

Debbie Lamb is now managing the store (in addition to everything else she does!) with the help of several wonderful volunteers that God has brought our way. We continue to involve the ladies in working at our store until they are able to find their own jobs. This helps them pay off program fees.

We have been overwhelmed with the number of donations we get daily. People can find nice clothes, shoes, jewelry, kitchen items, home décor, some furniture, and holiday decorations. Christmas is an especially busy time with rooms filled with Christmas decorations.

Thank you for your donations & your purchases.

**Our hours are: Monday – Friday, 10-4, Saturday 10-2.**