

Redeemed Treasures Thrift Store

- Our store helps ladies that come here to work.
- It allows us to give clothes to the women here if they come in need.
- It helps us furnish our apartments.
- It also helps the ladies as they move into a place of their own to furnish it.

Store hours are:

Tuesday - Friday 10-4:00

Saturday 10-2:00

Donations are accepted daily for clothing, jewelry, houseware items, towels & beddings, toys, shoes, furniture, etc.

- **Weekly sales specials**
- **25 cent table**
- **\$1.00 clothes rack**
- **Summer clothes are in now!**

We were sorry to hear of the passing away of Ray Levesque this month. It was a most wonderful funeral, showing the love he had for his Lord Jesus Christ, his family and others. He and his wife Claire directed Celebrate Recovery many years and helped us on our Board as well. He will be missed greatly by many people he showed Christ's love to.

SATCM NEEDS

- Volunteers for our store
- Grounds upkeep
- People to help ladies with budgeting
- An architect & contractor for future build
- Financial donations to meet expenses
- Store donations
- Building Fund donations

Future Plans/Prayer Requests

- Setting up a good budgeting program with ladies
- Preparing the plans to present to the City Planner
- For God to supply an architect and contractor to work with us on our building plans



Director's Letter

Spring 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's hard to believe it's already April. We have been very busy this past winter, and now spring is in the air and we are enjoying the warm weather. The ladies and children had a wonderful Christmas and Valentine's Day, thanks to all the people who gave not only financially but of their time and love. The children now are enjoying getting to play outside at our playground area, where they are enjoying the sand box that our weekly volunteers filled in with new sand recently. I don't know what I would do without all the volunteers who come to work with us. We have seen as we have grown that we need more help keeping things up. We have been blessed with men and women who come weekly to volunteer, including 4 new men who joined our weekly maintenance crew.

We also have added quite a few staff members to our ministry.

Marie Ferris is our new counselor. She has a BA in Sociology/Psychology, completed a Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology, and is a registered, licensed Intern in Mental Health and Marriage and Family Therapy. And that's not all, she does Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy (EFP) with her horse, Merlin. This has been helpful for the children and ladies to process their feelings, emotions and behaviors. Marie has added a new and very important dimension to our ministry. She helps with our intake meetings as well as our weekly meetings and she meets with the ladies individually for counseling.

We also have **Linda Brooks**, our new office assistant, who has been with us for almost a year now. She is working with Linda Anderson and assisting our accountant. She also is working with Lisa Hall to take over our website. Lisa and her husband moved recently - we appreciate all the things they have contributed to this ministry over the years.

I now have help managing Crossroads Community and the store with our resident, **Jodi Riley**, (see her story in this newsletter). She has been a blessing to me and the ladies.

Others who have been coming to help are Mark and Kathy Giddings doing yard work and landscaping.

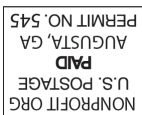
We also have had many groups coming to do a work day: painting, cleaning siding, digging up stumps on the grounds, clean up and much more. All these things show us not only how faithful God is, but also how much God loves these ladies and will meet their needs and ours as we help them the best we can.

We are in great need of more housing for our ladies with children. Grace House has been great for short term, but the ladies really need to transition to one of our apartments. We are in the planning stages of building another duplex or triplex. The past Christmas donations have provided enough to start the process. It will require a lot of extra help, an architect, a contractor, builders and finances. God has always come through abundantly and provided all we need through people like you. I am looking forward to seeing, again, what He will do as we continue to grow and open our hearts and resources to those He sends our way. Currently we have only 5 apartments for women and children to stay in.

How blessed we are to have Him and all of you,

For His Glory,

Debbie Lamb



JODIE RILEY



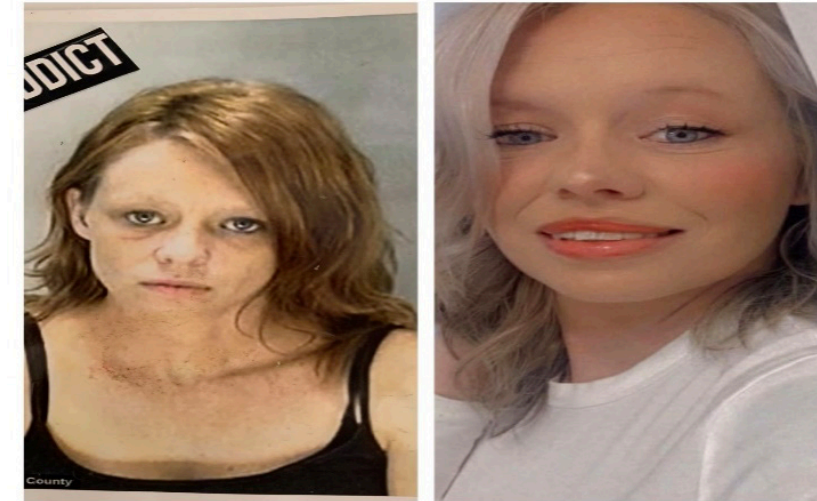
Some of our ladies after a Wednesday night Bible Study



Marie (on our staff), and Merlin both help our ladies with healing of emotions & fears



Volunteer Kim & Jodie at our store



Before

After

Jodie has been a resident here at Stand at the Crossroads since November 2021. She was recently given a position on our staff as our Redeemed Treasures Store Associate Manager, and Crossroads Community Manager. Over the past year and a half, Jodie has shown responsibility and an eagerness to be a part of this ministry, reaching out to the ladies here, helping them adjust, planning parties, taking some to Celebrate Recovery meetings, etc.

Seeing Jodie now, you would never know what a rough background she has had in the past. She was addicted to Methamphetamine drugs for years, hanging with wrong crowds, getting pregnant at 13 and having 4 additional children at a young age. Being on drugs led to incarceration and time on an ankle monitor.

From jail, Jodie went to Recovery Road Ministries, a 10-month drug rehab program in Graniteville. It was there that she heard about Jesus for the first time and received him as her Lord and Savior. Jodie got a full time job at Millbrook Baptist Church in maintenance and has been attending there and getting encouragement and teaching from them ever since.

When Jodie graduated from Recovery Road, she tried staying with her older daughter (now married and with 3 children) for a while. Eventually she came to Stand at the Crossroads where her 14-year old twin boys could come on the weekends. Thanks to God, she has restored her broken relationships with all of her children and stays active in their lives. And at only 37 years old, Jodie is a very involved grandmother of three!

Jodie was going to her job at Millbrook at 4 a.m. every day, and then came home from a full day and worked part-time at our store in addition! Talk about a good work ethic! She had to report to her parole officer regularly, and got off the ankle monitor shortly after coming here. Jodie has been clean for almost four years and looks totally different from the days of her past life. She keeps active going to Celebrate Recovery or AA meetings regularly and encouraging others with past addictions.

Jodie now has a passion to help others in difficult situations. That's why she decided to leave her full time Millbrook job (except she still occasionally helps them out) and come on our staff full time. She started at the end of December and has been a huge help to us.

Here's what Jodie said: "So there I was, a broken, hopeless drug addict...until one day God reached down and rescued me. I give all the glory to the Lord. I truly believe God has a plan and purpose for me at Stand at the Crossroads Ministry." We believe that too!