# Standathe CROSSROADS



Our new duplex is almost completed



### Spring/Summer 2025

#### LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello, all our faithful friends -I cannot express to you how much we appreciate all you do for us and our ladies. There are hundreds of you who minister to our ladies in so many ways to show them that they are not alone and there is hope. The latest example of your generosity with your time, gifts, experience, and donations is the new duplex that will be ready soon to house 2 more women with children. I am happy to say that because of your generosity we will be debt free. This means all future funds coming in will go directly to helping our ladies.

As always, we ask for prayer, not only for our ministry, but also for others in our community who are reaching out to people. Many need volunteers and faithful staff, called by God, to keep the ministries running smoothly.



I am so grateful for the people who do even the simple things, such as pulling weeds and planting flowers and vegetables, mowing, painting, cleaning siding etc. We could not do what we do without you, nor make our campus a beautiful place for our ladies

#### A BIG THANK YOU

As a non-profit organization, we have been amazed at how God has so generously provided for all our needs through His people. Not only do many churches donate to us; we also have many individuals, businesses and associations who support us, volunteer and provide gifts and blessing to our ladies as well as prayer support.



St. John's 5<sup>th</sup> grade VBS class came to do a service project. They pulled weeds, cleaned up the playground & sandbox, picked blueberries and cleaned out a garden area for us.



Widows Sons Tribe of Judah Chapter donated to our ministry

God Bless you all, Deborah Lamb

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#### KRISTA



Krista's past included drugs, homelessness and depression. Krista's dad had a past of drugs and died in prison. Her mom and step-dad raised Krista in church, but as a teenager, she rebelled and got into drinking and drugs. She dropped out of school when she was pregnant at 17. She later married and had another child, but it was an unhealthy relationship. There was physical & emotional abuse; drugs and alcohol were involved, and her husband went to prison. After their divorce, Krista became homeless and survived living on the streets by using drugs and alcohol. Depression and dealing with COPD and homelessness finally brought Krista to a point of desperation.

It took losing everybody and everything for Krista to finally call her 23 year-old daughter for help and ended up in Recovery Road. While she was at Recovery Road, Krista began to heal. She attended. Millbrook Church gave her life to Christ and was baptized there. God changed her life! Krista came to us after leaving Recovery Road in November 2024.

In the eight months she has been with us, Krista has been an ideal resident. She has been going to AA meetings regularly and meeting with her sponsor. She feels she has had total deliverance from alcohol and drugs and has no desire for it anymore. Many broken relationships with family have been restored after a year's time of sobriety. Despite many health problems and a broken ankle, Krista had been faithfully working at McDonalds for over a year. But at our encouragement, she started looking for a higher paying job to one day support moving out on her own. As a result, she started a new full-time job at Shaw's a few weeks ago. Krista had been attending church as often as her job had allowed, but she is now able to attend regularly. She has been studying to get her GED and hopes to eventually take college courses. After walking to work every day, and catching rides from others, Krista finally managed to save and buy a car.

And now Krista is about to move into her own apartment. We are so proud of her and give her our blessings and prayers. Krista said, "Trust in the Lord, give it all to Him and He will not let you down – He is faithful. Recovery is well worth it. The Lord is amazing. Stand at the Crossroads has been a blessing." Krista knows it is God who has truly transformed her life!

#### **OUR CAMPUS**

Many of you may not realize how much we have grown in the 25 years this ministry has been here. Here's what's on our campus at Stand at the Crossroads Ministries:

**Grace House,** 4 bedrooms for single women and a living room for our weekly Bible Study.



Crossroads Community, 3 apartments and 2 duplexes to house 7 women with children. Upstairs apartment, for one single lady. Redeemed Treasures Thrift Store, gives ladies a temporary place to work as they are looking for permanent employment. It also takes donations to sell, provides clothing needs of our ladies, or furnishings for the apartments.

**Laundry Cottage,** with 3 washers & dryers for the ladies to use.

**Community Room,** for get-togethers and store supplies for ladies

**Playground,** with swings & outdoor toys for the children to play on.

**Garden area,** to grow vegetables for the ladies.

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Tell us your name, address, and phone number and indicate that you would like to be put on our email list. (Or let us know if you no longer wish to receive future newsletters from us.) Don't forget to include your email address!

Thank you!

Our new store hours at Redeemed Treasures Thrift Store: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 to 4, and Saturday 10 to 2 At 820 York St. NE