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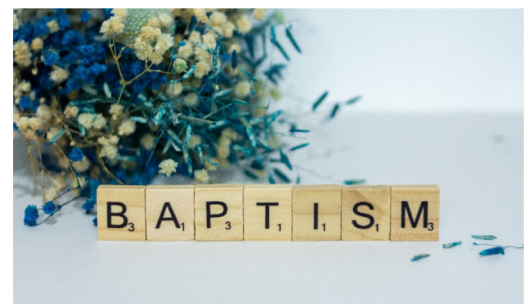
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Signs of New Life and Redemption

For anyone who has been trafficked and/or experienced the foster care system, the concept of autonomy can seem unfamiliar and out of reach. For those who have not experienced those traumas, it can be easy to take for granted the freedom we have to make our own choices and use our voice.

In April, two of our Strong Tower women made decisions to get baptized. Our first graduate "A" and our current resident "C" were both able to do this... at the Strong Tower house!

Not only is baptism a sign of new life, but for two of our women it signifies exactly what Strong Tower has set out to do: ***empower women to wholeness and self-worth and provide a safe haven.*** To have the freedom and to feel empowered to make such deeply personal and life-changing decisions about the direction of their own lives is something we CELEBRATE!



Being able to baptize these precious women in the property's pool and having the space to join together and celebrate with them has reminded us once again what a blessing this house was meant to be from the beginning; it was truly hand-selected by God. He knew long before we did that this pool would be important to the women who come here. While faith-based decisions are never a requirement of participating in the Strong Tower program, we thank God for the decisions these women have made for themselves and for their futures.

We also celebrate updates from other Strong Tower women:



“J” gave birth to a healthy baby boy a few weeks ago! Baby “B” is doing well. **Please pray for “J” and her new baby as she makes decisions for their future.**

"C" completed an equine therapy program through Quiet Pastures at Green Oak in Pataskala, Ohio. While working with the rescued horses, our Strong Tower women are learning how to build trust, creating positive connections, and overcoming fears. They are discovering purpose for their lives. **Congratulations "C," we are so proud of you!**



Three of the women are working 24hrs each week alongside their participation in the Strong Tower program, which includes learning life skills to help them grow in independence. They're preparing various meals through guided meal planning, cooking classes, and also meeting with the Kingdom Pillars financial advisor to work toward their financial goals.

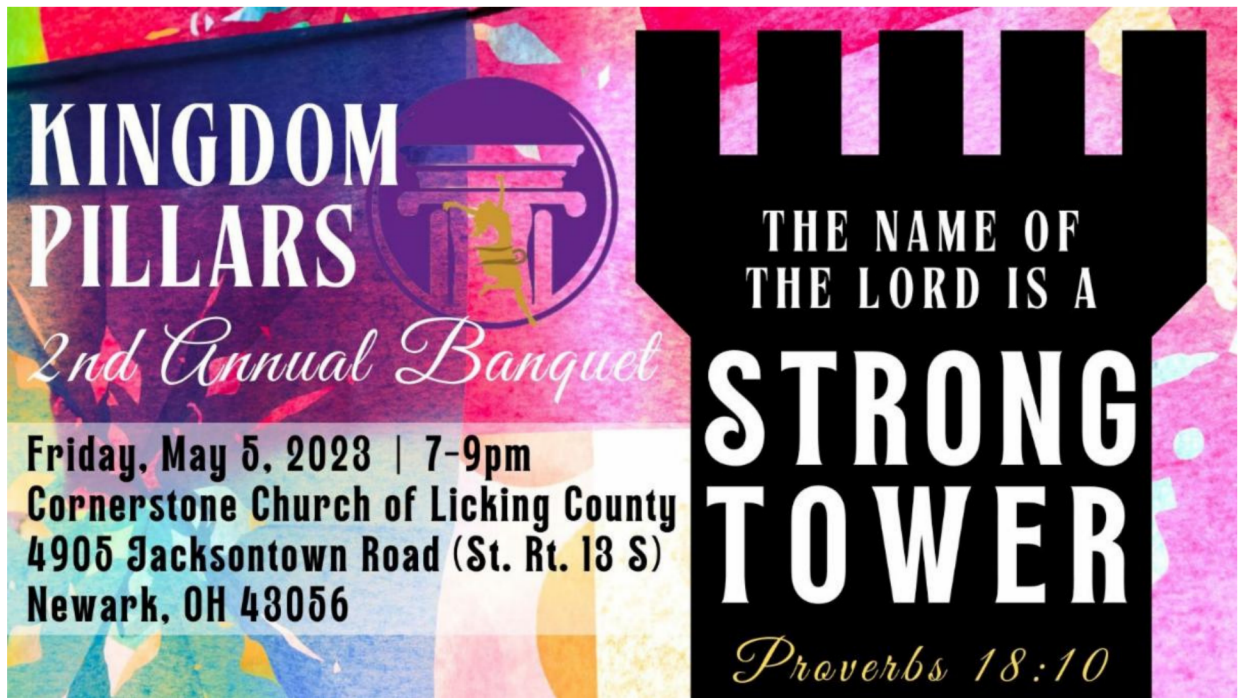
Strong Tower...

is a safe haven in Licking County where young women, aging out of foster care and/or have been trafficked, find wholeness and help in a place they can call home.

Join in the Mission!

We invite you to use your time, treasure, and talents to ensure the haven and life-change Strong Tower provides is always available.

For more information and secure online donations, please visit www.kpstrongtower.org



Reserve Your Seats Now for the 2nd Annual Fundraising Banquet

We thank God we live in a community of people courageous enough to face the ugly realities of human trafficking. People who are determined to use their time, money, and talents to fight this evil.

Our second annual fundraising banquet is an ideal opportunity for you, your friends, family, and co-workers to learn about the life-change happening in the lives of young women participating in Strong Tower.

The evening will feature a family-style dining experience with a Cinco de Mayo themed meal.

You do not want to miss out on the music, the testimonies, and the fellowship!

It is a night of hope and inspiration as we share how young women who have been trafficked and/or failed by the foster care system (at least 60% of foster youth experience both) are reclaiming their lives and futures through Strong Tower.

It is truly amazing what can happen when people come together with prayer, purpose, and a plan!

The evening is underwritten by partners of Kingdom Pillars, so you may attend at no cost.

All gifts and pledges go directly to the life-changing mission of Kingdom Pillars.

We are expecting a full house at our 2nd Annual Fundraising Banquet. We encourage you to reserve your seats today.
www.kpstrongtower.org

2nd Annual Fundraising Banquet Underwriters

We thank God for the individuals, families, and businesses who are sacrificing financially so that others may join them in the mission of providing a hope-filled future for women. We pray their investment will be returned to them many-fold personally, relationally, and financially. Thank you!

These have helped cover the expenses of the Banquet so that others may attend without cost:

Legacy Diamond Partners \$2,500 and above

Robert & Mary Beth Comfort

Southgate Corporation (Robert O'Neill)

Platinum Partners \$1,000 - \$2,499

Blessed Adventure (Terry & Pam Allison)

Brucker & Kishler

Justin Ciak (Northern Window & Door, Inc.)

Cornerstone Church

James & Jackie Holliday

Ron & Kelly Walsh

David & April Watts

Gold Partners \$500 - \$999

Advanced Business Communications

Community Bank (Tricia Ball)

ICAN Church (Pastor Bob McGee)

Michael & Joyce Morris

Garland Snyder (RCD Sales Corporation)

Royal Partners \$250 - \$499

Reitter Stucco (Michele Yetzer)

Village Coffee (Brigitte Short)



Beauty from Ashes:

Lantern Release with Strong Tower Women

For many who have survived traumatic events, parts of who we are can seem to get "stuck in the past." Acknowledging these experiences and the pain we still carry can be the first step on a path toward healing.

For many of our Strong Tower women, using their voice to speak up about their past is something that has not always been welcomed. A therapeutic way to process this can be to write thoughts and events down on paper and then burn them as a way to give a voice to what they no longer want to carry into their future.

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Kingdom Pillars' very own Art Therapist, **Heather Omara Reese**, has been working with the Strong Tower women on personal writings that speak to these kinds of experiences, hurts, and beliefs from their lives. The women will burn the writings and then will release lanterns into the sky afterward to acknowledge their decision to let go of what they have carried to this point and that their past no longer has power over them.

This is a big deal to the women participating because it is another step towards wholeness and affirming their self-worth. They are very excited for this ceremony and welcome your support and encouragement. If you would like to celebrate with them, this will be taking place Monday, April 17th, 5:00pm at the Strong Tower house.

Please contact Darcey McCampbell by phone for the location and more information.

New Rhythms at Kingdom Pillars: 4th Friday Music Nights!

We want you to join us for something new at Kingdom Pillars!

Every 4th Friday we will be gathering our community partners together for a casual time of rich fellowship and wonderful music. This is an opportunity to connect with others who are connected to the mission of Kingdom Pillars and to simply enjoy being together one evening a month.



Cody Mason and his group of musicians will be kicking off our first 4th Friday Music Night on Friday, April 28th at 6:00pm at Kingdom Pillars.

Please contact Darcey McCampbell for the address, 740-641-5098.

Cody is from one of our partnering churches, Spring Hills Baptist Church, and we are honored to have him kick off this new series. There is no charge to attend, however, donations are invited to support Kingdom Pillars. No reservations needed. Come have fun, be refreshed, and encouraged!

We are looking for musicians and/or groups that want to be part of our new 4th Friday Music Night series. If you or someone you know has a praise and worship group, a band that plays covers, solo artists, etc. and would like to sign up for one of our music nights to support Kingdom Pillars, please contact Darcey McCampbell by phone, 740-641-5098 or by email darcey@kpstrongtower.org.

A Meaningful Way to Connect: Paint Party at Kingdom Pillars

Last month we had our first "Paint Party" led by our very own [Art Therapist, Heather Omara Reese](#). It was a huge success and due to so many requests, we have decided to throw another one!

Our next Paint Party is [April 29th from 5:00-7:00pm at Kingdom Pillars](#). The cost to attend is \$35/person and will cover all needed supplies. A portion of this cost will be donated to support Kingdom Pillars.



This a fun time to get together, relax, and paint with friends. It's also a meaningful way for you to connect with the power of creative expression and some of the unique art therapy opportunities available to the Strong Tower women. You even get to take home your very own painting masterpiece to remind you of the life-changing work that is happening here!

Space is limited to the first 50 people who would like to participate. If you are interested in attending, email us at contact@kpstrongtower.org



Masterpieces from our first paint party

April Is Volunteer Appreciation Month

In honor of Volunteer Appreciation Month, we want to share our immense gratitude for all of the [incredible mentors and volunteer advocates](#) who have given their time, energy, and resources to provide quality care and support to our Strong Tower women. **WE THANK GOD FOR YOU!**





NEW Art Therapist at Kingdom Pillars: Heather Omara Reese

Heather Omara Reese is a dynamic visual and performance artist and teacher with over 17 years' experience, firmly rooted in the art scene in her hometown of Columbus, Ohio.

Over the course of the Pandemic, Reese rediscovered that her love for the Earth is where her creativity takes flight, birthing a passion to transform decayed parts of the Earth into masterpieces. Taking broken

pieces such as driftwood and rock in their most natural state, she listens to their potential and rewrites their narrative.

As a performance artist, Reese marries the art of movement and painting, [telling profound stories surrounding social justice issues](#). Reese's career has included TEDx Columbus Women, trips across the U.S. with her performance art, over 800 art classes and workshops, many solo and group shows, and an award recipient of multiple grants. Heather's intentional approach to art and teaching is designed to raise awareness and inspire action on social justice issues.

[She is most passionate about helping women overcome trauma and abuse through art therapy.](#)

The engaging nature of her approach to art is a transformative instrument that encourages dialogue, introspection, and healing.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Big Things Are Happening at Kingdom Pillars

I cannot begin without telling you all how amazing God is!

We are so excited for our 2nd annual banquet next month. So many wonderful people have stepped up to the plate to underwrite and cover

the entire cost of the banquet. This means that every penny raised at the banquet on the evening of May 5th goes to Kingdom Pillars and serving the women who are part of Strong Tower.

We are also grateful for the 50 Table Hosts that have committed to hosting a table and are working on inviting those that need to hear about the Kingdom Pillars mission. What we do is so important, not just in the state of Ohio, but especially right here in our own community.

It is a huge blessing to report that our Strong Tower house is currently at full capacity!

Thank you you all so much. We hope to see you at the Banquet!

Darcey McCampbell

WHO ARE YOU HELPING?



YOU ARE HELPING YOUNG WOMEN FROM CENTRAL OHIO WHO...

- Have no family and no home
- Have no job or job training
- Have no regular transportation Probably
- does not have a high school diploma
- Might be a single mom

The women we come alongside are between the ages of 18-25 and have aged out of Ohio's foster care system and/or victims of human trafficking.



ABOUT THE FOUNDERS

DEYLYNE (JAY) &
DARCEY MCCAMPBELL

After more than 20 years of fostering 79 children and adopting 9, Jay and Darcey McCampbell know fostering!

They know the array of family problems

that send children into the system. They know the personal trauma children experience even when in the best of foster care. And sadly, they know the devastation so many suffer in the very system that should be protecting them.

Having each experienced trauma at an early age, Jay and Darcey personally relate to the brokenness caused by sexual abuse; drug and alcohol abuse; and broken families. But having equally experienced healing and restoration, they know how to walk alongside others to bring hope and make a strong future a reality. Jay serves as President of Kingdom Pillars' voluntary Board and Darcey serves as Executive Director.

CHURCHES & MINISTRY GROUPS

If you are interested in your church helping **stop human trafficking**, please contact Linda Brucker, Church Connector, at 740-334-7273.

If you would like Darcey McCampbell share in a service or group, please contact her at 740-641-5098 or darcey@kpstrongtower.org.