

New Life Beginnings: Miracles of Despair to Hope

Three amazing stories of discouraged women who are now more than conquerors.

We have wonderful success in our home to share. Let us tell you about them.



Jasmine came to us with her two young daughters, Kate and Kourtney. She was in an abusive relationship and knew she had to get out of it to keep her and her daughters safe. She stayed at a different shelter while she was pregnant but had stayed the maximum amount of time and had nowhere to go. A few days before Christmas of 2017, she reached out to New Life Beginnings and moved in. During the time Jasmine had been here, she had accomplished so much. She received her Certified Nursing Assistant's certificate and got herself a job at her internship site. She saved enough money to move into an apartment and received a car through a generous donor. When Jasmine came to us, she was very shy, scared, and unsure. Now, she is a hardworking, independent mother ready for anything because of the life skills and support she had been given here at New Life Beginnings.

Melinda battled with drugs and alcohol since she was a teen. During those years she lost custody of her children due to drug use. She knew she had to change her ways, so she got into a sober living program and became drug and alcohol free. However, it was too late and her rights to her daughters were going to be terminated and her daughters were going to be put up for adoption. On the court date of her rights termination, the judge gave her one last chance to find a program that would take her and all her daughters. Melinda called New Life Beginnings and explained that she was about to lose her children for good. She moved into our program the next day, and 3 weeks later, we went to court to fight for her parental rights.



Melinda was granted her parental rights, and was eventually granted full custody of her daughters, Bethany, Alexa, Caroline, and Daisy. They are now a whole family living at New Life Beginnings. Melinda's daughters are thriving in academics, bonding with their mom, and building a new life together with happy memories. With the programs at New Life Beginnings, Melinda continues to maintain a sober and healthy lifestyle for herself and her children. Melinda now looks to the future with hope.

Meet Rachel and her daughter, Destiny. When Rachel came to our program, she felt scared and lost. As a child, she spent years in and out of foster care. Her parents were alcoholics and could not care for her. At a young age, she ran away from the abuse she endured in foster care and ended up homeless. She turned to drugs and unhealthy relationships. While on the streets, she was solicited and became pregnant with her daughter. She knew something had to change so she started attending Narcotics Anonymous meetings. There she met a man she believed was her knight in shining armor, only to find out later that he turned into an abusive nightmare. Because of the domestic violence, she ended up with an open DCFS case. Rachel knew she had to make another big change in her life in order to keep her daughter. She called New Life Beginnings looking for shelter because she was sleeping in her car with her daughter. She was afraid that child services would take Destiny out of her care. After countless phone calls to numerous programs, she was able to find shelter at New Life Beginnings. Rachel was able to complete domestic violence classes, receive counseling, and close her case. Rachel also applied to college, which is something she always wanted to do. Today, she is a full-time honor student close to graduating, maintains a steady job, and has housing for herself and her daughter, something she is truly proud of. She now knows that she never has to return to her old lifestyle. At New Life Beginnings, Rachel and Destiny have found God and developed a relationship with Him and their life is the best it has been in years.



Whether it is dealing with the impact of domestic violence in their lives, substance abuse, human trafficking, a lack of job skills and work experience, financial challenges, or children to feed, the challenges of our women are stacked against them. Together, we can make a difference in their lives. As a supporter, you are an advocate for our women and children. Because of you, we have had the privilege of serving so many women and children over the years. Your gift of any amount today to New Life Beginnings will help us empower women to have a hope for their future.

Thank you,

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Director

P.S. Please remember to pray for Jasmine, Melinda, and Rachel and all of their children.