

At the Women's Refuge, we purpose to stand on God's promises. He tells us His plans for us are good, and for a future and hope. He also tells us in John 10:10 that He has come to give us life.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

We are all born broken and in need of a Savior. At the Women's Refuge, we face our brokenness, and we look to our Savior and embrace His promises to restore. We look back to learn, and we look forward to heal and grow. Growth at the Women's Refuge includes daily courses and counseling through life issues such as boundaries, anger management, codependency, fear, forgiveness of ourselves and others, and so much more. Working through these issues is critical to experience lasting victory and to move forward in life. We steadily see God restore families, mothers with their children, women back into society living productive lives and in love with Jesus. God will work even the bad things in life for good in the end if we let Him.

We enter this new year with hope, looking for what's ahead with God in our sights. Please read the following testimony knowing God has plans for good for Pamela as she works through the hard issues of life and is finding forgiveness and freedom in Christ Jesus.

His Kingdom Come, Debbie Morales Director

Hello, my name is Pamela,

As a very small child I can remember never being good enough. At the age of twelve I started experimenting with weed, and then cigarettes followed. Moving forward, and three children later, I was addicted to pain pills and nerve medication. Though I was married with three children, I still felt this void inside that nothing could fill. I found myself needing drugs to mask the feeling of not being good enough or not having any kind of self-worth. While destructively searching to fill that void, my marriage ended up in shambles and it wasn't long before I was in another relationship. I started doing meth and was on a downward spiral. That relationship ended and I was living in my car for a while. I rented rooms in at least 4 or 5 different places and every place I lived got worse and worse. I would wake up and ask God why he woke me up. I hated my life - hated myself. I knew I had to do something, or I was going to literally die. A Christian friend told me about the women's Refuge of St Johns County, and I made the call. I have found here a love like I never felt before, and that void in my heart is now filled by the love of my Heavenly Father. Today, I have purpose and a new identity - I am a child of the Most-High God. Thank you to everyone who is a part of the Women's Refuge ministry. I love you all.

> "And we know that **ALL THINGS** work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." ~Romans 8:28~

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We enter 2024 with exciting news. Currently, our home can hold up to four women at a time. We have been in prayer for several years that God would provide a home where the women who graduate the program can move as they work in the community, save for a vehicle and a place to live, and transition successfully.

We have contacted the Matthews Group who is helping us with the plans to expand the Women's Refuge so that we can continue with this needed ministry. Please join us in prayer as we move forward with the plans God has laid on our hearts. We will have more information to share with you soon. In the meantime, thank you for your support and God bless you in the year ahead.

## ~Mark your calendars~ Join us for an epic Bike Show celebrating both vintage and modern motorcycles!

All money raised will be donated to the Women's Refuge of St. Johns County.

Enjoy rare vintage bikes on display, music, food, door prizes and more! ALL bikes & bike clubs welcome

This event will feature some of the finest bikes from the Hollingsworth family of St. Augustine former long-time family owned Harley Davidson Dealer and American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association (AHRMA) racing team.

Awards will be presented for best bikes and Classic Car Museum's favorite pick!

Visit our event page below for more information and to see a recap of last year's Bike Show!

Bike participants can register on our event page or day of event. https://womensrefugeofstjo.com/bike-show-2024

