



WOMEN'S REFUGE
Of ST. JOHNS COUNTY

*"The eternal God is your Refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms."*

Deuteronomy 33:27a

Reflecting on God's Goodness

As I reflect on the goodness of God over the Women's Refuge ministry, Psalm 107:1-16 comes to mind:

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, and gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He

delivered them out of their distresses. And He led them forth by the right way, that they

might go to a city for a dwelling place. Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness,

and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul,

and fills the hungry soul with goodness. Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,

bound in affliction and irons—because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High, therefore He brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and there

was none to help. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their

distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke their chains in pieces.

Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the

children of men! For He has broken the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron in two."

The Women's Refuge is a safe place for hungry and thirsty souls who come from dark places with "no city to dwell in." To witness the power of God as He delivers souls out of darkness and the shadow of death, redeeming them from the hand of the enemy and breaking chains in pieces brings such praise to our lips for His great mercy and love OVER US, as each and every one of us are in need of God's saving, constant hand in our lives!

God has been so good to us. He has used many hands, hearts and PRAYERS to keep our home strong and our doors open for His kingdom's purpose. We will have a full house for the holidays as families come to visit and celebrate what God is doing in the lives of their loved ones.

Please continue to lift us up in prayer as we move into 2024. There is no telling what the new year will bring, but we can be confident that God knows us intimately, He knows every detail of our hearts and our lives, He is already in 2024 and He holds us in the palm of His hand.

If you would like to bless the Women's Refuge ministry this season, Please consider making a contribution toward food for the home.

We are Thankful

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From the Heart of a Board Member: Pastor Jeff Gatlin

A little over 17 years ago, I left a full-time ministry position and I became a bi-vocational Pastor. That move immediately thrust me into the world of nonprofit work. One of the first meetings I sat at I heard a gentleman speak about the role of nonprofits in our community. He stated that we needed to stick to what we are good at as nonprofits. He said we need to send people to the appropriate resource to get the best help instead of trying to do things and meet needs we were not best suited to meet. He closed the meeting with a statement that I struggled with. He said, "Nonprofits exist today because the church as a whole is not doing its job."

I define ministry as meeting needs with love, and the nonprofits that love best do the most good. Women's Refuge of St Johns County stands in the gap as a nonprofit that meets the needs of women from all walks of life who need a fresh start. As a staff and team of volunteers they become the hands and feet of Jesus loving on every participant that comes through their doors. Our community needs more nonprofits who are being the church and sharing the love of Jesus on a daily basis.

~Update~

~The Women's Refuge 5th Annual Golf Tournament~

What a great turnout!!

The weather was beautiful and every team was full.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported this event.



Dear friends from Parkview Church helped liven up our back deck by applying a fresh coat of paint!

~THANK YOU Dana & Scott Boutieller~

If you want to participate in a project day, please call our office!

Our kitchen floors were in dire need of repair, and so our friends from Anastasia Baptist Church tackled the job of replacing the floors in our kitchen!

A HUGE thank you to Richard and Jeffrey Starratt

Under construction



Finished product!



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