

**WE ARE...**

A Christian non-profit residential recovery program designed to help those who suffer from substance use disorder to:

- Recover from a hopeless state of mind and body,
- Grow in their faith in Jesus Christ and
- Grow in their responsibility to their community.

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## Trophies of God's Grace



On Saturday, November 2nd, friends and family joined together at House of Prayer Family Church for the Commencement of Kristen Noyes from the Healing House and New Beginnings (THHNB) one-year recovery program. Following prayer and opening announcements, Founder

and Executive Director Heather Gieck read passages from Deuteronomy 30, "Now it shall come to pass when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you, and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and all your soul..." "He will prosper you and He will multiply you more than you've ever been before. And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your children to love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul that you may live." Kristen shared her deep gratitude for everyone who has made an impact in her life and recovery.

"This is the first time in my life that I've felt this much love and support by so many people." She said. "I knew the biggest part of changing my life was first and foremost surrendering to the Lord, but I didn't know how to fully surrender on my own, but God knew that and He placed just the right people in my life to walk me through this process." Kristen was a participant in the prison ministry 'Broken and Beautiful' which is where her transformation began. She is now on the journey to becoming a Certified Peer Specialist, is a leader in the 'Shepherding Program' through Broken and Beautiful, and has her own apartment where her daughter is able to come and spend the night with her while their reunification process continues! CONGRATULATIONS KRISTEN! You are a SUCCESS!

## 2024 Missouri Department of Corrections Re-Entry Conference



On November 7th, Heather Gieck had the opportunity to speak at The Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark on a panel presenting information about recovery housing and wrap-around services. Wrap-around services can include: case management, education services, self-help or support groups, and living supports. The Healing House and New Beginnings is a re-entry partner with the Department of Corrections. We have an outreach at Women's Eastern Reception and Diagnostic Correctional Center and Chillicothe Correctional Center. Each year THHNB attends this conference. This year was the conference's 20th Anniversary and we were honored to be the grateful recipients of the 2024 Missouri Re-Entry Silent Auction proceeds from the Restorative Justice Program. The total amount donated was



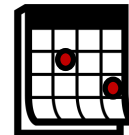
\$2,426! THANK YOU!



“Developing the ability to follow God and shape our decisions and actions according to His will for His use.”  
The Healing House and New Beginnings

“Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.”  
Psalm 43:3 NKJV

# Mark Your Calendars!



## FEBRUARY - I

**Commencement Ceremony**  
**1:00 PM**  
House of Prayer Family Church  
2707 W. Main St.  
Jefferson City, MO

Please join the celebration as we recognize **Tara Rapier, Stephanie Ruckman, Priscilla Hertzler, and Crystal Hoefer** for completing The Healing House and New Beginnings program.

## Kingdom Harvest Fall Festival



On Saturday, October 19th, we gathered family, mentors, alumni, board members, and friends to celebrate our 3rd Annual Kingdom Harvest Fall Festival which takes place during the Biblical festival of Tabernacles! Everyone participated in games and activities such as pumpkin painting, gunny sack races, pin the tail on the donkey, and much more! We thoroughly enjoyed bringing in the fall season while remembering the spiritual significance of God's people in their wandering before entering the Promised Land!



## THNB Thanksgiving Feasts

This year, due to the wonderful expansion of our ministry, each house conducted their own Thanksgiving meal with residents, friends and family! It was truly beautiful to watch each house get together and fellowship with one another, as well as taking on the privilege and responsibility of preparing a meal for all to share!





## 2024 Annual Winter-Fest

Residents, Staff, volunteers, and board members came together to bring a joyful end to the year. We honored many people with volunteer certificates including the “Good Steward Award” which recognized those who were given a responsibility within the program and took initiative to do the task well, and the “Gideon Award” which recognized a resident who needed encouragement to see her full potential. Board members and House Leaders were also honored, gifts were exchanged, and residents played a fun Saran Wrap Ball game which included around \$300 worth of prizes and goodies!



## A YEAR IN REVIEW!



The year 2024 has brought many blessings to The Healing House and New Beginnings. To re-cap just a few, we successfully completed our first year of the Next Step program “Karen’s House”. One of those residents has purchased her own home and another resident has chosen to move into the Bethel House in the House Leader position. The other 3 original residents are remaining for a 3rd year and we introduced Tara into the home for her 2nd year! 12 residents commenced the first year program which positively effected a total of 19 of their children. We had 25 new entries in 2024 and out of those 25 residents, 14 are still remaining and set to commence in 2025! We had 3 women in our Single Mother’s Program and 2 of those 3 have transitioned out of the program and taken over their own leases with full custody of their children and the third is mentioned below! We are excited to see what 2025 brings our way and we thank each of you for being a part of our success!

### *Please pray for our residents and House Leaders*

#### Healing House

\*Brenda and her daughter Sarah  
\*Crystal D.  
Stephanie, Crystal H  
Sam, Keashia,  
Heather J, Kassie,  
Jodie, Gina, Holly

#### Bethel House

\*Carissa  
Crystal T., Tristian  
Priscilla

#### Jochebed House

\*Rebecca and her children Natalie & Raynon  
Tesla, Deja,  
Lydia, Jada  
Ciera

#### Karen’s House

Kayla, Leah  
Melanie, Tara

#### Single Mother’s

Amanda & her son  
Carter

\* = House Leader

## Congratulations Amanda!



On October 21, one of our Single Mother Program residents, Amanda, and her son Carter, went to their very last Division of Family Services court date! Pictured to the left are Amanda and Carter standing next to Carter’s foster family with which she has kept a very supportive relationship. It has been miraculous to watch this family grow! We love you Amanda and Carter!



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**“Changed hearts lead to changed lives.  
Changed lives lead to changed communities.”**

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

## *About The Healing House and New Beginnings, Inc.*

Our program offers:

Recovery –

- A 12 Step Program of Action
- Codependency
- Seeking Safety (Trauma/Substance Use)
- Mentoring

Spiritual Growth

- Bible-based classes
- Local Church involvement

Housing and Life Skills

- Safe, affordable housing
- Help with securing employment
- Life skills classes

Physical Growth

- Importance of healthy diet and exercise

Classes are held Monday – Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00

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