

**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



Family and friends celebrated the commencements of Jessica Garner, Lisa Anderson, Nicole Heather and Rebecca Schuessler from The Healing House and New Beginnings program on October 10, 2020 at House of Prayer Family Church. In her opening remarks, Executive Director, Heather Gieck, referred to Ephesians 4:17-25 as direction for those commencing to “no longer walk as the rest”, “to put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man”, “be renewed in the spirit of your mind”, and “put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” Testimonies of their transformational journeys inspired those in attendance.

Several of those close to the honorees spoke of the changes and growth they have witnessed. Included in her comments about each of the women, Pastor Dorene Jackson commented on how quiet Jess was at one time. Over time, Jess became a member of the House of Prayer worship team and of the changes in her she said, “Not only can she talk, not only can she smile, she cracks

these little jokes on me. Not only that, but she’s also a great helper.” Lisa’s daughter shared about her mother, “Little by little I’ve seen this woman transformed into the woman and the mother I always knew she could be.” Nicki’s father spoke, “I’m just glad her grandmother got to see one of her grandkids change. Your children are very proud of you. I never thought I’d see the day. I want you to know I’m proud of you.” Becky’s mother said: “I knew she could be the momma that she needed to be for her kids...I’m just really proud of you.”

Each of the women commencing the program shared some of her journey with the group. Jess shared: “All the things that seemed so important have drifted away because I’ve learned what’s truly important and that is a relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Lisa spoke of 45 years’ worth of bad decisions and turning 60 in prison. “God is the only thing and only way for me out.” She shared of truths from God that have been pivotal for her concluding, “I am forgiven. I can walk with my head up. I have a beautiful family and a chance at what’s good and decent.”

Nicki told of those who kept reaching out and praying for her

after she initially had to leave the program, thanking them for not giving up on her. Admitting she had come to the end of herself, she returned, started over at The Healing House and completed the program. Nicki stated, “I’m grateful God put it in your heart to help me.”

Becky shared that she struggled with substance use since she was 12 or 13 years old. She told of meeting Heather Gieck through her ministry in county jail and her eventual path to The Healing House. She stated that her recovery process is “one root at a time, plucking and plucking and weeding... I’m just grateful to everybody and it’s a really good place and it’s my home now.”

Heather Gieck closed the meeting releasing this word over those commencing the program. “You are God’s poetry. You are a recreated people that will fulfill the destiny He has given each of you to do. For you are joined to Jesus the Anointed One. Even before you were born God planned in advance your destiny and the good works that you would do to fulfill it. And so I release you into your destiny today in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Amen.”

Congratulations, Jess, Lisa, Nicki and Becky!





“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

“You will be abundantly enriched in every way as you give generously on every occasion, for when we take your gifts to those in need, it causes many to give thanks to God.”  
2 Cor 9:11 (TPT)



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# Mark Your Calendars!



## FEB 6 - Commencement Ceremony

Please join the celebration as we recognize **Matthew Brinkley and Kiara Hantz** for completing The Healing House and New Beginnings program at a commencement ceremony planned for **1:00 p.m.** Saturday at House of Prayer Family Church, 2707 W. Main St. in Jefferson City.

FRIDAY EVENINGS  
**‘CELEBRATE RECOVERY’**  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
HOUSE OF PRAYER FAMILY CHURCH  
2707 W. MAIN  
JEFFERSON CITY

For anyone who struggles with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Child care provided. Welcome!



## We are Blessed to Abound in Good Work

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” God is definitely blessing The Healing House and New Beginnings abundantly so that we have what is needed to abound in the work God has given us. Our sights are set on a future women and mothers program, Jochebed’s Promise, that will provide affordable housing and recovery support for women and mothers with their children. We began raising funds to develop Jochebed’s Promise in 2020.



Representatives from the Redemption Inside the Walls (RITW) organization presented The Healing House and New Beginnings Executive Director, Heather Gieck and members of the board of directors, with a \$5,000 check from the proceeds of the September 19, 2020 Faith over Fear concert featuring Michael W. Smith. RITW organizers chose to donate the event proceeds to Jochebed’s Promise. Pictured with Gieck, center, are event organizers Paula Benne and Kirk DeMars. They took the opportunity to announce that because the event was adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Healing House and New Beginnings will be the recipient of next year’s event proceeds as well. We are blessed!



There were more packages under the tree this Christmas for the children of The Healing House and New Beginnings moms and dads thanks to a generous \$900 donation from Jefferson City’s Immanuel Baptist Church congregation that was designated for gifts for the children of our residents. Residents enjoyed a shopping trip to Columbia mall for their Christmas shopping. Thank you so much, Immanuel Baptist Church, for always thinking of us!

To those people and organizations that support what the Lord is doing through The Healing House and New Beginnings, we thank you and thank God for you. Your financial support enables us to help more individuals heal and rebuild their lives. There are so many who need help. A special thank you to Mark Schell of Diamond Pet Foods who has faithfully supported the ministry since 2016. The company decided to do some extra giving at the end of the year and blessed us with a wonderful \$30,000 gift that will go towards developing Jochebed’s Promise and they increased their monthly support for 2021. Thank you for believing in what the Lord is doing through us and for trusting we will put your donation to good use. We are humbled and blessed!



# “For God So Loved the World”



“...that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever should believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Jn 3:16 NKJV

These are some of the opportunities The Healing House and New Beginnings residents enjoyed in sharing the Christmas season.



Residents, family and friends of the ministry built a float for Jefferson City’s December 5 “Believe” themed Christmas parade depicting the nativity scene of Jesus’ birth and acknowledging our Lord’s ultimate saving sacrifice.

## Christmas with The Healing House Board of Directors on December 8



## Christmas at The Healing House on December 16



Tricia

At left, The Healing House and New Beginnings Program Coordinator, Tricia Roberts, and volunteers share Christmas joy with women at the Fulton CSC, desiring to give back what they’ve received to help others recover.



## Christmas at The Fulton Community Supervision Center (CSC) on December 15

### Please pray for our residents and House Managers

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| <u>Healing House</u> | <u>Koinonia House</u>  |
| Andrea (Manager)     | Matthew (Manager)      |
| Jessica, Kiara       | Deron, David           |
| Ashley, Brenda       | Andrew, Bryan          |
| Kelly, Brandi        | Nick, Travis           |
| Amanda, Tiffany      | Allen                  |
| <u>Bethel House</u>  | <u>Mothers Program</u> |
| Laurie (Manager)     | Becky (Natalie, 6,     |
| Lisa, Amanda         | Raynon, 4)             |
| Carly, Susan         |                        |

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

## *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 – Friday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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