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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 came to House of Prayer Family Church May 1st to celebrate Amanda Smith and Ashley Wright commencing The Healing House and New Beginnings one-year program. In her opening remarks, Executive Director, Heather Gieck, explained the purpose of the ministry to provide a safe place to heal, develop and receive a foundation for life that is rooted and grounded in the Living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. She noted that the commencement marks a “humble, yet beautiful, beginning, a time of going forward and stepping into the beautiful life that God has purposed” for each woman.

After Heather spoke from Proverbs 3:1-10, several attending conveyed their support and encouragement, commenting on the change and growth noticed in both women. It was touching to

hear Ashley's two young sons speak of their feelings for their mother.

Amanda gave her acceptance remarks first, expressing her gratitude for the opportunities the program offered and for the inspiring people she has met. Amanda shared, “The program makes you feel more comfortable because, guess what? I'm not the only one with a problem.” She explained that years ago when she was going on the wrong road, she became calloused and hard. Since she made the decision to use the resources offered her, she feels this enormous inner transformation. “I'm not that hard anymore. I want to be able to experience things... just normal stuff that I didn't care about back then. I don't feel all that negativity in me anymore and it is such a relief!” Later adding, “I have accomplished way more than what I had thought I would – ever!” Amanda concluded her remarks with a heartfelt expression of love for her daughter and gratitude to have her back in her life.

Ashley spoke next stating that before she came, she had ruined her life multiple times. “I was done... I had no faith, no hope, no nothing and I was sitting in a

jail cell and I was like ‘Send me to prison!’” She assumed it was her mother's prayers that drew her to reading the Gospels which eventually brought The Healing House to mind. She admits about her arrival, “I was definitely still shut off but still welcoming a change of life... Eventually I saw I needed a change; my children needed a change. I wasn't being a good mom or daughter or granddaughter or niece or girlfriend. I was lacking in all departments. I was self-defeated and Heather Gieck came in and started chiseling away at my hardness. And I'm grateful for that.” She continued in gratitude, “God has restored everything to me graciously.”

Ashley concluded by encouraging the women in the program to take hold of what is offered them, that what matters is their own relationship with God and advised the new women to take direction from leadership. She added, followed by some laughter, “It's a lot easier if you be submissive. I'm just gonna' tell ya'. I'm just grateful for you, Heather, and Tricia and really every single woman in this program.”

Congratulations and best wishes, Amanda and Ashley!

~ Serving our Community ~

Healing House and New Beginnings residents volunteered to help serve the meal at the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Barbeque held May 13 at Capital Bluffs Event Center. We are grateful for the opportunity to give back and happy to assist our fundraising sponsor, Colton's Steak House & Grill, as they catered this community event.



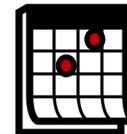
*“Developing the ability to follow God and shape our decisions and actions according to His will for His use.”
The Healing House and New Beginnings*

AUGUST - 7
Commencement Ceremony
1:00 PM
House of Prayer Family Church
2707 W. Main St.
Jefferson City, MO

Please join the celebration as we recognize **Susan McInturff** and **Brenda Wheat** for completing The Healing House and New Beginnings program.

Please visit the **RITW** website www.redemptioninsidethewalls.com for more information and to order tickets and products.

AUGUST - 28
Redemption Inside the Walls
Light in the Darkness,
featuring Aaron Shust
5:00 - 10:00 PM
Jefferson City Jaycees Fairgrounds
1445 Fairgrounds Road
Jefferson City, MO



Redemption Inside the Walls is an event with the purpose to reach out and unify those that have devoted their lives to Christ and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. RITW aims to renew and restore the love and passion for Christ, focusing our direction to lead down the path of righteousness and to glorify God and His Kingdom. This year’s concert will benefit The Healing House and New Beginnings!

Picnic at the Park Results

This year’s Fundraising Picnic at Memorial Park on May 25th was a great success despite the rain showers. Preliminary results indicate the event raised approximately \$10,000 for the ministry! We are so blessed by the tremendous support of our community. A special ‘Thank you’ goes to our sponsors: Colton’s Steak House & Grill, Classic Buildings, Jo Moore/Thrivent and Jack’son McDaniel & The Falling Rock who provided the wonderful musical entertainment.

*“Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.”
2 Cor 9:10 NKJV*



Thanks to all who came or contributed in any way!



Community Support Grant awarded to The Healing House and New Beginnings, Inc.



Pictured from left: Tricia Roberts, THHNB Program Coordinator, Karen Leydens, THHNB Board President, Sally Moore, United Way of Central Missouri

The United Way of Central Missouri notified The Healing House and New Beginnings on June 15 that our grant request for an \$8,500 Community Support Grant for 2021 was approved. The grant will be used to purchase the following items:

- Security fence
- 10 single size mattresses
- Swing/play set
- Living room furniture
- Washer and dryer

Most of the items will be for the Jochebed House. Several of our worn out, existing mattresses will be replaced because of this grant. We are grateful to be selected from the many agencies that applied. The award letter stated, "The United Way is proud to acknowledge your passion, hard work and commitment to our community." Also stating, "Thank you for sharing our vision to inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow."

We consider it a privilege to serve in our community and are honored to receive this kind of support.

Healing House Women attend Ashes to Beauty Encounter Weekend



Six Healing House women were blessed to attend an Ashes to Beauty Encounter weekend April 16 -18 conducted by Encounter Ministry in Rolla, MO. From Isaiah 61:3 NIV, "to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair." According to their website,

www.EncounterMinistry.org, the ministry is about encountering Jesus at the cross in a new, personal, and intimate way. The Ashes for Beauty weekend consisted of 12 sessions that relate to a woman's life. Those who attended from The Healing House are: Becky, Brenda, Danica, Kiara, Tequilla and Amanda.

Pictured at upper left is Danica, left, getting ready to be baptized at the close of the event by Executive Director, Heather Gieck. Lower left are Kiara, Jess (House Manager who came to the completion ceremony), Danica, Brenda and Becky.

Thank you Kenneth Miller and Classic Buildings for sponsoring our Healing House women to attend this impactful weekend!

Please pray for our residents and House Managers

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| <u>Healing House</u> | <u>Jochebed House</u> |
| Jessica (Manager) | Becky (Manager and children |
| Amanda, Brenda | Natalie, Raynon) |
| Danica, Melanie | Kiara, Crystal, |
| Mercedes, Tequilla | Ashley, Tiffany, |
| Stacey, Sarah | Olivia |
| <u>Bethel House</u> | |
| Laurie (Manager) | |
| Amanda, Lisa | |
| Susan | |



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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 – Friday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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