

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



Friends and loved ones of KiaraLynn Hantz (Kiara) gathered on February 6 at House of Prayer Family Church to celebrate her commencement from The Healing House and New Beginnings one-year program. Executive Director Heather Gieck shared in her opening remarks, "We use the term commencement instead of graduation because it's not a completion but a humble, yet beautiful, beginning. A time of going forward and stepping into the beautiful life that God has purposed for Kiara."

She described Kiara and the heartwarming story of her arrival. "She is our baby. Kiara was 18 years old when she came – she's 19 now." A friend brought Kiara to the Healing House with her application in hand one night when the women of the house were watching a movie about

Gracie, a young girl with a painful family life. Everyone there connected Kiara with the girl in the movie and before the night was over, Kiara became the newest and youngest resident.

Heather continued to share, "Kiara is a beautiful young woman of God, growing in the grace and favor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She has a heart for the Lord. She has a heart for recovery and she has a heart for serving. It's one of the most beautiful things that I've ever seen in my life. It's a true miracle that somebody her age can come out of the life that she came out of and desire to live a different way of life. Because a lot of us at that age, we're thinking 'We're not done – not yet.' Kiara has made it out. God truly did call you out of darkness and into the light. He has a marvelous plan for you."

Many attending shared their congratulations and feelings for Kiara. Becky referred to her as her best friend and appreciates that they build each other up. They work together and she considers her "truly my sister in Christ".

Several others spoke of how welcoming and caring Kiara was to them when they first came to the

House, of her playfulness and their admiration for her. Amanda saying, "You will always be treasured in my heart. We are several years in age difference. I don't think that has anything to do with me being able to look up to you being so young." And Jess, impressed with how Kiara has taken hold of God added, "the way you strive to be spiritually fit because that is the key to life."

Kiara's mother in Colorado watched the commencement by live stream and shared by phone through tears how proud she is of Kiara, stating, "I was afraid I was going to lose her."

Kiara addressed the audience last, deciding to share Psalm 119: 9-16 (TPT) about the true joy that she identifies with now. A portion of this passage expresses: "I find more joy in following what You tell me to do than in chasing after all the wealth of the world. I set my heart on Your precepts and pay close attention to all Your ways. My delight is found in all Your laws, and I won't forget to walk in Your words."

Kiara serves as The Healing House chore coordinator and is staying to help the ministry grow. Congratulations, Kiara!

## Recovery... To keep it we must give it away!

Program Coordinator, Tricia Roberts, truly enjoys sharing the 12-Step Program of Action for addiction recovery with women at the Fulton Community Supervision Center. On February 9, Tricia enlisted a few Healing House friends to help with one of the program assignments. It may have been a frosty 16°F out, but there's nothing like working with others to warm the heart!





“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

“But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river’s bank.”  
Exodus 2:3 NKJV

### MAY - 1

#### Commencement Ceremony

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

#### Some of This Year’s Raffle Items

- Classic Buildings Garden Shed
- Hand-crafted Farmhouse Table & Bench
- \$120 Shirks Country Market Gift Basket
- Fitbit Versa 2 Smart watch
- Lenovo 10.3: 32GB Tablet & MORE

### MAY - 25

#### Annual Fundraising Picnic - Memorial Park Pavilion

**115 Memorial Park Drive, Jefferson City**  
Make plans to attend this year’s event for a time of fun, good food and music. Your support will go towards our men, women and single mothers programs. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

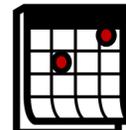
- Pulled Pork Dinner by Colton’s Steak House \$15 per person
- Children 8 Years and Under Free Hot Dog & Chips
- Raffle and Silent Auction

### AUG - 25

#### Redemption Inside the Walls Concert

Proceeds go towards Jochebed’s Promise

~For Advance Purchase of Meal and Raffle Tickets ~  
Contact Heather Gieck (417) 559-7068



## ~ Jochebed’s Promise ~



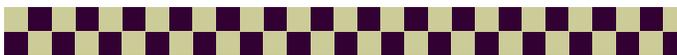
The vision we call Jochebed’s Promise is named after the mother of Moses, Aaron and Mariam in the Bible. You can read about Jochebed’s experience in Exodus 2. We relate to how Jochebed must have felt when she placed the ark containing her infant son in the Nile River. Though it was the last thing she wanted, she gave up her son for his sake, trusting God through her fear and sorrow. God’s providence resulted in a beautiful turn of events.

None of the mothers who come to The Healing House and New Beginnings had set out to lose their ability or rights to care for their children. Yet many of them have children in the State Children’s Division foster care or are temporarily with family. As they work through our recovery program, these women also work toward reuniting with their children.

We have found that as a mother regains some stability, the authorities or family may want to return her children to her sometimes months before or directly upon completion of our one-year program. Though reuniting with her children is the desire of her heart, she is likely not ready to successfully meet the inherent responsibilities.

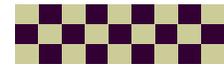
Our hope for Jochebed’s Promise is to provide a residential community with a structured family environment to support mothers and their children. By helping to address challenges such as transportation, child-care, financial debt, and limited social and recovery supports, our belief is that mothers in our program will become better prepared to provide for their children’s needs.

Pictured above is a concept drawing of the property we’re imagining to develop this residential community. Later this year on October 26, we plan to host a Faith Promise Banquet where we will share the solution we wish to offer with Jochebed’s Promise. Please save the October 26 date and watch upcoming newsletters for details to register to attend. We pray and believe for God to fulfill His plans and purposes through this ministry, thanking Him for those who join with us to ‘do for the least of these’.





## 2020 THE MINISTRY IN REVIEW



### PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

Seven residents commenced the program during 2020: 1 man and 6 women. As of the end of 2020, 20 women have completed the 1-year program since The Healing House opened in May 2015. Four men have completed the program since the Koinonia House opened in July 2017.

### PROGRAM GROWTH:

Though the ministry experienced the effects of the COVID19 pandemic, we were blessed that most of our residents were able to retain or find employment. Our houses were under quarantine at different times and we used alternative approaches when needed to hold our classes. As physical gatherings of people were curtailed, so were our opportunities to give back to the community. We resumed outreach activities of Celebrate Recovery and sharing the 12-Step We Have Recovered Program of Action class with women at the Fulton Community Supervision Center, a Department of Corrections Program.

As of the end of 2020, we have 4 residents who are staying beyond the 1-year recovery program as volunteer leaders and one who has been employed with the ministry for 2 years. One of the leaders is a single mother who now has her children with her and desires to help establish the ministry's single mothers program.

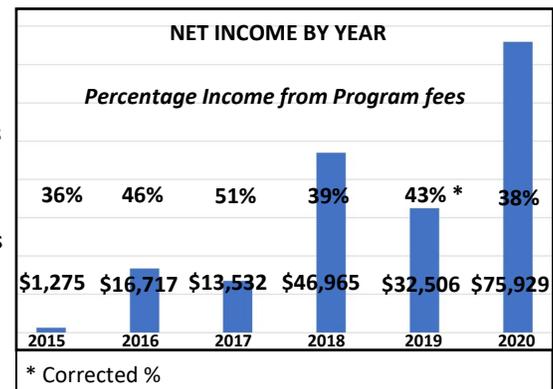
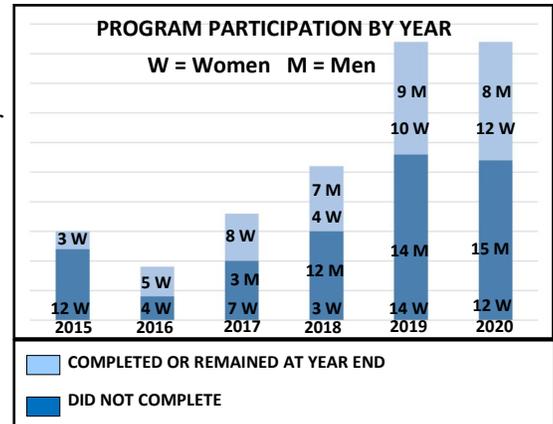
### FINANCIAL RESULTS:

Thanks to faithful, generous supporters, our donation income increased more than 28% over last year. We were blessed to be able to host our annual fundraising picnic in June that resulted in a nearly 7% increase over last year's proceeds. With these increases, we were able to meet our goal of paying off the \$43,245 balance on the mortgage of the Koinonia House. Please note this amount is not reflected as an expense in the net income chart. We also moved forward in other areas. The ministry leased a near-by apartment suitable for housing one of our single mothers and her children. This works as the beginning of our single mothers program. Additionally, the ministry purchased a used van to further assist with resident transportation.

Fundraising began for Jochebed's Promise, a vision for providing a safe and nurturing residential community for women, including mothers with children, in which to recover. Proceeds from the Redemption Inside the Walls concert event and a generous end-of-year donation from Diamond Pet Foods resulted in \$35,000 seed for developing Jochebed's Promise.

### GOALS FOR 2021:

- Establish transitional opportunities for those waiting to enter the Healing House and New beginnings program, those who have relapsed and desire to return, and those looking to move forward following completion of the program
- Develop a single mothers program
- Raise support and acquire suitable property to develop Jochebed's Promise



### Please pray for our residents and House Managers

<u>Healing House</u> Jessica (Manager) Amanda, Brenda Danica, Kiara Tequila	<u>Koinonia House</u> Travis David
<u>Bethel House</u> Laurie (Manager) Amanda, Ashley Lisa, Susan	<u>Single Mothers</u> Becky (Natalie, Raynon)

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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