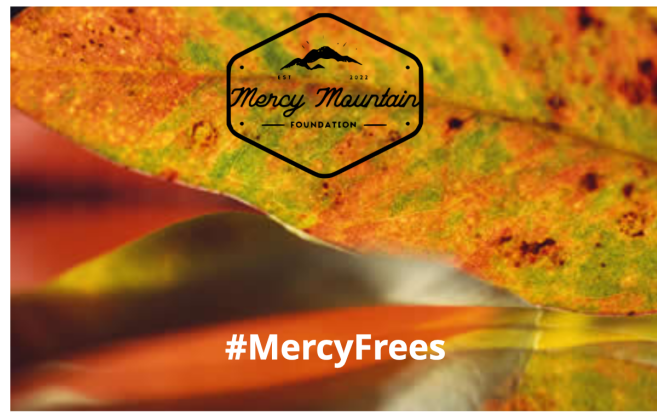


THE MOVEMENT

Together, we will provide resources for trapped women in abusive situations to end the cycle of trauma and live free.

The Happenings

- Attended a forum presented by the Women for Women Giving Circle sponsored by The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina on Trust-Based Philanthropy. This approach promotes a culture of sharing power, building relationships & fosters mutual accountability.
- Participated in a Webinar given by North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault on Human Trafficking Advocacy Fundamentals - to understand the unique needs of a survivor & the importance of having a network of providers in place.
- Attended the Buncombe County Anti Human Trafficking Coalition meeting for the purpose of being an ally for the Response Team for trafficking survivors in WNC. The training featured Forensic Exams to learn more about how to help a survivor access these services and for us to know what to expect.



THE MOVEMENT IN ACTION

The mission has begun, and your donations have been providing four types of grants that give monetary support for women to access any resource needed to be free from abusive systems/relationships.

FREEDOM GRANT: The newest Freedom Grant Recipient began meeting with our masters-level volunteer case-manager 2 to 3x per month and developed a long-term plan to end her cycle of re-victimization leading to poverty and homelessness. As a sex trafficking survivor since childhood she has experienced repeated victimization and yet continues to persevere in therapy. Mercy Mountain Foundation has been able to link her to low to no cost services with sister organizations in the community and provide the rest of her needs. The plan for financial freedom includes services like financial/debt planning and a budget management specialist, housing for out-of-town TBI treatment, legal help, permanent housing programming, and more. Our case manager is available to provide emotional support when this process feels overwhelming. She has given feedback about how strange it has been to have this type of support that she has never experienced, and her gratefulness for Mercy Mountain Foundation.



PARTNER CORNER

Mercy Mountain Foundation and The Hundred Movement signed our Memorandum of Understanding, becoming our Sister Organization in the mission to provide a way out of abusive systems and relationships for traumatized women to access healing resources and find lasting freedom. Thank you to The Hundred Movement for partnering with us!

GIVING TUESDAY!

November 28, 2023

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**GIVING
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CRISIS GRANT: The first Crisis Grant Recipient was living pay-check to pay-check after experiencing multiple abusive systems and relationships that culminated in a cancer diagnosis and left her with debt. Teetering on the edge of the poverty line proves to increase the risk of re-victimization. A one-time grant is offered to Crisis Grant Recipients. A Crisis Grant allows women to stay within stability and freedom and moves them farther away from being trapped in abusive systems and relationships.

EMPLOY A SURVIVOR GRANT: This Grant allows for survivors to utilize their unique gifts and hone their career skills while accessing financial solutions that fit their life and immediate needs. The first "Employ A Survivor Grant" is our Contract Ambassador Position. She is providing social media consulting, attending sister organization meetings & researching ways Mercy Mountain Foundation can be more visible and accessible in our community. This recipient has shared that this Grant has alleviated the hyper vigilant state of financial stress, and has allowed self-care, making another level of healing and freedom possible.

SISTER ORGANIZATION GRANTS: This particular grant is dedicated to the community-based organizations who work with Mercy Mountain Foundation in our shared vision to help women recover and find freedom from abuse and re-victimization. We have been able to support fundraisers and advocacy/educational events to support the low to no-cost services provided to our recipients and community. This Grant also allows sister organizations we have a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with, to request small emergency grants to provide any woman who needs access to safety within a 24 to 48 hour period who would have to be turned away by that organization due to a lack of funding.

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