



MERCY MINISTRIES

Founded in 1983 by NANCY ALCORN, Mercy Ministries has grown into an Internationally respected charity delivering the unique Mercy Ministries support programme in homes all over the world.

Born out of Nancy Alcorn's frustration of working within the State's social service where she witnessed the inability to bring true change in hurting people's lives by simply treating the symptoms, never the root cause of their problems. As a Christian, Nancy was convicted that God was the only one that could bring healing and restoration to lives, resulting in a person being able to fulfil the destiny God desired.

In 2000 Mercy Ministries became an international organisation with the first home opening outside the USA in Sydney, Australia. Since then additional homes in New Zealand and in the United Kingdom have joined forces to impact the lives of young women in distress.

'Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.' Ps 28:6

Mercy Ministries is a national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing a six-month residential programme for young women suffering from life controlling issues. We deal with the root cause of these issues and address all aspects of a young woman's well being with the sole intent of bringing her to a place where she is able to smile at her future.

Our structured programme consists of:

- A discipleship programme called *Choices that Bring Change*, which offers in-depth individualised sessions on a one-to-one basis
- Biblical teaching
- Life skills training
- Fitness and nutrition
- Residential care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- After care and staff support

Who does our programme help?

Mercy Ministries is a distinctly Christian organisation dedicated to helping young women – ages 18 to 28 – who have a strong desire to change and who specifically seek our care for a variety of addictions and hurts.

The applicants are predominantly from Christian backgrounds and seek our help because of our faith-based approach.

Women below the age of 18 may apply to our programme but we are unable to offer a residential place until the age of 18.

Applicants are dealing with issues such as:

- Eating disorders
- Self harm

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Suicide tendencies
- Unplanned pregnancy
- Drug & alcohol abuse
- Effects of sexual, physical and emotional abuse

Or any other issue that is controlling a young woman's life.

How is Mercy Ministries unique?

Individual care plan

Women entering our programme require individual care and attention. Issues are assessed and a plan to stage the recovery process is formulated. The length of stay is approximately six months with some variations dependent on individual issues and progress. Graduation is celebrated when a resident has worked through the stages of recovery and consistently demonstrates that she is equipped with the necessary life skills and strategies to integrate back in to society and lead a productive and fulfilling life.

Voluntary Programme

Although Mercy Ministries is a voluntary programme, residents are expected to participate with the staff and be involved in all aspects of the programme. Residents are free to leave the programme at any time.

No Cost

Our programme is provided completely free of charge. The purpose of this is to demonstrate that we value any young woman who is serious about changing her life, no matter who she is, what background she is from, or what her financial circumstance.

Complete Restoration

If a young woman is willing to face and work through her issues, change is possible no matter what the situation or circumstance. It requires a great deal of courage and it is enormously challenging, but it is possible. Working with the staff and facilities made available, the residents have the choice to move beyond minimal function and in most cases, into a life that is rewarding and fulfilling.

Location of Mercy Ministries homes

Mercy Ministries UK currently operates one residential home in Oxenhope, West Yorkshire with plans to expand across the UK.

Mercy Ministries UK church affiliation

Mercy Ministries is a non-denominational organisation. All young women are welcome to apply regardless of religious or spiritual background. Each residential home is affiliated with a local church in the community that supports the

programme. The young women attend church services as part of the programme.

Who financially supports the program?

Mercy Ministries is financially supported through individual donors, church partnerships, trust funds, corporate partnerships and fundraising events that are held throughout the year.

If you are interested in receiving an application form for our programme, please click [here](#)

MERCY MINISTRIES UK

Mercy Ministries UK was overseen by Paul Scanlon Snr Pastor Abundant Life Church, Bradford, England in 1999, the charity has blossomed and is now headed up by Executive Director Arianna Walker – featured in Issue 19 of 3-in-1 The Voice.

Mercy Ministries UK is a Christian charity set up to provide residential support for young women aged 18-28, with eating disorders, self harm, depression and the effects of abuse in all its forms. Passionate about God's heart towards His daughters, she inspires women of all ages to overcome brokenness and adversity to reach their God given potential.'



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