



NEW LIFE CENTER FOR CHILDREN & MOTHERS



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2016



"DIRECTOR'S PAGE"

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! This has been an amazing year in the lives of the families in this ministry. We are currently full with six moms and fifteen children, in addition to four full-time and one part-time staff members. And, Praise the Lord, every mother is employed with a vehicle or working towards a vehicle. While things within the ministry continue to move forward, it has not done so without trials; but with those trials we have developed more faith and trust in the Lord. We have learned that in those times our dependence on Him is greater, which only grows our relationship and allows Him to move mightily. "God hath not promised skies always blue, Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through; God hath not promised sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, Grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy and undying love". James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing". As directors, the Lord has placed His vision for this ministry in our hearts and we are so grateful to be chosen for this amazing journey He has placed before us. God puts dreams in our hearts and writes a destiny over our lives. If we trust Him enough to take Him at His word, we will find ourselves on a journey toward the fulfillment of that dream... I want to take a moment to thank the SYC Warrior Wrestling team for volunteering a Saturday to clean up the property. It truly blessed my heart to see all those young people working hard to help us and give back to their community as well! Also, a big thank you to the adults who came to support them!! A very big "Thank You" also goes to everyone who supported the "Give a Family a Christmas". I can't even begin to thank you enough for all your generosity during the Holiday season. Every single family was blessed beyond measure and for some of our families, this was their first Christmas together in a very long time. The seeds being sown into the Christmas project grow a little more every year, and the children were all filled with smiles and laughter on Christmas morning. The most important thing was the presence of Jesus as they opened their presents. As we begin 2016, let us not forget the number 16 symbolizes new beginnings, love, birth, judge/judgement, law, and rising of youth. This is going to be a year of the supernatural and we are so excited to see what the Lord has in store for His people.

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“DION’S TESTIMONY”

My name is Dion Marie Ferrara and I am 36 years old. I am a proud mother of four children from New Jersey. I was addicted to drugs and alcohol for 22 years prior to coming to New Life for Girls. The whole time I was in my addiction I was in and out of many different programs to try to get help. In 2012 I lost everything including my children and I felt forced into a six month program. I thought that getting clean and sober was good enough. In 2013 the Children and Youth program gave my children back to me and we began the mommy and me program where once again I began to neglect my children, I became depressed and very overwhelmed. I was not doing any real work in my recovery process and I relapsed. I continued to run from my issues, and my children were once again taken from me. When my children were taken for the second time I truly began to spin out of control, losing all hope for any future. I began to feed my addiction, with prostitution and got involved in crime, In January 2014 I began to ask God to help me get off the streets because I was getting tired of the ugly life I was living. God opened a door for me to go into a Christian program in New York. I began to heal regain self worth and build a relationship with the Lord. While in this program the Judge in charge of my children explained I would have to do several things before he would give me my children back. I contacted New Life for Girls, desperate to continue to change my life and to be a mother to my children again. August 2014 I entered New Life for Girls and I was so grateful for this opportunity and excited to see what the Lord had for my families future. Through this program I learned more forgiveness, healing and most importantly I have learned who I am in Christ! I have begun to except the Lords love because I know that He calls me worthy! December 2014 I was awarded full-custody of my children and they came to live with me in the program. When my children were returned to me they were in desperate need of healing! Everyday we faced a new challenge with their behavior but because I was a different person and the had the Lord by my side we have overcome these obstacles and my children have received their healing and are walking with the Lord! We now live at the Children’s Center and I have learned to be a productive, responsible parent. I am working two part-time jobs and I am working on my GED! This is only possible because of God’s Grace and Mercy on my life. The scripture that I hold onto is 1 Corinthians 2:9 That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him”

“OPERATION OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW”



Operation out with the old and in with the new is our project to remove all carpet within the center and replace with new and durable carpet that can withstand another twenty years! We are trusting the Lord to provide the \$15,000.00 needed for this project. Rachel wrote a grant and we were awarded \$5,000.00 through the RAYAC foundation, “Praise the Lord”!! I have even more great news, I have a donor who is willing to match dollar per dollar up to \$1,000.00. We are excited to announce we have a total of \$7,000.00. We know that this is a larger project but we know the Lord is the one who has always provided for His ministry here and I know that all we have to do is walk in Faith and Belief that He will meet this need. **Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.** If you feel the Lord leading you to sow into this project please call **Rachel 717-654-6734**. We thank you for continuing to sow your support and prayers into this ministry that God uses to transform the lives of the



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We ask that you would pray and consider a financial gift this month to help with our current budget needs. If you have any specific questions as to how you can direct your giving, please contact Rachel at 717-235-6295. God Bless You!