



## NEW LIFE CENTER FOR CHILDREN & MOTHERS

But they that wait upon the  
**LORD**  
shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;  
they shall run, and not be weary;  
and they shall walk, and not faint.



August & September 2016

Isaiah 40:31



### "NATALIE'S TESTIMONY"

*My name is Natalie and I am 40 years old. I have three amazing children and a beautiful life today that I never thought was possible. I was raised in a loving, stable home, as a young adult I began living contrary to all the beliefs and morals my parents instilled in me. I often felt empty and alone. I was lost and sought out those things the world said would give me the happiness and peace I was so desperate to have. I chased after success, possessions, relationships and, anything to feel love and acceptance. Any satisfaction I was seeking at that time was short-lived and, I always found myself even more empty, feeling worthless, and unlovable. I wore a different mask for everyone, and nobody knew the darkness and depression that was slowly suffocating me. Twenty years ago I began using drugs to numb the hurt, rejection, and failure that haunted me. As I drifted in and out of active addiction I destroyed every relationship in my life. I lied, manipulated, and stole without hesitation. I had periods of sobriety that brought hope to those that loved me, but my selfish choices destroyed the rebuilt trust too many times. I lost custody of my two oldest children when my husband divorced me. I was an unfit mother, daughter, sister, friend, and I gradually alienated everyone from my life. I didn't care who I hurt. Eventually my own mother wanted nothing to do with me. My addiction took me places I never thought I would go. My life was a revolving door of jails, rehabs, and psychiatric hospitals. In May 2014, I found myself all alone in a cold jail cell. I was facing 15-20 years for armed robbery. I was completely broken. I looked over my life and my heart shattered because I finally saw the destruction, and hurt I caused everyone who loved me. I cried out to God from the depths of my soul and I believe in that moment He changed my heart of stone to a heart of flesh. In an instant my eyes were opened and Godly sorrow led me to repentance. From that cry of hopelessness and shame God met me and washed me in His perfect love and peace. It was only God's gentle and forgiving touch on my life that has brought me to the beautiful life I have today. He opened my prison doors and set me free in every way. He continues to restore me and grow me every day into the woman He always purposed me to become. He has used the ministry of New Life for Girls to radically change everything about me, and today I am a new creation in Him. He freed me from the chains of addiction, and mental illness. Because of His boundless grace and mercy He saved me from spending my remaining days in a prison cell. He took the ashes of my mess and painted a portrait of love, family, and joy. All three of my children have been restored to me, and my mother is proud to call me her daughter again. I know my mom is a gift from God who displays His unconditional love for me, and I thank God for her everyday. I am overwhelmed with gratitude every day because I know I am eternally and infinitely loved by my creator. God's relentless love for me pursued me to the depths of my darkness and rescued me from death. Because of His love I will never ever be the same! Ephesians 3:20 God can do anything, you know-far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.*

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"CURRENT PROJECTS"



Our summer youth program has been a big success, many memories have been made, memories that are going to last a lifetime, but this summer season is quickly coming to an end, and our children will be returning back to school. I have several families that currently are in need of financial assistance for back to school clothes. We will be holding a car wash to help fundraise for this need on August 20th, 8am, at Shrewsbury Assembly of God, it is donation only. Please come out and help support this event. We are so thankful to St. Paul Lutheran Church that has sponsored each child for a back pack and school supplies.



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 also know the Lord is the one who has always provided for His ministry here, I know that all we have to do is walk in Faith and Believe 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 one of these projects 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 families that reside here.



"DIRECTOR'S CORNER"



Greetings in the Name of the Lord! Brad and I are excited to share that five families have successfully transitioned from the Children's Center, and they all seem to be doing very well in the new season they are in. As soon as the house emptied the Lord filled it back up with all new families. Currently, we are full once again, and we are anticipating another successful season for each of our families. Brad and I are going into our fifth season here at the Children's Center, and we have been given the chance of seeing lives transformed, family's restored and the hand of God do miracles right before our eye's. When situations have seemed impossible to achieve victory over, He **ALLWAYS** makes a way and hold's true to his word. Today these families that were once lost with no hope have been restored and have found hope once again. Each mother and child has a testimony of God's Grace in their lives that will touch your heart in a way that you cannot deny God's unfailing, unchanging love for us. Thank you to everyone who believes in the work that is being done here, it's because of your willingness to be used by the Lord to sow seed into this ministry is why we are able to save one family at a time.



**The Covenant Cup Challenge**

**Oct 4 @ 1pm @Heritage Hills**  
**Individual golfer cost: \$100**

**Donation to**  
**NLFMC**

**\$10,000 Hole**  
**in One Prize**

**PLUS many**  
**other give-**

**ways Corpo-**  
**rate Sponsor-**  
**ships Availa-**



**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!**