

SUMMER  
2016

# GUIDING LIGHT

## LOVING KINDNESS

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## QUARTERLY UPDATE

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### *Hello friends and supporters!*

Doesn't it seem as if this summer is just flying by? We think so too, but just like the seasons keep going—so do we! We have been busy as usual in our efforts to make significant impacts on the community. With a focus on the Gospel, our Life Skills program assists young ladies and women in reaching their goals of employment and housing. We are thankful for the new and continued support from all of you! We thank God sincerely for providing community support over the years from individuals and churches like you!

We have enjoyed serving several new residents over the summer. We are making new partnerships with agencies that recognize what we have to offer, as well as collaborating with the court-systems to serve ladies who may need a second chance.

With a focus on pregnancy, Guiding Light is a specialized option for expectant moms facing homelessness or unfavorable living conditions. Pregnancy that is unexpected/unplanned can be extremely stressful for a mother who is not fully prepared, but it can also give her the push and motivation she needs to take steps toward self-sufficiency. We are currently expecting three babies at our facilities!

Lillian Jones, Assistant Director

### Needs list

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Gently used women's & baby clothing

Gently used pack n'plays & cribs

Kitchen appliances & household items  
for transitioning residents

New or gently used carseats & boosters

Baby items (shampoo, lotion, diapers,  
wipes, bottles, binkies, powder etc)

List created by our Resident  
Inventory Specialist Krista

### TOILET-PAPER DRIVE

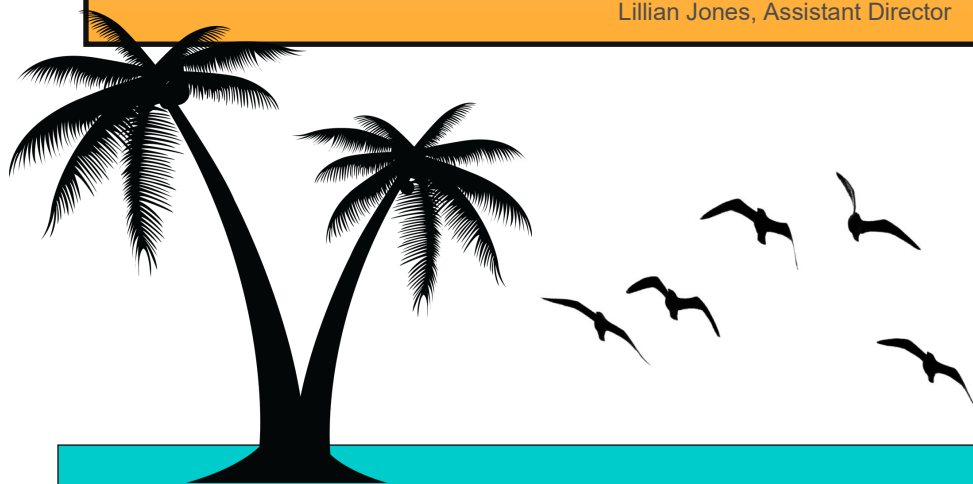
Not surprisingly, one of the continuous needs that we have here at our ministry is toilet paper! We can serve up to 15 women plus their children at one time—so these necessary products go quickly...

We are asking your church congregation or group to hold a Toilet-Paper Drive that will benefit Guiding Light's three residential facilities.

Paper towels and tissues are also crucial items that could be included in your drive.

To arrange a drop-off for collected items call Lily @ 419.615.5653

**THANK YOU!**



## Resident Quotes:

"Guiding Light is helping me return to my independence."

-Jami

"Guiding Light was a beacon for me when I was in my darkest time."

-Sandy

"I like Guiding Light because **they make me feel comfortable.**"

-Cindy

"Even though I have only been here a short time, **the people here have already helped me with so much.**"

-Alaina

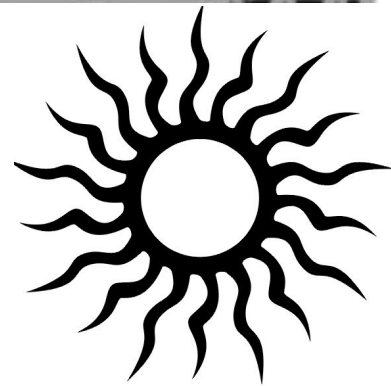
## Looking for Mentors:

Are you compassionate & caring? Do you desire to make a local difference, and positively impact the life of a young lady? Mentoring may be the right volunteer position for you!

What does mentoring involve?

- Fill out a Volunteer Application at Guiding Light.
- We will match you with a resident that may need some extra support during her stay at one of our residences.
- You can set casual meetings, lunch dates, and other activities to build a relationship with the client.
- You will be a part of the support system that helps her meet her goals.

For more information or to schedule a meeting to sign up: contact Lily at 419.615.5653



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### CHECK THIS OUT!

- Chipotle Fundraiser:

[August 10th] from 4-8 p.m. - 50% of sales w/ flyer will go to Guiding Light Ministries. We've provided a flyer & a mobile version is available on our Facebook page @guidinglightlima.

- Allen County Fair Parade:

[August 14th] at 2 p.m. - Guiding Light Ministries will be there representing our organization! Come see us!

- Evening of Inspiration:

[September] Look for the Save the Date that is included in this mailing! Limited Seating, more details to come.

Photo credit: Resident Ally F.



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*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17*

