



AUTUMN
2015

GUIDING LIGHT

LOVING KINDNESS

QUARTERLY UPDATE

592 S Main St Lima, Ohio

Hello friends and supporters!

"Hi! My name is Krystale, and my story is some of what others go through..."

In 2012 I met the most amazing man, well it was at first then the relationship did a 360. By now he was beating me daily, and we had two children together. In October 2013 I started using drugs with him, and by November I had given away my children and was hooked bad. I started doing things I'm not proud to say I have done, but at the same time what I did made me who I am today. I became pregnant again in 2014, and was very hooked on drugs. I ended up in trouble and went to jail for 45 days. When I was released, my probation officer told me I was going to a home in Lima called Guiding Light. I'm not gonna lie, at first I was mad. I didn't think I would make it there, but once I was there I did something I didn't normally do—I cried. My stay there wasn't all rainbows and sunshine, I had my ups and downs like anyone and more than once said I'd rather be in jail, but at the end of the day I was glad I wasn't. I noticed after some time being there I was a lot happier and can't imagine my life not knowing some of the people I met there. They helped me through a lot of struggles, and Julianne goes above and beyond what other people would normally do. Another woman who is like a mom to me is Sherry, she was there for me anytime, day or night, and now I will have a bond with her for the rest of my life, just like all the workers have a place in my heart. Because of my time spent here I have full custody of my daughter, I am working on getting my other kids back, and I believe in God. Guiding Light is a special place, and it will change your life if you let it."

Special Thanks to New Supporters:

Diamond Essence Motorcycle Club

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The Village in Cridersville

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ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS

- Friday December 11th, 2015 we will be holding a Scotch Doubles Bowling Fund-raiser in Wapakoneta. We have room for forty teams of two! **For more information contact:**
Sherri Hale 419-204-4428
- Testimonial Lunches: We would love the opportunity to come speak at your church, business, or group! **To schedule a Testimonial Lunch contact:**
Julianne Frankhouser 419-236-7935
- Resident Sponsorship: If you or your church, business, or group would like to make a difference in the community, consider sponsoring a resident at Guiding Light! A monetary gift of \$50 will cover a week of costs for housing, transportation, food, clothing items, etc. for one young lady in need of our residential services. **To sponsor a resident at Guiding Light contact:**
Lillian Jones 419-615-5653



The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8

Staff & Volunteer Reflections



I love seeing the good things that we do for the girls. I like seeing the progress the girls make while they're here. They come in with a negative view on life and leave with a positive view.

-Jade

"I enjoy seeing the positive impact that we make on the girls' lives"

- Pat

"After being a resident, I decided to volunteer at Guiding Light. It is so awesome being a part of such an amazing work. The transformation in the girls from start to finish is amazing. I see God work in their lives through all of us",

-Sarah

"My experience with the girls has been very rewarding and life changing. They come to the table broken and depressed, but when we pray together, something changes in them little by little. They fight over which Devotion book they will read to us. They open up and tell us how they feel and what the scriptures mean to them. They tell us what they want us to pray about to change their lives, so we do."

- Sandy

"My experience at Guiding Light is that I get to witness the young ladies transform into independent people. They get jobs and eventually move out on their own. And, to top it off, my boss Julianne is awesome and I feel BLESSED to work with her!"

-Linda

"I like seeing the difference that we make, even if it is only in the way that they view themselves. I love hearing them go from 'I can't do that' or 'I don't know what to do,' to 'I can do that!' It is good knowing that every staff member is here to see each girl better herself."

-Sherry

"I came into Guiding Light to provide guidance & support to young girls & mothers during trying times but what I didn't expect was the support & guidance the house has given me in return. It has taught me to be a better person & mother. The closeness within the house among the residents & the staff make you feel at home & daily devotions have brought me closer to God & my faith than ever before. The home has been a blessing for the Lima community."

-Angela

"What I like about Guiding Light is that not only does it give them a place to stay, but also a chance for them to bounce back on their feet by helping them find a job, a place to live, getting an education, helping with any kid needs, goal setting, cooking skills, but most of all, self worth."

-Britanie