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GUIDING LIGHT “LOVING KINDNESS”

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VISION STATEMENT
GUIDING LIGHT
WOMEN'S HOME TRUTH FOR YOUTH, INC.

GUIDING LIGHT MINISTRIES is dedicated to providing the highest quality educational program with the cornerstones of value instilling, self-worth among residents and staff. We also provide quality housing to ensure a safe and healthy environment..

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JAMI'S STORY

When I was brought to Guiding Light Home in Lima from Ft Wayne, I was hiding from reality, at my lowest point, while telling myself that I was ready for a major change in my life and that I needed to do whatever was necessary to find that change, along with people to help me with the accountability of my change.

That's what I found in Guiding Light. The staff kept me accountable with moving forward. Over time, my fears were resolving and I was able to allow myself to heal. I healed mentally and emotionally. I was able to attend classes, maintain employment and found myself volunteering as the basement coordinator. I definitely moved forward in doing what I needed to do.

I now have a solid support system from this ministry and am able to be productive once again and motivated to do so. I have moved into my own place and it feels good.

When I arrived here I just existed, now I am grateful to exist!

"It's not where you
take things from—
it's where you take
them to."
JEAN LUC GODARD



ANGELA'S STORY

Every addict or alcoholic believes the last time was the last time, but that is not always the case. This time, however, the one thing I am doing differently is that I give God all the glory. I now ask Him to help me get through each challenge I encounter, rather than turning back to what I know doesn't work.

I had been clean approximately three months when I arrived at Guiding Light Ministries on Friday, August 5, 2016. I hit the ground running on Monday and filled out necessary paperwork at Job and Family Services, and stopped at a few businesses nearby and picked up job applications. On Tuesday I dropped off my first application, and I started on Thursday, August 11th.

Unlike previous times I had obtained clean time, this time instead of immediately looking for housing I attempted a different path. I began attending AA meetings on a weekly basis, and started saving money from my new job. I formulated a plan that would allow me to obtain Christmas items for my two children, as I worked the program of attending devotions and classes provided on a weekly basis. After church on Sundays, my father would pick me up, take me to pick up my children, and then take me to his house for visitation. He would then take my children home, and bring me back home. As I felt more confident, I began to accomplish many things. My employer told me the position of Kitchen Manager would be available in June and he would like me to take it. I attended and completed a Trauma Class @ Coleman Professionals, Parenting Class, received a Recovery Coach and medication there and an 8-hour Driver's Safety class. I then paid off fines and reinstatement fees, obtained a car, and my permit. I had kept these little accomplishments to myself, and so after getting my Driver's License back after seven years, I videoed the reaction of my children when I picked them up myself. I know I will replay it over and over, hearing my daughter say, "I'm so proud of you."

I now have almost 10 months of clean time. I continue to attend AA, see my Recovery Coach, and have visitation with my children every week. I also maintain my attendance at classes, church and keep up with my daily chore. I keep all scheduled doctor's appointments and take medications as prescribed. My next step is to obtain housing, and today I will go commit to a fully furnished home. I see God at work in every aspect of my life and I recognize I could not have done any of this on my own, but only with His help. Everything I have been through in the past was for a reason, and the reason is summed up best by my favorite verse in the Bible - Romans 8:28 which states, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." (KJV).

Guiding Light LOVING-KINDNESS STAFF and RESIDENT INSIGHT.....

“One specific morning, as I began to braid my hair, I looked in the mirror and it was not my reflection. I did not see me, but rather I seen who My Heavenly Father sees. This was a turning point in my life. This picture reminded me of that moment. May we always see ourselves as God sees us, and not as others see us.”



-Sherry Light House Housemother

“ I have an ugly past and until I started my new journey with God, I had no hope. My life was completely changed. I never knew how beautiful life could be. No matter what I’m going through He has always been there with me, whether I believed it or not. I now have hope and faith that He gives me strength and courage. That makes me keep fighting. I see how beautiful life truly is.”

-Alexis

“ I have been a Housemother for Guiding Light for over two years. The first time I stepped foot into the main house I knew this was the place that God wanted me to be. Each girl that comes to Guiding Light Ministries has her own story that needs a little help as it is being written. As a Housemother, my job is to help guide her as she enters the next chapter of her life. Some girls have an outline of how they want their book to end and some girls are still writing their first chapter with no ending in sight. I feel honored to be a part of changing every life God sends my way.”

-Tammy Resting Place Housemother

“You can dance in the rain, and wait for the rainbow or, let the storm determine to keep you captive. You get to choose. Don't let your past or your problems determine where you are going With God. You can weather any storm and land in the sunshine.”

-Jess Girl Talk Support Group Facilitator

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