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Guiding Light Ministries Quarterly Newsletter

## Holly's Story

I entered Guiding Light, 6 days of being clean off heroine and benzos. I was shaking, nervous, nauseas. Still dealing with withdrawal symptoms. Most of all I was TERRIFIED! Here I was a 33 year old woman having to face all the mistakes I made during my active addiction. It was extremely OVERWHELMING! Previously I was a successful business owner, a wife, and a mother. I was so ashamed of my choices. On my first day at the house, the Housemother said, "We like to talk here but most of all we are good listeners." I soon found out I was living with women that had similar issues. We were able to lean on each other for support. I had to relearn structure in life. There were chores, classes, devotions and curfews. On Sundays, women from all the houses went to church together. That is where the first time in a very long time I heard that still small voice. To be honest, I rebelled. I didn't make the best choices. I had consequences and I learned a valuable lesson. Pat encouraged me to make a list of goals. I had many things set up for my life to gain self-sufficiency and move forward. I started working and was active at NA. I found inner strength from God to keep trying. I met Amazing women that are still in my Life, that I lived with and worked there.



## Holly's story continued.....

I must admit, I fought it and wanted things my way through it all. My stay was short but the lessons I learned will be forever with me. In the end after many struggles, I found my way back home with my family. They welcomed me home with open arms. My children are the most loving and forgiving people I know. They are just FULL OF LOVE. God also led me back to my Husband. I am beyond BLESSED to have this unconditional love. I am now a Wife and most importantly a Mother to my sons. My life motto has become His will and not mine. Guiding Light and the lessons learned helped me to recover, to face my issues, and to listen to God. TO trust in HIM in all that I do. FOR THAT I AM GRATEFUL!!

Save the Date!

## ANNUAL "EVENING OF INSPIRATION" DINNER

**OCTOBER 23, 2017**

For more info or to RSVP: email  
[1guidinglight@gmail.com](mailto:1guidinglight@gmail.com)

Each year, Guiding Light Ministries hosts a wonderful evening of good food, friends and powerful testimonies from the ladies who have achieved success after living at one of the homes of Guiding Light. Please join us for this special Formal evening.



## Board Members

Words of wisdom are always an important part of life from those we admire, trust and can learn from. Let's see what the Board Members of Guiding Light Ministries has to say.

### Dr. Scherger

"Life is a series of choices between the bad, the good, and the best. Everything depends on how we choose. Try to choose the best."

Dr. Bill Scherger



### Mike Inbody

"We all face trials and tribulations. It is through those times our faith in a loving God is sustained. For we lean on His word that proclaims, 'Christ in you, the HOPE of glory.'" Col 1:27

### Dr. Tom Holmes

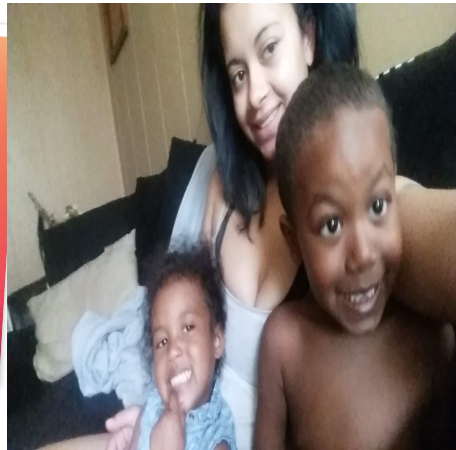
"The new mission field in our time and in our culture is to care for the addicted, struggling and broken. God has placed a mandate for His Church-the Body of Christ-to do His work of healing with boldness and without fear. God is LOVE. Perfect love casts out all fear. That is our rallying cry!



### Director: JULIANNE FRANKHOUSER

THIS YEAR, WE WERE PRONOUNCED AS THE "NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR" FOR 2017 AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GALA. JULIANE WAS ALSO NOMINATED IN THE TOP 3 FOR THE "ATHENA AWARD". WE THANK ALL WHO NOMINATED US AND HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT US OVER THE YEARS! BLESSINGS TO ALL!!





## Shanta's Story

Shanta' was one of the first residents of the Guiding Light Home. Here is her story.

"Well I have honestly come a very long way after I left from there. I am no longer with my kid's father. I tried hard, it didn't work out. I have been at Ada Tech for almost 3 years. I live in my own apartment. My son is now 5 and my daughter that I was pregnant with is now 3 years of age. I used to have a car, but unfortunately, my ex wrecked it. I'm not saying my life has been great. Of course I have had ups and downs, but the main thing that keeps me going is having my kids next to me telling me that I'm a great mom! Everything I do is for them. I have not yet finished school, but am working towards continuing to meet my goals in life. This I learned through the Life Skills Program at Guiding Light."

## RAISE THE ROOF!

We are raising funds for a much needed roof at our second location Resting Place. We have had the property for two years now and repairs are needed. WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you would like to donate for this cause please make checks out to Guiding Light and put in the memo "Raise the Roof". You can also access our paypal through our website: [www.guidinglighthouse.org](http://www.guidinglighthouse.org).

For more info email [1guidinglight@gmail.com](mailto:1guidinglight@gmail.com)

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!



## Mean Green Golf Classic

Thanks to all who supported the Silent Auction on June 18, hosted by Hartsock Realty!!

International Tank Service  
O'Reilleys  
Sielchott, Walsh, Keifer and Regula  
Nitza's  
Kelly's Boutique  
Western Sizzlin'

Westgate Lanes  
Cooper Tire-Mike Inbody  
Godfather's Pizza  
Military Surplus  
Concealed Carry Classes  
YMCA  
We were also able to do a 50/50 drawing. ALL A SUCCESS!!!

# KATHY'S HOUSE

## OFFICIAL JUNE 19, 2017

Kathy's House is officially open for any woman struggling for Addiction, PTSD, and Human Trafficking. This beautiful, serene home has been utilized over the years for counseling many people in need. Today we have prepared it for another location that Guiding Light Ministries can assist women in becoming self-sufficient and taking on the identity God already designed for them. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME HOUSEMOTHER!



**YES—I want to invest in the future of our community!**

**INDIVIDUAL PLEDGE CARD FOR:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

2015 GT Gifts to United Way of Summer County are tax-deductible.

**United Way**

**United Way of Summer County**  
1531 Hunt Club Boulevard, Suite 110  
Gallatin, TN 37066  
(615) 461-8371

\$ Pledge Amount

☐ Check Enclosed (Make checks payable to United Way of Summer County)

☐ Bill Quarterly

First Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

## United Way Pledge Cards

As many of you know, Guiding Light does not receive Government funding. We rely solely on support from individuals, businesses, churches, agencies and foundations to assist us in operating. One of the ways YOU can help is by designating your United Way Pledges to Guiding Light. We appreciate all donations BIG or small.

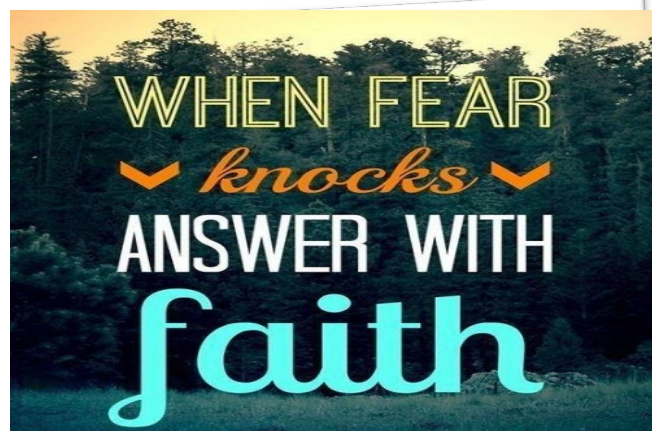
## How can I donate?

- 1) Make checks payable to Guiding Light



- 2)  on our website  
guidinglighthouse.org

- 3) CASH DONATION



## NEEDS LIST

Garbage bags	Ziploc baggies	bathroom cleaner (toilet and shower)	plunger
Drano	Mop Soap	Pledge	toilet paper
Dishwasher tabs	Bibles	Journals	Dish soap
envelopes	stamps	Gas cards	Planners
Masking tape	Tupperware	Thank You Notes	folders
Weed Trimmer	Pest/Wasp spray	Copy Paper	Scotch tape &
Pepto Bismol, Mylanta, Aspirin, Tylenol, Ibuprofen	Light bulbs 60W, 100W	Carpet Shampooer	power strips
	Chip clips	simple tool set	
		Glass cleaner	



