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## **GUIDING LIGHT "LOVING KINDNESS"**

NEWSLETTER



### WHAT WE OFFER

ON OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE THERE ARE MULTIPLE THINGS LINED UP FOR THE GIRLS TO PARTICIPATE IN. STARTING WITH SUNDAY WE GO TO CHURCH TOGETHER AND HAVE A FAMILY DINNER AFTER THAT. THEY THEN HAVE TUTORING WITH THEIR GED TEACHER. THROUGH THE WEEK THEY HAVE SEWING. **COOKING AND PARENTING** CLASSES. WE ALSO COLLABORATE WITH SAFY FOR EDUCATIONAL CLASSES, HEARTBEAT OF LIMA AND THE BABY PROJECT. THE GIRLS ALSO HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP MIDWEEK CALLED "GIRL TALK". THE GIRLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PLAN THEIR OWN DEVOTIONAL TOPICS TWICE A WEEK. THEY ALSO **VOLUNTEER WITHIN THE** COMMUNITY.

# SPONSORSHIP FOR EACH RESIDENT

EVERY MONTH, OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO A YOUNG LADY. IT IS \$250 MONTH AND ASSISTS THE YOUNG LADY WITH PAYING GED TEST FEES. EMPLOYMENT NEEDS, BIRTH CERTIFICATE, DRIVERS ED, PERSONAL ITEMS AND CLOTHING NOT OTHERWISE DONATED, ETC. THE SPONSORS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE YOUNG LADIES ONE-ON-ONE. THEY CAN ALSO COME TO THE YOUNG LADIES DINNER NIGHT AND BE SERVED A FULL COURSE MEAL. IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A YOUNG LADY PLEASE CONTACT JULIANNE AT (419)-236-7935 OR EMAIL AT 1GUIDINGLIGHT@GMAIL.COM. OUR ADDRESS IS 592 S. MAIN ST. LIMA IF YOU WOULD TO RECEIVE A TOUR. (PLEASE CALL AHEAD)







## MARLYNN'S STORY

#### HELLO EVERYONE,

MY NAME IS MARLYNN, AND I HAVE A STORY TO TELL. I GOT PREGNANT WHEN I WAS 16. I ATTENDED THE OPT CENTER FOR MY HIGHSCHOOL EDUCATION. IT WAS A SCHOOL FOR PARENTING TEEN MOMS IN LIMA. THEY HELPED PREPARE ME FOR MY DIPLOMA AND HELPED ME TO SEEK JOB EMPLOYMENT. THEY REFERRED ME TO GUIDING LIGHT BECAUSE MY LIVING SITUATION WAS UNSTABLE. I WAS LIVING PLACE TO PLACE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. ONCE I MOVED INTO GUIDING LIGHT I WAS ABLE TO GET EMPLOYMENT. I WORKED 2 JOBS. MY SON WAS 19 MONTHS AND I WAS 6 MONTHS PREGNANT. I STAYED FOCUSED AND DETERMINED..... IT WASN'T EASY. I LEARNED THAT IF YOU WANT SOMETHING IN LIFE YOU HAVE TO GO OUT THERE AND GET IT-NO MATTER WHAT! WITHIN 2 MONTHS I RECEIVED A CALL ABOUT HOUSING AFTER PUTTING IN APARTMENT APPLICATIONS. I WAS ABLE TO MOVE IN TO MY FIRST HOME WITH MY SON. I WOULD DELIVER MY DAUGHTER SHORTLY AFTER GETTING MY OWN PLACE.

I LEARNED SO MUCH FROM GUIDING LIGHT. I LEARNED HOW TO SAVE MONEY FOR THINGS NEEDED, NOT WANTED. I LEARNED HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS AND TO NOT ALWAYS VOICE MY OPINION, EVEN THOUGH THIS WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I LEARNED HOW TO GET CLOSER TO GOD BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD BE IF IT WASN'T FOR HIM.

I KEPT THE FAITH AND GOT WHAT I NEED WITHOUT MUCH SUPPORT THROUGH IT ALL. I ALSO MENDED MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY MOTHER AND LOVE HER EVEN THOUGH WE SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

THIS IS HOW I BELIEVE NOW. I MAY HAVE GONE THROUGH THE STORM AND RAIN, BUT THE SUN IS STILL SHINING AT THE END OF MY PATH. I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH AND NEVER GAVE UP. I AM A PROUD MOTHER OF TWO, AND THIS IS MY STORY.



HEY LADIES! LETS SAVE!!!!!

## SADIE'S TIDBITS

#### MONEY SAVING TIPS

DID YOU KNOW AUNT MILLIES BREAD STORE ON ROBB AVE HAS LOAVES OF BREAD FOR ONLY 69CENTS ON MONDAYS!!! YOU CAN FREEZE MOST BREAD! CHECK IT OUT!!! EVERYONE NEEDS A CHIP CLIP. RIGHT? WELL, IF YOU BUY A 6 PACK OF CLOTHESPINS FOR ONLY \$1, YOU CAN SAVE A FEW DOLLARS INSTEAD OF BUYING THE ACTUAL CHIP CLIP! TRY IT!!

DO YOU HAVE A FIREPLACE? IF YOU STUFF YOUR DRYER LINT INTO A USED TOILET PAPER ROLL IT BECOMES A GREAT FIRE STARTER!!! WINTER 2014

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