

ESTHER HOUSE REENTRY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2017



MISSION

To provide a Christ-centered 12-month residential program for women transitioning from incarceration and chemical dependency who are seeking to be restored to a place of healing, wholeness and productivity.

VISION

Previously incarcerated women who will live free from chemical dependency and the cycle of recidivism will be stopped as they are being restored to wholeness in Christ to live full and meaningful lives.

WOW! What an amazing year we have had!!!

Quite a few of you have been involved with us from the very beginning. Many of you (individuals, clubs and churches) have already blessed us with donations (gifts, clothing, supplies, labor and money).



We had a couple false starts throughout the year until we were able to finally purchase the house our Lord chose for us on November 1st. There were many delays and it was frustrating at times. But as a friend told me, "God always knew the closing date." Our "Esther House" is located in Fruitland Park.



Throughout the rest of November and December we have been "taking out the old", replacing with new and "gently used." We have had the best volunteers donating countless hours of sweat equity to turn this house into a home. We will be sure to post our before and after pictures so you can "ooh" and "aah" along with us at the transformation of the Esther House as we prepare for our Lord's transformation of the Esther Women.

Our biggest projects are coming up. We are in the design stages for a fire sprinkler system and a fire alarm system (both required for group homes) and a complete electric overhaul. We can use your prayers for a smooth process and timely inspection approvals. So . . . yes . . . you get it . . . a lot of work has been done and there is still more to be completed. But, we are very hopeful that we are nearing the end. We have been truly blessed to witness our Lord's loving involvement every step of the way.



There's a few ways you can stay on top of what is happening with us. You can like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/estherhousefp/> and you can check out our new website <http://estherhouseentry.weebly.com>



We are still a “work in progress” but it won't be long until we have it just the way we want it. We hope you will visit our site and check out the various pages filling up with great information and pictures. As you will see, we have been very blessed.

Speaking of being blessed . . . we have volunteers who are signing up for a variety of roles in support of the Esther Women. Are you interested in becoming an Esther Volunteer? Check out the VOLUNTEERS page on our website for a list of opportunities. Signing up only commits you to a phone call from our Volunteer Coordinator. She will chat with you about your interests and God-given gifts. In January we will begin our training sessions so this is a great time to sign up. We are praying for a February opening. As said before, “God already knows the date.”

EVENTS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Many of you have already blessed us with an invitation to share our mission and vision:

- Boomer Loomers
- Calvary Chapel Mission Group; Women's Ministry
- Community United Methodist Church: Rebekah Circle; Friendship and Voyager Sunday School Classes; Eve Circle; Women Journeying Through the Bible Study Group
- Faith Presbyterian Church Women of Faith
- First Baptist Church of Wahoo – both Sunday services; Wahoo Women's Christmas Banquet
- New Covenant United Methodist Church Women's Group
- Sacred Fire Church Ministry Fair
- St. Timothy's Catholic Church
- Women's AA Group

We have a few more invitations planned for 2018. If you belong to a group, a club, or a church we would love the opportunity to tell you all about us.



On behalf of the **Esther House**, we wish you and yours a very warm and **Merry Christmas** and a happy, healthy **New Year**.

We look forward to your continued prayers and support in 2018. Blessings and love . . . Judi Courter, Executive Director

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