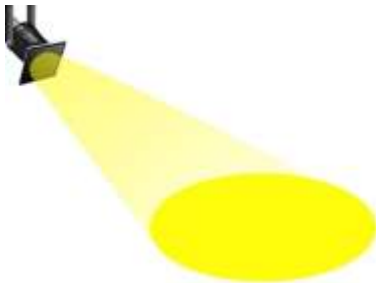


QUARTERLY ESTHER HOUSE REENTRY, INC. NEWSLETTER (#4) SEPTEMBER 2018

I don't know about you, but for me the year has been flying by! It is hard to believe we are already at the end of September. When we last communicated we had received our Certificate of Occupancy on June 5th, but the Lord knew we still had more work to do before welcoming our first Esther Women. We used every minute of it continuing to train the volunteers, working with our "partners", sharing our message with local churches and organizations. We interviewed and vetted potential candidates. We worked on "patience" as we allowed the Lord to do the choosing. The Lord has blessed us throughout this entire time – there isn't a place where His handprint is not embossed on this ministry. Praise the Lord!!! All the glory is His.



Spotlight

Our Esther House Volunteers (Counselors – Clinical / Christian / Addiction Recovery, Program Facilitators, Day Moms, Night Moms, Clothing Coordinator and team, Database Developer, Church Liaisons, Food Coordinator) have really stepped up and shown the Love of Christ in everything they have done. They have given freely of their time, energy, compassion and unconditional love . . . AND . . . Our Volunteer

Coordinator has done a yeoman's job scheduling, rescheduling, juggling outages and vacation time of all our Volunteers to ensure our commitment to 24 x 7 coverage at the Esther House. KUDOS and THANKS to all our Volunteers and a BIG SHOUT OUT OF THANKS to our Volunteer Coordinator!!!

After vetting and interviewing many potential clients we welcomed our first Esther Woman on July 25th, our second on August 1st and our third on September 17th. It was phenomenal the way our Lord staged their arrivals enabling us to slowly bring in our volunteers and begin our program on August 6th. As was expected, we worked through a few kinks and quickly made adjustments. God is Good!!!



Esther Louise and Ellie Blue arrived on August 18th and September 1st. They have already brought us countless hours of laughter. We enjoy watching them play and romp with each other. They have given us the opportunity to show unconditional love to God's precious creatures. They were 6 weeks (Esther) and 10 weeks (Ellie) old when we welcomed them into our lives. Both babies were looking for a forever home and they found it at the Esther House.

The love and support of our community continues. ***We asked and they said "Yes!!! We would be delighted!!!"*** In order not to overwhelm our neighborhood with



cars once our Esther Women started visiting with their families, *Community United Methodist Church* has blessed us with our use of the Fellowship Hall to hold our scheduled visitations. This has already proven to be a success – easy to find, ample parking, plenty of space . . . in God's House! Thank You CUMC!!!



August 17th *St. Timothy's Catholic Church* has blessed us with a beautiful van to transport our Esther Women. We have made great use of this gift – THANK YOU!!! There are program appointments almost every day. We always thought we would use multiple cars to transport all the women. We never dreamed we would be so blessed. When we put our faith in the Lord He blesses us abundantly.



“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

We always felt blessed to Women a nice, clean, and recover. Now we Women turning the We observe it when we or when furniture has instantly by the warmth enter the home. It is kept Our grounds are kept our volunteer who mows week and the Esther We look forward to as we enter the fall and we have also been blessed with quilts to adorn each of the bedrooms (one still in progress) from the *Karing Krafters of St. Timothy's Catholic Church* (yes . . . that's Esther Louise hiding out on top!)



be able to offer our Esther safe and secure place to heal have been witnessing the Esther Esther House into ***their*** home. see new pictures hung on walls been rearranged. We feel it that welcomes us the second we immaculate – inside and out. beautifully manicured thanks to the front lawn faithfully each Women who mow the back yard. festive decorations and flowers winter seasons. As you can see

We asked . . . He called . . . You answered. We continue to be blessed by so many. This quarter we give a warm thank you and shout out to: Acquisition and Distribution Diva, Beyond the Wall Food Pantry, Calvary Chapel Villages, Community United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church Women, Facebook – Network for Good, Faith Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church of Wahoo, Karing Krafters of St. Timothy's Catholic Church, Mulberry Quilters, St. Timothy's Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul Food Society of St. Timothy's Catholic Church, The Gap – Be What's Possible, and countless individuals as they donated food, provisions, clothing, and money. Again, thank you to our volunteers who have provided in excess of 1500 hours of service since our first Esther Woman walked through our doors.

You can visit us at <https://estherhouseentry.weebly.com/> Donations may be made to Esther House Reentry, Inc., P.O. Box 682, Fruitland Park, FL 34731. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Blessings and love . . .
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