



*a ministry extension
of Westview Community Church,
serving women who have
exited the sex industry*

Summer 2015 Newsletter

A note from The Homestead's Executive Director: Deb Kluttz

Volunteers, donors and faithful prayer supporters,

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank each of you for your investment in this Kingdom work!

I cannot adequately express how humbling it has been to watch the Lord use the vehicle of The Homestead to literally transform lives and send hopeless women in an entirely new hope-filled direction!

Twenty women have been impacted so far!

This opportunity has been absolutely overwhelming for those women who have been accepted into The Homestead program!

To be loved unconditionally, to be safe, to be surrounded by people of integrity, to be introduced to the love of God that is not judgmental or critical but full of grace and acceptance, and to become healthy in every aspect of one's life is a true gift indeed!

Career training separates The Homestead Program from most other transitional ministries/facilities as a unique bonus that makes sustaining a new lifestyle even possible for our Homesteaders!

Each of you have been a key player in this amazing ministry! Glory to God!

Much love,

~ Deb Kluttz



Deb Kluttz

New fund for Homestead graduates

In assisting our graduates' transition to independent living, we realized starting from scratch can be expensive, especially when old debtors and fines catch up with our grads.

We established a new fund just for assisting our graduates. This fund will be used solely for encouraging them in these financial hiccups they invariably face

that can be so overwhelming and discouraging.



Pepper resides in Detroit, MI.

We want our grads to know they are not alone in this journey. We don't pay the entire amount needed, but we match what they pay toward the financial need.

If you would like to donate to this new fund, please go to our web site and note that your donation



Ashley moves out of The Homestead.

is for the Matching Grant Fund.

Ashley and Pepper are now in their own apartments, working, and continuing to walk with the Lord and to move forward.

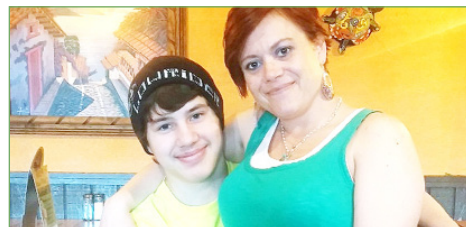
New Homestead Plus, apprenticeship sites

New apprenticeship site

J. Green Dog Studio has become a second job apprenticeship site for our Homestead ladies who want to be trained in the dog grooming career path. Thank you, Jaimie Green, for your wiliness to pour into our Homestead women in this substantial way through your business and your knowledge of this skill.



Jaimie Green



April and son, Fayden

April arrived at The Homestead March 15 from Wichita. She started a job apprenticeship in floral design. Her son, Fayden, has come to finish his schooling and get career training at Job Corp in Manhattan. April and Fayden stay weekends at one of our Homestead Plus sites so they can hang out together and each can have a little break from their programs. April has also reconnected with her parents and her 5-year-old son, Cable, who is still in Wichita, since being at The Homestead.

Two new Homestead Plus sites



Virginia Plummer

Homestead Plus is the option for our Homestead ladies who still have guardianship of their child(ren) to fully participate in our Homestead Program while living offsite with a screened/trained family along with their kid(s).

This incredible option allows the Homesteader the opportunity to continue parenting in a supportive environment while continuing her recovery work and while being trained in a job



Dennis & Dixie Nickel

apprenticeship! This option keeps mom and kid(s) together so the child does not have to be separated from mom for 6 months to 2 years while going through our program.

Dennis and Dixie Nickels are a retired couple with a big heart for people needing love and support.

They are currently hosting April and Jayden on the weekends so mother and son can be together and continue to work on strengthening their

relationship and making it healthier.

Virginia Plummer is a local kindergarten teacher who recently entered the empty nest season of life and decided that she could be a Homestead Plus site for Jessica and baby Aaliyah.

We are so grateful to our off site options so mommy and kiddos can be together, work on their relationships and be exposed to some great mentoring.

Thank you, Dennis, Dixie and Virginia for your incredible gift of hospitality!
— Deb Klutzz

Jessica came to us from Salina, where she was staying with a family there. Jess was 19 and pregnant when she entered our program and lived at The Homestead for two months before shifting to a Homestead Plus site before baby arrived. She now has a beautiful baby girl and, after spending some time with her parents out of town, has moved back to one of our



Jessica

Homestead Plus sites with her little one. She hopes to attend cosmetology school in the near future.



Jessica took the plunge at Westview Community Church's annual baptism/ pot luck at Lake Elbo! Exciting for her as she wants to publicly declare her faith in Christ and desire to follow Him whole-heartedly!

New Homesteaders

He makes all things new!



Heather

Heather is our newest Homesteader coming to us from Lexington, Ky. She is a mother of 3 boys and came to us through a partnership with a ministry called Natalie's Sisters in Kentucky. She hopes to be trained in the profession of dog grooming before graduating from The Homestead Program.



Chey

Chey is a native of the Topeka, Kansas, area, and she entered The Homestead in April of this year. Her desire, besides growing in her relationship with the Lord and continuing her recovery work, is to become a dog groomer through one of our job apprenticeships.

Homesteader update



Christana with her children

Christana has been in our program for a couple of years now and has lived off site with her 5 children in her own housing during that time. Recently, she chose to make the radical decision to move into The Homestead house to help her forward movement. Christana is employed as a dog groomer at Tail Waggen Inn.



*Each one is a
precious pearl
to us and to the Father!*

Most recent Homesteader

Marie is our most recent Homesteader. She was born and raised in Alaska, but she has lived in Kansas since last December. Marie's quiver is full with 11 children, so our Homestead team looks forward to helping Marie achieve her goals while with us as well as getting to know all of her beautiful children. Marie will pursue schooling in the near future.

Marie

Strip club outreach going strong



Our team has new faces, but each one has such love and compassion for the ladies still in the sex industry! (From left) Maris Deaver, Deb Kluttz, Derrick Barolet (security), Robin Diehl and Sophia Tolentino. Not pictured: Amanda Eilders.

Reaching out

Our Strip Club Outreach is still going strong.

We have recently been adding a card that gives the websites for a number of possible options for any of the gals currently in the industry to check out if they desire to do so.

We have some new faces on our outreach team now. Welcome Maris Deaver, Amanda Eilders and summer intern, Sophia!

We have had great conversations and prayer with the dancers.

There are so many exciting connections taking place with this ministry on a monthly basis. One of the most exciting was having one of our club owner-managers, her granddaughter and one of the dancers come to church as our guests!

We continue to visit four clubs monthly, distributing about 60 gifts and roses to these precious ladies.

Appreciating interns

The Homestead loves and appreciates our interns. Each internship is tailored to the intern's personal interests and gifting, plus what the greatest needs are at The Homestead.

Mentors spend time with not just one of our Homesteaders, but all of them!

Both interns this year have also served in various roles on our Strip Club Outreach Team.

Robin Diehl (R) is a Manhattan Christian College graduate and Sophia Tolentino (L) is a senior at K-State.

Out-of-state work team



A team from Journey Church in St. Louis came for a couple of days to tackle some manual labor projects at The Homestead. The screened porch got an overhaul, the three-acre lawn got completely manicured, window wells cleaned out, and new patio furniture was purchased to make an oasis for our ladies. Wow!



Contact us!

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