

THE Homestead

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Meet Our Family

2016- 2017 Newsletter



Above:
Deb, Amber,
Alexis

Left: Veronica,
Theresa, Sam,
and Amber

Below: Lindsey
(mentor) and
Amber



Top: Alexis, Veronica, Cassandra,
Amber, and Lindsey (mentor)

Center: Sam and Ashley

Bottom: Veronica and Stephani

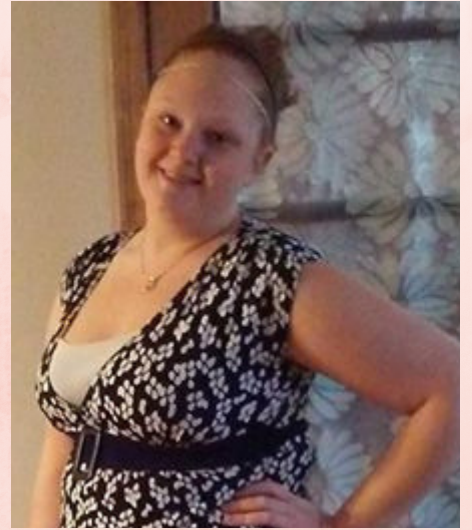
Meet Our Current Homesteaders



Samantha Bourbon is our newest addition to the Homestead. She moved in January 2017 from Wichita and is currently awaiting to enter Job Corp. She brings so much life, joy and laughter into the House.



Alexis Collier has been at the Homestead since July of 2016. She is a Manhattan native and is currently at a Job Apprenticeship at K-state.



Amber Crawford has been part of the Homestead since July 1 and has attended Job Corp, earned her high school diploma & CNA licensing. She is currently working at Via Christi as a CNA and loves it.

Lets Celebrate baptism!



Samantha was so excited to get baptized just this last Easter! Deb baptized her with the help of Sam's brother. We were just as excited as she was! What a way to celebrate Easter!

(The Homestead) "has helped me with my relationship with God, have confidence in myself and know what it's like to have support and unconditional love." - Samantha

Homestead Fun



Veronica and Sam volunteering at the Westview Easter Family Fun Event.



Homestead takes on Pillsbury Crossing Wildlife Area for a fun day in the sun.



Homesteaders attend Praisefest in Manhattan with Big Daddy Weave & Plumb!



How many Girls can we fit in a shower?



We had a blast at the Joyce Meyers Conference!



Our Voices are Heard

The Homestead ladies and their stories



Homestead panel at Homestead's Annual Volunteer Training! Veronica, Amber, Teresa, Samantha, Pepper & Ashley (Dec.'14 Homestead Graduates)



Teresa, Veronica, Ashley, Deb K., Samantha, Cassandra, & Amber share during TRU Church service on a Sunday morning!



Homestead Women participate in the End It Movement against human trafficking



Samantha, Alexis & Deb getting ready to speak at a Human Trafficking Coalition Meeting!

We Appreciate YOU!

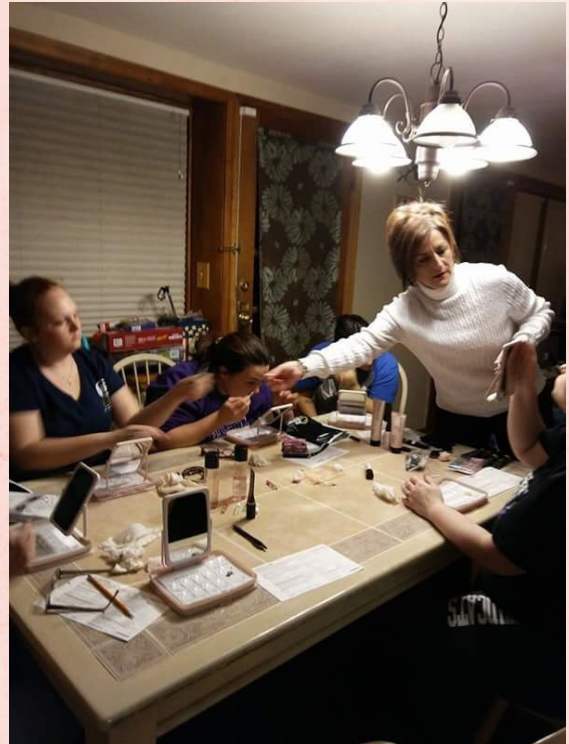
The Homestead wants to thank all of those who give their time, talents and resources to this ministry.



The Homestead is so grateful for folks like Trish & Eldon who host our ladies for the holidays.



Trinity Baptist Church gives a hand-made quilt to each of our Homestead graduates!



Mary-Kay facials brought to the Homestead house.



Christmas gifts from Women's Health Group in Manhattan!

Our Mentors and Volunteers are so loved



Heather with a Mentor, Deb O.



Amber and Alexis with support group leader, Diane.



Amber celebrating accomplishments with her mentor, Cynthia.



One of the many volunteer work crews that bless The Homestead with keeping our building and grounds looking fabulous!



Heather with her mentors, Sandy and Jim.

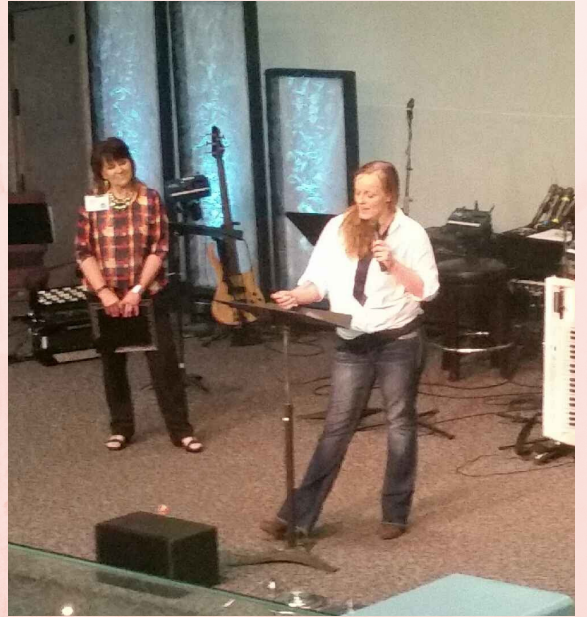


Veronica with a mentor and SANE/SART nurse, Heather.

Let's Celebrate Our Graduates!



We are so proud of Heather Patton! She graduated from the Homestead July 2016. She is currently back in Kentucky with her family.



Heather Patton speaking at her graduation.



Homestead ladies celebrating Heather!



Heather completed her dog grooming apprenticeship with J.Green Dog Studio, She is with the owner Jaimie Green

A Current Quote From Heather:

"The Homestead gave me unconditional love and support, and still does! Deb fought for me when so many others gave up. I got a whole new life from Kansas. The way I see, feel, hear, think. I know how to deal and cope. And more than anything I know God now. What I got from the Homestead will be with me forever and for eternity. They showed me how to live versus exist, how to love with boundaries and how healthy love should look"

New and Continued Blessings



Homestead Plus continues to provide a house for Homestead mothers and their children. .



Strip Club Outreach continues to pray over the gifts and roses given each month to the women currently in the sex industry.



Alicia Edgerly and Wheeler Crimm were the Homestead's fabulous interns for the Spring 2017 semester.



Sherri Thompson is the Homestead's new Self-Care Coordinator. She will help the women make healthy decisions regarding diet, nutrition and exercise. This was a huge gap at the Homestead so we are so blessed to have Sherri a part of our team.



April 1st The Homestead had our **first ever** Board meeting as a new 501c3, non-profit!!

A Tribute to Sandy Lindsey



Saying goodbye to our beloved, Sandy! House Manager for over 4 years, the first 4 years, The Homestead's beginnings. Sandy loved 37 women well prior to her departure! The staff for The Homestead was on a very sharp learning curve during that time and Sandy dealt very graciously with many survivors who entered our program during those early days who were really not ready or able to tackle transitional care yet. We cannot thank Sandy enough for her dedication and love which she generously poured out and would most likely still be pouring out with us on our team if her health had not declined to the point of retiring from the position.

We are forever grateful for Sandy Lindsay!

Current Quote From Sandy:

"Being at the Homestead was one of the most precious and heart breaking things in my life... I miss being there and would go back if I could. It taught me so much about patience and understanding. I love those girls and Deb. If a person loves the Lord it opens your heart to try and make a difference and follow Him where he leads you. Not just when one wants but when He calls. This program is so important to these girls."

A Word From Our Executive Director: Deb Kluttz



Homestead blessings seem to be coming in 3's!! Since the last Homestead Newsletter, we have received 3 new Homestead ladies: Stephani, Teresa, and Samantha! A new partnership with Kansas State University has resulted in 3 paid job apprenticeship opportunities for Homestead ladies! 3 interns have been pouring it out on behalf of The Homestead: Wheeler Crimm and Alicia Edgerly for the entire semester and Mindy Turner has facilitated a series of life skill sessions on healthy relationships for Homesteaders. 3 graduation milestones have been reached by two of our Homestead ladies with Blair completing her job training in the Optical Technician/Optician field and returning to the St. Louis area where she landed a fabulous job with benefits in this area of training and Amber, who completed her high school requirements and will graduate from Manhattan High School May 19th plus she passed her CNA State Board Exam! 3 volunteers with The Homestead (Ashley, Lindsay, and Dacia) are currently pursuing support raising through our partnership with World Hope International in order to work full time with The Homestead this fall as domestic missionaries! The Homestead continues to grow with plans to expand our occupancy at the Homestead house! This growth and expansion has resulted in Homestead Ministries, Inc., now a 501c3 non-profit!

The Homestead said good-bye to our beloved House Manager, Sandy Lindsay, November 2016. Sandy was with The Homestead from it's opening and mentored 37 Homestead ladies in that key role! She loved well some of our toughest ladies! We love her and cannot thank her enough for the gift of her presence and the sacrifice of her time at The Homestead!

A couple of significant gifts have been given to The Homestead in the last few months! The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation gifted The Homestead with a promotional video for fundraising/awareness purposes produced by 502 Media. A monetary gift was given to the ministry that allowed the purchase of a 2016 Grand Caravan for transporting our ladies!

I wish there was room to list all of the great people, groups, churches, and businesses who have donated resources, money, time, expertise, supplies, support and prayer to The Homestead over the last year!! All I can say is THANK YOU!! Because of each of you partnering with us, many women have been impacted with HOPE and HELP and LOVE!



Through a new partnership with World Hope International, our very own Ashley, and loyal volunteer Lindsey, are support raising to become missionaries full time with the Homestead! If you would like support the Homestead, visit Homesteadministry.org to give.



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