



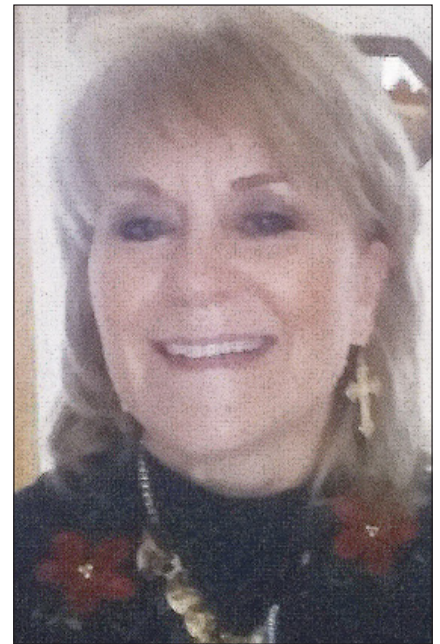
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exited the sex industry*

Winter 2014-15 Newsletter

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

Friends, family and supporters,
It is such a joy to share this update with you about the amazing things happening in The Homestead Ministry in the last few months! As you will see throughout this newsletter, we have had two recent graduates, our Strip Club Outreach is thriving, and we have a new option for our applicants with children still in their care called Homestead Plus! None of this is possible without the faithful and generous contributions given to The Homestead by so many of you! This has not been monetary only, but supplies, clothes, Christmas gifts, time, resources, even handmade quilts for our graduates. The outpouring of love and support from all of you is such a huge encouragement to our team and to our Homestead ladies! This newsletter will also feature some of our mentors and a couple of our job apprenticeship sites. The mentors become lifelong friends for our Homesteaders and are vital for their recovery. I am finding that the job apprenticeships that we are able to offer, set The Homestead apart from similar ministries around the country. Job training in a career path, giving our ladies the ability to work in a reputable trade and make enough money to sustain themselves and their children financially is something that is rare in other recovery, re-integrative ministries. Thank you, thank you, business men and women who have partnered with The Homestead and trained our ladies in dog grooming, optician work, property management, real estate, floral, dental assisting and mortician work!!

~ Deb Kluttz



Executive Director Deb Kluttz

GRADUATES

Deb Kluttz, Executive Director of The Homestead, with two recent Homestead graduates, Ashley and Pepper, who are sharing the highlights of their Homestead experience at their graduation ceremony prior to receiving their certificates of graduation.



Couldn't have done it without them

Local mentors help change Homestead ladies' lives



Ashley & Jennifer

Ashley has three mentors and poses here with Jennifer, one of her dear mentors. Jennifer is a former teacher & now stay-at-home-mom and proved to be a wonderful help and resource for Ashley while she attended K-State a semester in her courses.



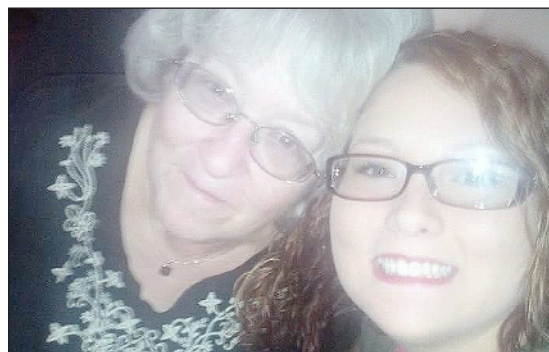
Pepper shares a laugh and a hug with Claudia Hobson, one of her mentors.



Pepper with Beth, one of her mentors



Homesteader Christana (right), who is currently being apprenticed in dog grooming sits with Diane, the Homestead's support group leader/mentor.



Sandy (left), the Homestead's faithful house mom, with Ashley, who is always thankful for Sandy's support.

Strip Club Outreach Update



Fanciful Float

The Homestead, through our Strip Club Outreach venue of ministry, supplied decorations for a parade float, which was advertising a new fitness business two current dancers are trying to launch so they can exit the club scene.



Our Fair Ladies

At one of the Strip Clubs that our Strip Club Outreach Team visits monthly with gifts & roses, the club manager displays the roses over the bar area which serves as a daily reminder to her and all of the dancers that God loves them and cares for them!



{PraiseFest Outreach}

An assembly line of women and children putting together gift bags for the strip club outreach at Praisefest in Manhattan City Park.



The outreach team

Ella Burnam, Sierra Scott, Chelsea Moxlow and Deb Klutz (Executive Director) make up the team that goes monthly into four strip clubs in our area with gifts. Christmas dinners, prepared by volunteers, were taken into two of the clubs in December! Forty gift bags and roses bless these women currently in the sex industry. Each gift and rose has our web site on it and inside each gift bag is a pamphlet, poem, song or letter expressing how much each woman is loved, valued and treasured by us and by Jesus!

Profile on Pepper



Pepper Turner, from Detroit, Michigan, entered The Homestead Program mid-January 2014 and graduated from The Homestead and her dental assistant apprenticeship Dec. 14, 2014. She returned to Detroit before Christmas to reunite with her three children and extended family who were anxiously awaiting her return. She is now working outside of Detroit as a dental assistant, enjoying her own apartment and her kids.

From her graduation speech:

“For the past five years I’ve lived a life of drugs, prostitution, and just complete chaos. I’ve been in and out of rehabs and jail and have spent the past five years without my children because of my choices. I came here to The Homestead not knowing what this program was all about. I knew that when I was in jail for the last time that I had to make a change. That’s when I accepted God into my life. I begged and pleaded for Him to lead me, otherwise, I was probably going to end up dead with the life I was living...you all have made this so easy. I go home this week to my kids. I get to have my kids back...Thank God and all of you. I am truly blessed!”



Pepper with her dental instructor-mentor, Melissa Romero.



Word of God. Bible study happens at The Homestead once a week. The studies thus far have been: Battlefield of the Mind, The Purpose Driven Life, Bad Girls of the Bible, Boundaries, Safe People and Trusting God.

All about Ashley

Ashley entered The Homestead in October 2013 and graduated from our program, completing her job apprenticeship in Property Management, in December 2014.

Ashley is from Kansas City and is now making Manhattan her home as she works full time for Alliance Property Management.

Here is a portion of her graduation speech:

“The ways I have changed and grown since entering The Homestead Program is in my relationship with Christ first, but I also have been sober from Meth since August 2013.

With the help of God and support of this program, I was able to stay sober for over a year now...



Another huge accomplishment I've made is completing my job apprenticeship in Property Management. I love my job so much! I want to say a big thank you..."



Proud house momma



Thank you, generous givers!

Pepper, Christana and Ashley pose with gifts given through New Hope Church's small groups, not only to these Homestead ladies, but to their children! Pepper took Christmas gifts home to Detroit to her three kids and Christana had plenty of Christmas gifts to bless her five children with due to the generosity of this local Body of Christ! Four-year-old Carmello was also a recipient of this blessing!



Post-grad job. Rachel & Bryce Ebert, Alliance Property Management apprenticeship site owners/managers, attend Ashley's graduation from The Homestead Program and have hired Ashley to work for their business full-time post-graduation!

New option: Homestead PLUS



The Swanson forerunners

Deb Kluttz with Effie & Chris Swanson who are our very first HOMESTEAD PLUS host family!

Homestead Plus will allow The Homestead to accept women who desire to come and fully participate in The Homestead Program, but they still have custody of their child(ren).

Both mom and child(ren) would live offsite with a host family while fully participating in The Homestead!

We have received several requests from women who have kiddos in their care and we are so excited to be able to offer an invitation to them to come to The Homestead now for life change and a new career path!

We also currently have a family who initially “inherited” one of Homesteader’s children. A 4-year-old little boy whose Homestead mom went MIA and abandoned him.

This family has fallen in love with this little guy, and as mom’s rights have now been terminated, they plan to adopt him.

