

FALL BENEFIT DINNER DATE CHANGED

Our annual banquet will be held on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021**,
at the Lawton Lions Heritage Community Center.

The cost is covered by an anonymous donor, but seating is limited, so reserve your place soon. See the included flyer for registration and table host information.

Christian fellowship – how sweet it is!



Pastors, Pearls, & Pancakes was what we called the special appreciation breakfast we held for Pastors from our supporting churches. It was such an honor to spend time together and show them how much we love each of them and appreciate their willingness to serve the Lord. (We overflowed our dining room and are looking forward to hosting more of our Pastors in the future!)



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Quick Facts

- 93 Pearls since inception February 2012.
- 199 children have been impacted by the 93 women who were ministered to at the Wings of God.
- 6 program participants as of July 31: Kristina, Rebecca, Tanya, Bethany, Kimberly and Teresa.

Please pray for them!!

Facilitating positive life change for previously incarcerated women.

Pearl Spotlight

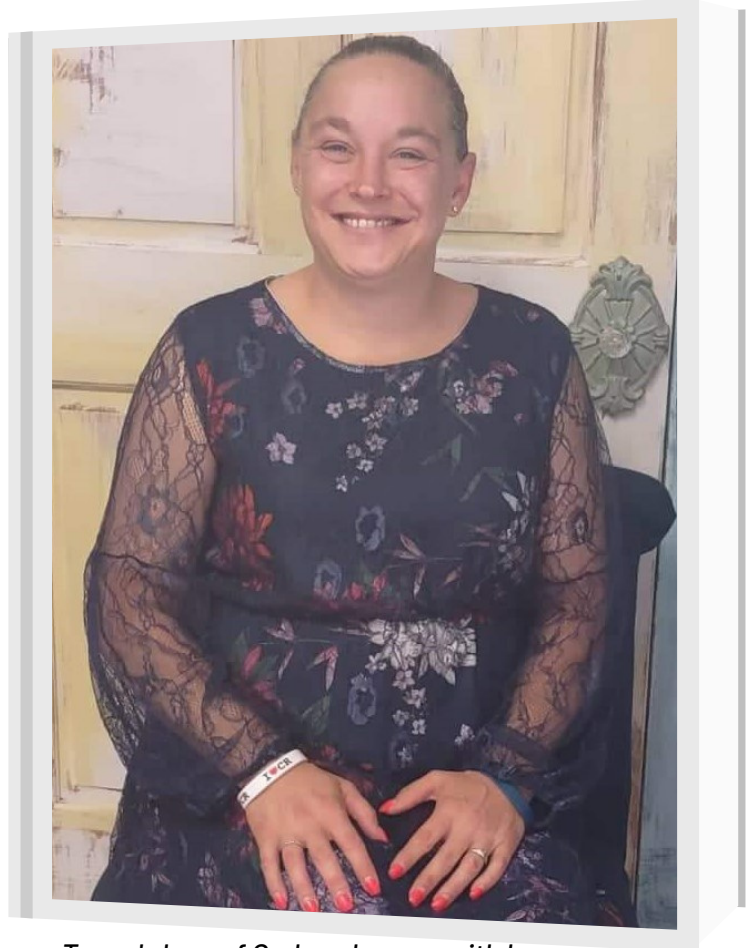
Tanya opens the book of her life story, writing a happy ending with God's help

Tanya became a Pearl on May 3, 2021. She was born in Allegan, MI, and was raised by her father, now deceased, and mother. She is next to the youngest of four children and has three brothers. When Tanya was five, she moved to Orlando, FL, then moved back to Michigan at the age of 16. Her father went to prison and was absent during most of her teenage years. She didn't grow up in a church and had no relationship with God.

Tanya became pregnant when she was 16; by 18 years of age she had turned to heavy drinking. She met her life partner, Daryl at age 20 and had a second child at age 23. Together they raised two children in Glendale before moving to Allegan in 2001. Daryl passed away suddenly in 2011; her addiction progressed to harder drugs to numb the pain of his death.

In 2013 Tanya went to drug rehab for the first time, going to ten different treatment centers attempting to get clean. She was first interviewed and accepted in the Wings of God program in 2016. However, on the day she was supposed to arrive at the WOG Transition Home, she overdosed and continued using drugs until 2021. Tanya went to jail a few times, never dealing with the loss of Daryl. She says, "I thank God every day because I never really got into big trouble or died while I was using."

In April of 2021, Tanya once again decided to try rehab to get clean. She had lost everything, was sick and tired, and wanted her life back. She started reading the Bible two weeks after arriving at the treatment center.



Tanya's love of God and peace with her current lifestyle shows in her awesome smile!

"I surrendered to God and was prompted to reapply to the Wings of God program," Tanya shared. "Upon walking through the doors at the Wings of God, the weight of the world fell off me. I was happy and sad all at the same time. Since coming to the program, I am finding out who I am and I am going in the right direction by trusting God. I am learning about God and the Bible and I am happy. I receive love and guidance and I have five months clean," she says, "I was never able to be clean being out in the world. The best thing is having staff to help me and not judge me and is there for me."

Tanya currently attends Truth Church in Paw Paw and was baptized on May 16, 2021.



Volunteer News

Due to the State of Michigan COVID-19 Stay-at-Home order, our safe practices did not allow volunteers into the Wings of God home until after May of 2021. However, we did utilize technology and held virtual Morning Muscle Devotions, classes, and counseling on ZOOM. The following volunteer stats are for hours logged April 1 through July 31, 2021.

- 60 Volunteers hours by Morning Muscle leaders
- 89 Volunteers hours of teaching classes
- 13.5 Volunteers hours of yard maintenance
- 96 Volunteer hours by Pledge for Pearls Fundraisers
- 47 Volunteers participated in the Pledge for Pearls Fundraisers over two days
- 15 Volunteer hours by Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up Crew over two sessions



How you can volunteer

Bless the Pearls at Wings of God with your home cooking!

Choose a day Monday through Friday to create your favorite dinner and drop it off at the Wings of God house. To sign up, go to our Wish List page on our website: wingsofgodinc.org/wish-list or call the Wings of God House and speak to a House Manager-269.415.0777.

Just a few instructions:

Your meal can be cooked or baked and ready-to-serve, or you can bring a dish that is ready to be put into the oven for baking — whatever works best for you! Just include baking instructions.

Please pick a dish that will serve eight (8) women, **no food items with nuts** due to a nut allergy, and **no** recipes that include wine, beer, or **alcohol as an ingredient**. Feel free to share your recipe! The Pearls often gather favorite recipes served at Wings of God to take with them when they leave.

On the day you are scheduled to Share a Meal, please deliver at 4 pm to the Wings of God home at 310 N Kalamazoo Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079.



More volunteer opportunities can be found at wingsofgodinc.org/volunteer



Wings of God does not receive any state or federal money.

We are 100% funded by generous donations from the community.

Donations can be made

online: wingsofgodinc.org (includes options for Venmo, PayPal, and Apple Pay); **OR** by mail: P.O. Box 3, Paw Paw, MI 49079.

Consider becoming a sustaining monthly donor.

Celebrating Our Pearls



Congratulations to Rebecca Daniels, shown left holding her certificate, for becoming a One-Year Conqueror and Graduate of the Wings of God Transition Home program. A graduation celebration was held at Daily Harvest Ministries in Lawton on July 25, 2021, in her honor and was attended by her children, Wings of God staff and volunteers, and many people who love and support Rebecca.

More milestones reached

- Kristina graduated from Van Buren Drug Court!
- Bethany has been promoted to Phase 2!
- Tanya was promoted to Phase 2 and celebrated FIVE months of sobriety!
- Kimberly is healing from intensive brain surgery to remove a tumor and she thanks everyone who has been praying for her and gives glory to God! She was promoted to Phase 3 and is the new Resident Assistant; celebrated SIX months sobriety and was promoted to Phase 4 in the Van Buren County Drug Court.
- Teresa is adjusting well to the Wings of God program and enjoys studying the Bible.

Wish List

Frozen pizza & pizza rolls	Toners for
Coffee	Lexmark CX725 Printer:
Creamer	#74C1SK0, #74C10Y0,
Bottled water	or #74C1SM0
Individual snacks:	AA Batteries
nuts / granola /	AAA Batteries
non-treenut and	Two (2) boxed fans
non-peanut snacks	DVD Player
Liquid laundry soap	Refrigerator for the garage
Solid air fresheners	Dishwasher for the kitchen
Disinfectant wipes	Outdoor picnic table
Paper towels	
Shower loofah sponges	
Tylenol	

As we have limited space, please call the office at 269-415-0777 to arrange a time to stop by and drop off your donation. Our regular office hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday – Friday; weekend hours vary, so please call.

We thank you for blessing the Pearls in this way.

\$5.00 gift cards for Walmart, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, or McDonalds
\$5.00 Bigby Coffee gift cards for Pearls
Food gift cards for Sav-a-Lot, Meijer, or Walmart

**You can now find our current wish list on our website: wingsofgodinc.org/wish-list
Please call the Wings of God House before delivering items.**

Contact us!

phone: 269-415-0777

email:

info@wingsofgodinc.org

website:

www.wingsofgodinc.org

facebook: @wingsofgodinc

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Clothing needs at the WOG home

At this time we have been blessed with an abundance of clothing items from our generous community! We will update the website page (and in a future newsletter) when we are accepting clothing donations and any specific clothing, shoe, etc. needs.

If you would like to volunteer with sorting in our clothes closet – please call our office at 269.415.0777. Thank you!