

FALL 2020
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WINGS OF GOD
TRANSITION HOME, INC.

NEWS & NOTES

Quick Facts

Resident Statistics:

→ 86 residents since

inception February 2012.

→ 186 children have been
impacted by the 86 women
who were ministered to at
the Wings of God.

→ 4 residents as of July 31:
Rebecca, Jena, Kristina and
Angelina.

Please pray for them!!



Truth or Dare

Learning to Live by
Truth in a World That
Dares You Not To

Save
the Date

October 8, 2020

7 PM - 8 PM

Wings of God
Transition
Home

Online Virtual
Benefit Dinner

Wings of God Transition Home is transforming our Annual Benefit Dinner to a Live Online Virtual Benefit Dinner to be enjoyed in the safety and comfort of your home. Join us Oct. 8 at 7 pm from your computer, cell phone, or smart tv - go online to:

Facebook.com/WingsofGodInc or on our website:

WingsofGodInc.org/Virtual-Benefit-dinner for the live video broadcast!

This prayer was written on a board in the Wings of God office by Amy Barajas, WOG Weekend Manager, when she was a Pearl five years ago:

Jesus,

I ask you to consecrate and sanctify me for You. Anoint me to be a godly mother to my children, to teach them Your ways to please You, to honor You in all they do. For all the ladies that have stayed in this house I ask that You fill them with the Holy Ghost. I pray Your word over all the ladies of WOG. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Amen

In Your Precious name Jesus I ask You.

Thank you

Jesus you're worthy of all the glory.

Amy Barajas 7-25-2015



Facilitating positive life change for previously incarcerated women.

Resident Spotlight

In life, we do not get redos, but we do get second chances

One of our beloved Pearls, Angelina grew up in South Haven, MI. With three sisters and one brother, she was raised by her mother, Sherry, who lives in Grand Junction. Her father, Joseph, passed away this past July.

Angelina has a 16-year-old daughter and a son, age 13. Angelina went to church as a child and was baptized when she was a teenager. She turned to drugs after hanging out with the wrong crowd, thinking it was cool and normal to party. At age 15 she became addicted to alcohol, later turning to harder drugs.

At age 26, addicted to methamphetamine, she became involved in criminal activity and was arrested several times. During her jail stay she would seek God and ask for help, but did not maintain a true relationship with Him. She came to the Wings of God in 2016 and stayed nine months, successfully complying with program requirements. However, she did not fully commit to living a Christian lifestyle. After she left the WOG home, she was arrested and convicted of two charges that led to a one-year prison sentence in 2019. She spent her time in prison thinking about where her life would be after release and knew she had to change. She resolved to stay clean, pursue a Christian life, and use her time wisely while in prison, knowing she had tried everything except to fully commit her life to God.

Angelina contacted Wings of God and asked for a second chance, was accepted, and arrived from prison on February 13, 2020. She says her stay this time is different because she feels a connection to God, has a true relationship with Him and a sense of peace she hasn't had before. On July 9th, she accepted a leadership role at the Wings of God as Resident Assistant. Angelia is a role model for new residents and is the leader of the house when staff isn't present.

Becoming a better person, paying off debt and graduating from the Wings of God program are her goals. Her desire is to remain in close contact with Wings of God and live at the WOG Next Step House. Since she loves numbers and math, Angelina would eventually like to go to college for business in accounting. Her greatest aspirations are to follow and serve the Lord while maintaining a sober lifestyle as she becomes the woman God has created her to be.



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. However, we did utilize technology and held virtual Morning Muscle Devotions, classes, and counseling on ZOOM. The following volunteer stats are for hours logged March 15 through July 31, 2020.

- 55 Volunteers hours by Morning Muscle leaders
- 110 Volunteers hours of teaching classes
- 5 Volunteers hours of house maintenance
- 22 Volunteer hours by Pledge for Pearls Volunteer Committee
- 8.5 Volunteers hours by Pledge for Pearls Facebook watchers/sharers

How you can volunteer

Many helping hands are needed in our mission to encourage residents, ensure the future and security of the program, and share the love of Jesus Christ.

Opportunities for service include:

**Mentors, Transportation Help,
Event Planning Committee,
Licensed counselors,
Prayer Team Leader/member,
House and Yard Maintenance.**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer,

email us at: info@wingsofgodinc.org,
or visit our website for complete details
and to fill out a volunteer application.

wingsofgodinc.org/volunteer/

You may mail completed applications to
Wings of God

P.O. Box 3, Paw Paw, MI 49079

*At right, Sue Barber, Volunteer Chaplain
and Mentor at Wings of God,
practices social distancing while
leading a devotion with the Pearls.*



Pledge for Pearls Recap

2020 Virtual drive raises over \$22,000!

Thank you Sponsors, Volunteers, Staff, Pearls, and all of you who went to our website or came by the house to give so generously to the Pledge for Pearls fundraiser. It was such an unknown how people would respond to a "virtual" event; COVID-19 has placed us all in uncharted waters. As we met to make our plans for the event, we followed a plan of prayer:

- We prayed together for wisdom to go forward as normal, or change to a virtual event.
- We prayed together for the event to reach people.
- We prayed together on event days that we would have a good time together and that we would be a blessing to the community.



In return, we were blessed by the outpouring of love and support. We chatted with a few people who were interested in becoming a volunteer – love this! We had the opportunity to pray with a lady who stopped by the house! One kind man dropped off two cases of pop



May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

unexpectedly so much appreciated! So many people honked, waved, and sent smiles our way! Special thanks to a couple of our volunteers who provided breakfast and lunch for the staff and Pearls on both event days, as well as an after-event ice cream party!

Watch a wrap up video of the event on our website!
<https://wingsofgodinc.org/pledge-for-pearls-2020/>

Wish List

Toners for
 Lexmark CX725 Printer:
 #74C1SK0, #74C10Y0,
 or #74C1SM0
 Copy paper
 Whiteout wheels
 Boxed Thank-You Cards

Disinfectant
 Wipes
 Baby wipes
 Hand sanitizer Full size/Purse size
 Make-up remover wipes

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

Paper towels
 Large container of
 Dawn dish soap
 Air fresheners
 Liquid laundry soap

Frozen pizza
 Frozen pizza rolls
 Hot Pockets

**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

Visit us -- later!

Witness the Hope Tours have been suspended until further notice due to corona virus. These tours are a great opportunity to visit the Wings of God home, meet our Pearls, learn about the mission and enjoy delicious food provided by our sponsor, Amore Pizza. This regularly occurs the 2nd Thursday of each month from noon to 1:00pm. Everyone is invited; we ask that you RSVP online or by calling the office.