



# NEWS & NOTES

*Facilitating positive life change  
for previously incarcerated women.*

## Pledge for Pearls

*See our  
flyer insert!*

## June 18 & 19

**FUNDRAISING WILL BE HELD FROM 8AM UNTIL 1PM DAILY**



### Resident Spotlight

#### Meet Kimberly, our new Pearl

Kimberly was born and grew up in Houma, Louisiana. When she was nine years old, her parents divorced, and she was raised by her mother, Wanda. Kimberly has four children: Lance, of Michigan; Debra, of Louisiana; Bailey, serving in the US Army; and Kaden, also living in Louisiana.

With two brothers, she is the youngest of her siblings. As a child, Kimberly enjoyed hanging out with her friends and roller-skating at the local rink. Her grandmother, Kathryn introduced her to Jesus and took her to Catholic Church and Sunday School. Kimberly's difficulties began at age 14 when she started using alcohol and marijuana. Most of her legal troubles began in her twenties, including arrests and continuing drug use.

Kimberly moved to Michigan in 2018 and began using drugs heavily to numb the pain of losing her mother in 2015. She was arrested for possession of meth in 2019 and sentenced to Drug Court in Van Buren County.



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### Quick Facts

Program Statistics:

→ 90 Pearls since inception February 2012.

→ 193 children have been impacted by the 90 women who were ministered to at the Wings of God.

→ 4 Program Participants as of end of March: Kristina, Rebecca, Kimberly, & Alexis.

Please pray for them!!

**NEW on our website!**



website:

[www.wingsofgodinc.org](http://www.wingsofgodinc.org)

facebook: @wingsofgodinc

email: [info@wingsofgodinc.org](mailto:info@wingsofgodinc.org)

**Contact us!**

phone: 269-415-0777

# Volunteer News

Covid-19 restrictions and our safety plan continued to limit volunteer time at the Wings of God home. Thankfully, as restrictions ease, more of our volunteers are able to resume in-person meetings, devotions, counseling and mentoring. We are grateful for each one of our volunteers and so appreciate their love and support of the Pearls.

350.75	Total <b>volunteers hours</b> from Aug. 1, 2020 through April 1, 2021
97.75	Morning Muscle
58	Teachers/Classes
139	House Maintenance
51	Counseling
5	Mentoring



Many helping hands are needed to encourage residents and share the love of Jesus Christ. Visit our website for complete details and to fill out a volunteer application.

[wingsofgodinc.org/volunteer](http://wingsofgodinc.org/volunteer)

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### Kimberly finds peace at the Wings of God House

Kimberly had many struggles with alcohol while in Drug Court and in February 2021, she faced three options. She might be discharged from the drug treatment court program and spend 11 months in jail, be placed in another program, or apply to and be a match for the Wings of God program.

Kimberly decided to apply to Wings of God because she didn't want to spend 11 months in jail only to be released with the same set of problems and be the same person. She wanted to change and knew that only God could help her with a chance for a better life.

Since arriving at the Wings of God Home on February 16, Kimberly says, "My fears have left me because I focus on the scripture Joshua 1:9: *Be courageous and strong.*"



"Before coming to the Wings of God," she said, "I was afraid of the dark, of going to sleep; was fearful the house was going to burn down. Now I don't have to worry about where I sleep, what I am going to eat and I have a safe place just to take care of myself.

All I need to do is learn about God and learn how to love myself. This program is a blessing; I have less stress and I am not overwhelmed with worry. It is hard getting up early in the mornings because I was used to sleeping in. I don't get bored anymore because I am busy doing my daily chore and spiritual nuggets. I enjoy the quiet."

Kimberly's goals are to graduate from both the Drug Court Program and the Wings of God program. It is her desire to find a good-paying job and have a place of her own while maintaining her sobriety. Her dream is to have her children move to Michigan to be near her. With God's grace and the support provided at WOG, she has a great start.



# Thank You

Blessings,  
Karen!



## After serving three years as WOG Night Manager, we bid a fond farewell to Staff Member Karen

We will miss Karen's nurturing ways, her special abilities in organizing with loving detail the staff and Pearl birthday parties, as well as her decorating flair for holiday celebrations. Karen made all who came to Wings of God feel welcomed and loved. Responsible for every aspect of managing food services and ordering supplies, she also excelled at many other tasks. Karen provided loving Biblical knowledge and practical application of Spiritual principles for daily life with the Pearls, going over and beyond to meet their needs. We know that God has called her to continue to do great things and to serve with love. We are thankful for the past three years she spent ministering to our Pearls and staff and pray that God continues to bless her in her new endeavors.



## Benefit Dinner Update

Thank you for making our 2020 Virtual Fall Benefit Dinner a success. We raised over \$24,000 – praise God! Going virtual was a great opportunity to share about Wings of God in a new way. Rhonda, our House Manager, led us on a room-by-room virtual tour of the house. Lisa, Amy, Rebecca, and Angelina were so open and loving sharing their stories – their video testimonies continue to inspire and give hope. If you haven't watched the video presentation, it is posted on our website. Set aside 45 minutes to watch – you will be blessed!

[wingsofgodinc.org/virtual-benefit-dinner/](http://wingsofgodinc.org/virtual-benefit-dinner/)

## Save the Date

2021 BENEFIT DINNER Thursday, October 14 at Lawton Community Center

Please feel free to call the Wings of God House at 269-415-0777 to donate any of these needed items. Visit our website often for current needs - [wingsofgodinc.org/wish-list](http://wingsofgodinc.org/wish-list) - Thank you!



Coffee  
Peanut Butter  
Sunflower Seed Butter  
Miracle Whip & Mayonnaise  
Ketchup  
Grape Jelly & Strawberry Jelly/Jam  
Canned Tuna & Chicken  
Mild/Medium Salsa  
Bottled Water  
Individual snack packs/nuts/granola  
Frozen Fruit  
Dog Treats (for dog under 15 lbs)

Disinfectant Wipes  
Liquid Laundry Detergent

Toners for Lexmark CX725 Printer:  
#74C1SK0, 74C10Y0  
or 74C1SM0

Refrigerator

Portable CD/Radio Player

Waykar 130 Pints  
Commercial Dehumidifier  
(Please call us for  
specific model needed)



Food gift cards for Save-A- Lot,  
Meijer or Wal-Mart  
\$5.00 Bigby Coffee Cards  
and \$5.00 gift cards from  
Walmart, Dollar General,  
Dollar Tree, McDonald's  
for program participants.



**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](http://wingsofgodinc.org) (includes option for Venmo, Paypal, & Apple Pay) • By Mail: PO Box 3, Paw Paw, MI 49079 • Consider becoming a monthly donor!

## Witness the Hope

Tours of the Wings of God House  
may resume soon.

Sign up for emails to stay in touch.

Take a private tour (up to 4 guests).

Call 269.415.0777

## How might you support Wings of God beyond mere financial support?

Send a Card to one or all the Pearls

Refer a potential sponsor for events

Follow our Social Media

Pray for our Pearls, Staff & this Mission

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