

# Wings of God Joyful Noise



*Facilitating positive life change for previously incarcerated women.*

## Don't miss our Fall Benefit Dinner in October Join us for an evening of joy, compassion, and hope.

**Thursday, October 12, 2023**

Doors Open 6:00pm

Program begins at 6:30pm.

**NEW LOCATION!**

**Heritage Glen Golf Course**

**29795 Heritage Ln · Paw Paw**

Reserve a Seat or

Host a Table by October 4th.

ONLINE:

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

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## Your feet will be tappin' at the WOG Benefit Concert

Two Bands will perform:

The Iconix (shown left)

& Barnburners

**November 4, 2023 ~ 7:00 pm**

Location: Recast Church

25120 Front St, Mattawan, MI 49071

**The Concert is Free with prayerful hopes  
of generous donations at the event!**

# Indescribable Intimacy With Him

## Pearl Spotlight

Paula became a Wings of God Pearl on May 9, 2023. She moved a lot as a child, living in Indiana, Nevada, and Idaho. Her parents are Mark of Nevada and Shauna of Indiana. She grew up with one brother, Phillip; and two sisters, Kimberley and Jennifer, living the normal childhood of a middle-class family. She enjoyed playing basketball and was second chair playing the Viola in her school orchestra. Her life started to fall apart when she started using drugs at age 15 and lost her way down a path to addiction.

By the Grace of God, Paula began her recovery journey in 2021. She got a taste of what Jesus had for her, bringing her out of the bondage of addiction and into the light of sanity and recovery. In 2022, she relapsed after the death of her 19-year-old daughter, Alexis. Paula said, "It was only through Jesus that I survived her death and the return to active addiction."

"In February of 2023, I was arrested and placed in the Van Buren County jail. I knew God had bigger plans for me even as I sat in jail. I requested an interview with the staff from Wings of God in May of 2023, and was accepted into the program," Paula said. "I am putting 100% effort into the program and nothing is going to stand in the way of my relationship with Jesus. The intimacy and closeness I now feel is indescribable."

"I have a church family at Daily Harvest Ministries in Lawton, a recovery family in Paw Paw, and sisters at the Wings of God, I feel accepted and loved and safe. The Wings of God program and God are transforming me from a girl into a woman of God. Prayer is more valuable to me than rubies. I never thought I would be alive at age 40 and drug free," she added.

Paula has over five months clean and is currently working part-time at Wendy's in Paw Paw. She was baptized on 6/5/2023 by the leaders of the Paw Paw Celebrate Recovery group. She has three children: Joseph Jr., age 16; Shaun, age 10; and Olliveya, age 7.



## Our Mission Statement

*To provide a safe, faith-based, Christian living environment for women who have been previously incarcerated. These women will be afforded the opportunity to obtain the help, training, treatment, and support for permanent, positive re-entry into the community.*

## Support the mission!

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

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

**We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Our EIN: 27-3286039.**

## Contact Us!

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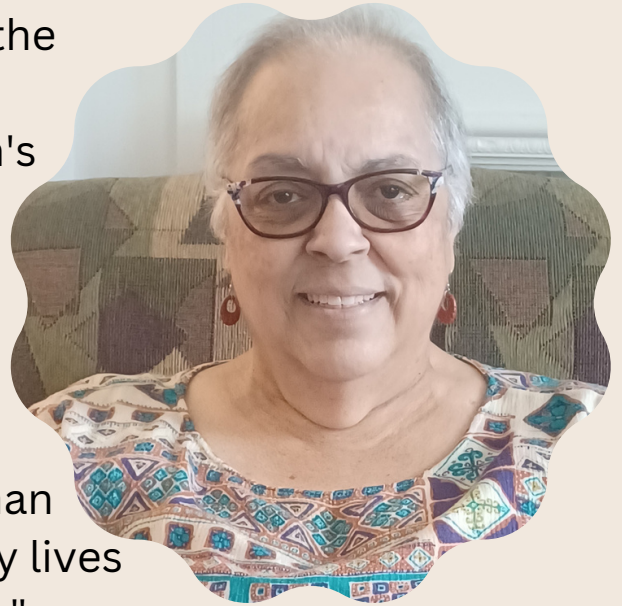
***"Since coming to Wings of God I have made Daily Harvest Ministries in Lawton my home church. Going to church is the highlight of my week. I had the honor of helping with VBS this year. The kids had a great time! Who doesn't love teaching kids about Jesus?" — Laura, Pearl***



## Words from the heart of Judy Fitzgerald

## Volunteer Spotlight

"Meeting weekly with the Pearls is truly the highlight of my life. It is thrilling to play a part in helping reshape these dear women's lives. I share from my own experiences to let them see that if God could change me, He can change them. Their brokenness and past mistakes don't define them. God has a loving plan for each of them in their faith walk. I am happy to be an older woman teaching younger women how to live godly lives as I am instructed to do in Titus Chapter 2."



*Many helping hands are needed to encourage our Pearls (program participants) and share the love of Jesus Christ. Please prayerfully consider your involvement in one or more of the following: Mentors, Transportation Help, Licensed Counselors, Prayer Team Leader/member, and Yard Maintenance.*

## Wish List **Your donations are needed and appreciated!**

- Toners for Lexmark CX725 Printer:  
#74C1SK0, 74C10Y0 or 74C1SM0
- Copy Paper
- Thank You Notes/Cards
- Gift cards are always needed (see [website](https://wingsofgodinc.org/wish-list/))

Our needs are always changing, so the best way to know what we need is to go to our Wish List on our website, where you can find links to items on Amazon and Wal-Mart, as well as an up-to-date list and info on how and when to donate.

Click here: <https://wingsofgodinc.org/wish-list/>

- Coffee
- Creamer
- Grape/Strawberry Jelly
- Miracle Whip
- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Dryer Sheets
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Postage Stamps



# Bucket Brigade Recap

A big thank you from all of us at Wings of God Transition Home for an amazing 2023 Bucket Brigade fundraiser. Forty wonderful people which included Pearls, staff & volunteers, blanketed the streets of Paw Paw collecting donations in our buckets! Praising God – we raised \$43,279.29!

We are so grateful to our Sponsors; to all who served in many ways before, during, and after the event; and to those who donated. Thank you for supporting the women at Wings of God as they pursue a new life with Christ Jesus as their foundation.

## Supporting Celebrate Recovery *Community Impact*

The majority of women at Wings of God are recovering from addiction. Attendance at local recovery meetings is mandatory and a vital part of our program. Celebrate Recovery has a chapter hosted at Freshwater Community Church in Paw Paw.

Once a month a dinner is served before the meeting. As part of Wings of God Community Impact, the staff and Pearls provided the meal in August. Grilled brats, Mexican street corn & chips, potato salad, grape salad, & cupcakes were served!



## Quick Facts



### Resident Statistics:

- 112 Residents since inception February 2012.
- 249 Children have been impacted by the 112 women who were ministered to at the Wings of God.
- 5 Residents as of August 14, 2023: Laura, Kimberly, Paula, Lisa, & Lalissa.