

On Time Ministry

June 2017

Cedar Mountain

Birthdays and Big Changes

Cedar Mountain is almost full currently, with only one bedroom empty. Our newest residents are doing incredibly well and making great strides in their recovery! One recently celebrated her birthday with us; she asked for a small celebration so the ladies in the house pulled together to make a special evening just for her. Though the gathering was small, the laughter and joy were immense! It was such an amazing evening for our self-



Hippie themed gifts!

proclaimed hippie; filled with tie-dye and some happy tears. These evenings are such a blessing to all of us!

One of the most exciting things that happened this last month was the celebration of two of our residents graduating to Cornerstone, details about their transition will be covered more fully in the “Cornerstone” column, but these amazing young ladies have been living with us for 1 and almost 2 years. They are successfully working (one maintaining her own lawn care business), own their own vehicles, and are practicing more independence. Both ladies still spend a lot of time with us here at Cedar Mountain as well. All of the women here have built close and strong bonds that are important to all of them to maintain. The two ladies at Cornerstone are great role models for the women still with us at Cedar Mountain, and the ladies here are an important support system for the two young women as they test the waters of more responsibility and independence. We are so proud of them!

Julia Kay Project



We were fortunate to have more outreach opportunities this month after the completion and opening of Cornerstone. One case took us to a city in Southern Missouri where it had been reported that a young woman was being trafficked. We were told that although authorities were aware of the situation, their hands were tied by lack of evidence and too much red tape. A small team traveled to an area where she had recently been seen, but unfortunately was unable to find her. We have since gathered more information and a more detailed description of her and will be making another trip to find her soon!

Cornerstone

Phase 4 Facility OPEN

After much prayer and discussion, we have decided to try Cornerstone as a Phase 4 Facility. This would mean that residents here will have progressed through the program at Cedar Mountain and will be at a point in their recovery where they are ready for more independence, while still being under the care of On Time Ministry. The women living at Cornerstone will not have a full-time house mother, but will be expected to follow a set of guidelines agreed upon between On Time Ministry and the residents. The ladies will be maintaining jobs, be responsible for their own vehicles, and will have demonstrated trustworthiness and initiative during their time at Cedar Mountain. Each individual will reach this stage of readiness in their own unique timeline, some sooner

and some later. As of now, we have no timeline for the women living at Cornerstone. We're not sure how long they will stay at this facility before being ready to take a step out and live on their own, but know that this will also be based on each unique individual. We do know that we will ask them to work with us to develop an "exit plan", consisting of where they would like to live, building up their savings, and setting aside money for expenses associated with moving out (rent, deposits, etc.). We will always wish to maintain a relationship with these women, but are excited to watch how they grow and gain confidence in themselves as they step into more independent roles!



First celebration at Cornerstone, the birthdays of both residents!

Thank You!!



We would like to take a moment to sincerely thank some generous donors from June.

This month, through the hard work of Tom and Kristi Ryan, the kindness of many sponsors, and the dedication of many participants, the first annual On Time Ministry 5K raised \$5,000!! We are shocked and so very grateful for the amazing support this event received. With the added expense of the opening of Cornerstone, the finances are very much needed and so appreciated!

We also wanted to thank Blue Buck Mountain Ministries for their wonderful donation towards a new vehicle for the ministry. The suburban that we currently use has racked up over \$300,000 miles, and we need a 7 passenger van to fit all of the residents of Cedar Mountain as well as our house mother. Their donation will go a long way towards making a new vehicle possible!

Yet another huge "thank you" goes out to Style and Grace Boutique in Alton, Missouri. They donated a portion of their profits from their Grand Opening weekend to On Time Ministry! Operating a small business in this area is not easy, so we are incredibly thankful for their generosity! Check them out on Facebook ([style&grace.417](#)) and help us support our sweet friends at Style & Grace!

We also would like to thank the Mountain View Rotary Club, the Texas County Ministerial Alliance, and the churches in West Plains, MO and Nixa, MO who have welcomed us to speak with them, and who have offered their support to the ministry!

