

On Time Ministry

1st Quarter Newsletter

March 2019

Cedar Mountain

We currently have four residents living at Cedar Mountain with house parents Jeff and Tracy. Patricia*, Rachel*, and Emma* are all currently working and Lauren* will be starting her job soon as well as volunteering her tutoring services to local children. Patricia and Rachel both took college classes this semester and are doing well! Patricia not only passed her difficult algebra class but was also awarded "Employee of the Month" at her workplace! Watching the growth in these amazing women is so exciting! To see someone who once felt there was no hope transform into someone who is excited about her future is beautiful!

We know God has some awesome plans in store for 2019 and we can't wait to see what they are!

**Names changed to protect identity*

Upcoming Events

May 4th, Houston MO

3rd Annual Fundraising Banquet



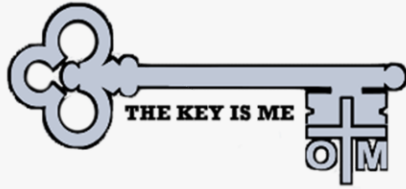
This year's banquet will be held in Houston, Missouri and our theme is "A Night Under the Big Top". Along with a silent auction, the evening will be filled with some amazing entertainment! The Stars Foundation will be performing numbers from the hit musical *The Greatest Showman* and Branson vocalist and former American Idol contestant Matt Kester will be back again this year to sing during dinner. **Tickets are \$50/person or \$75/pair.** These early bird prices are only good until April 15th, so hurry to our website ontimeministry.com or to the Houston Chamber of Commerce to get your tickets today!

The Julia Kay Project

This last quarter has afforded us several opportunities for outreach ranging from transports to donations.

We were able to facilitate a transport for a woman and have also had meetings with a couple of other ladies who wanted to discuss options and safe places to go. Sometimes, when we are called to help someone, that person isn't quite ready for help. Those situations are always difficult, but we strive to do as much as we can for everyone that we can!

We also took food and supplies to people that needed help until they were able to access further assistance. Outreach takes on many forms, and we're so blessed to be able to connect with so many people and to try and make a difference one call at a time!



Our awareness campaign, “The Key is Me” has had an exciting few months as well! We have begun sharing with both state and local law enforcement as well as with medical professionals about the signs of human trafficking and how to safely and effectively respond to suspected trafficking situations. We have also been sharing at several women and youth conferences!

Our rallying cry for 2019 is “Not in My Town!” Many times, when someone hears about trafficking for the first time, their response is disbelief that such a terrible thing could be happening so close to them. “That doesn’t happen here, that’s in big cities or different countries, never here.” Then, once we educate them about the reality of trafficking, even in small town America, their response changes. Suddenly they’re saying, “I won’t allow that here! Not to my loved ones! NOT IN MY TOWN!” That passion and protectiveness is what we’re focusing on in 2019. Rally your friends, your family, your community. Stand together and say, “NOT IN MY TOWN!”



Ministry Minute

A word from Co-Founder, Tressa Dunlap

In reflection of the adventurous journey God has started us on, the words love, blessing and renewal are what come to mind. After a recent lunch with an old friend, I was reminded of the path we have been on. From teaching 3rd grade and pastoring an awesome church to helping start a ministry that has given hope to so many young women is such a blessing. God is so good. Follow your dreams, stay close to God and enjoy the ride. Life is a great adventure!

Testimony from Former Cedar Mountain Resident

“My name is Stephanie I am 42 years old.

...My last day on the streets I was in a hotel room trying to find a vein. I threw the needle in the sink and whispered “God, I can’t do this anymore”.

Ten minutes later, the cops were at my door. My roommate had paid for our room with a stolen credit card earlier that day. God made a way out for me before I even cried out. I went to jail and slept for a solid week. When I woke up, I realized I had a choice to make.

I chose life.”

*To read all of Stephanie’s powerful testimony, head over to our website:
www.ontimeministry.com*