



S.M.I.L.E.—Samaritan Ministries Imparting Letters of Encouragement

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WE ARE IN TRANSITION—FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN TRANSITION!



Samaritan Ministries is in the process of buying a home in Bunnell for single mothers and women in transition. We are still available by phone, and operate by appointment at the office at Divvy

Professional Offices in Palm Coast.

Please pray that all goes well with the purchase of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Bunnell. We desire God's PERFECT will-and His PERFECT timing!!!!



In Memory

A charitable donation was made by Drs. Michael D. and Sheila K. Tebbano in memory of **Beverly J. Sheehan**, who passed away recently. She was a nurse, an educator, and a humanitarian in the many things she did in her life. Beverly Sheehan's life made a difference in this world.



A big shout out to the Grand Haven Women's Charity Golf Tournament who chose Samaritan Ministries as this year's recipient of this fundraising tournament.

These awesome women raised over \$7,000 for us and donated so many paper, hygiene, cleaning, beauty, and personal products for our program participants and the next transition house, we almost couldn't fit it all in a van!



We have storage issues right now, so for Mother's Day a board member and her daughter made up gift bags for 12 mothers. These were VERY much appreciated!

FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON and Trades of Hope Presentation

This event was held at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church. The theme was "Picture This! Endure. Encourage. Hope." This was a real winner of an event. Two Thrivent Action Team projects were used. These funds covered

most of the expenses incurred, leaving more funds for Samaritan Ministries. Plus, Lisa Douthwaite, the Trades of Hope Entrepreneur, donated all of her commission to the cause. Over \$3,600 was raised!



A Child's Perspective



I am a child of a family that Samaritan Ministries helped years ago. When I was growing up, I could not have explained to you what Samaritan Ministries does, or who they are. But, now

that I am older, I can truly recognize the many things that they have done for us. Samaritan Ministries helped make the transition from living in a two-parent household to being one of three kids supported by a single mom quite smooth. My life was not nearly as disrupted as it could have been without Samaritan Ministries there to help.

With my age and maturity, I now also see the tough decisions that my mom needed to make every single day as a single parent. At the time, my mother was a stay-at-home mom and home-schooled my sister. I was only two-years old when my father left, and I was the youngest of three girls. I hear stories of the many ways that Samaritan Ministries was there for my mom, my sisters and me. I slept in an air conditioned home, and I still knew the Christmas morning traditions that my older sisters knew from when we were a two-parent family. We had a kitchen table to eat at, and my mom went back to college to get her degree. This group of dedicated

people helped us financially, but also gave unconditional love and encouragement. When we became part of their family, they also became part of ours. From giving us Christmas presents, clothes, food, and furniture, to even helping

my mom to go back to college to earn her degree -- Samaritan Ministries walked alongside us

every day. They were there with emotional support through many long and difficult nights of adjustment. Sometimes it was just a positive, uplifting phone call that my mom needed. Other times, it was direction and resources for practical problem solving. But, through all of the stages of adjustment during this transition time, Samaritan Ministries was there every step of the way.



I'm sure we can all agree that when faced with an obstacle or hard choice that affects you and your loved ones, we would want as many and supportive friends and family members as possible.

For my family, that was Samaritan Ministries. I am so grateful for the work that they have done for us all throughout my childhood and the amazing impact that they continue to have on others. We were so blessed to have the help and support of the wonderful people with Samaritan Ministries. I honestly do not know where we would be today if it wasn't for them. My childhood would have been very different had this amazing ministry not had the resources to step up to the challenge and be there to help share the burdens we faced.

Today we volunteer to give back to this ministry in order to pay it forward to other women who are in crisis. We walk beside them like a light in the darkness--sometimes guiding the way and other times, we carry them through the nights with the unconditional love of a friendly face so they know they are not alone. That's what makes Samaritan Ministries different from all the other charities--they are there with you, making a difference, every step of every day.

