



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

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The God of All Comfort

2nd Corinthians 1:3-5: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows."

As Florida moves forward after Hurricane Matthew, some friends and family also are dealing with serious health issues or the passing of loved ones. Samaritan Ministries realizes the importance of support from others—those who walk beside you through times you may need to see God's love expressed through humanity. We look ahead as we allow the Lord to bring comfort and strength through family made "by *love*, not *blood*".

This ministry desires to be here for those who need support and strength through times of crisis and pain. For those of you who have attended our banquet in October or other events sharing client testimonies, or have read the personal stories on our website, you have heard one reason Samaritan Ministries is different than other agencies. Our mission statement sums it up succinctly:

"Samaritan Ministries walks beside abused, homeless and impoverished women; providing spiritual, social, economic, and vocational support: Helping women to change their lives for a better today and tomorrow."

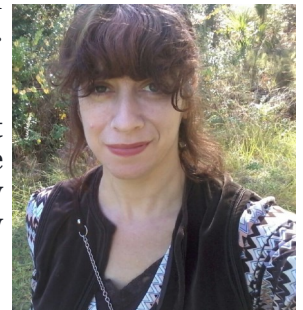
For those who missed our October 29th banquet, here is a testament from one of our "Starfish":

Heather's Testimony

"The Samaritan Inn was an instrument of divine timing at a most crucial point in my life. In April 2006, I was in the process of packing up my six year-old son and myself to enter into the uncharted world of single parenthood. Clueless about where to start, I called Lorraine, who I knew from Alpha Pregnancy Center, and was confident she could give direction to women (with or without children) first getting out of abusive relationships. I was not aware of Samaritan Ministries yet or a transition home that had opened up only a few short months before. Ironically, that's where Lorraine asked me to meet her and that was the beginning of a long journey.

The Bible speaks of a time for laughter, a time for tears; and there's been plenty of both from where I started off ten years ago straight up until now. As seasons in our lives change, so are the reasons we laugh and cry, Emotions were hard to reconcile in the beginning when I had the realities of divorce and being a single mom for an indefinite period of time staring me in the face. I could only process what I had in front of me on a day-to-day basis.

As in any home, structure along with compromise and compliance were expected. But in exchange there was free access to resources that enabled us with life skills once we moved on. Constant provision through donations and prayer nourished us physically and spiritually. Continued supporters of Samaritan Ministries are appreciated as new ones are encouraged.



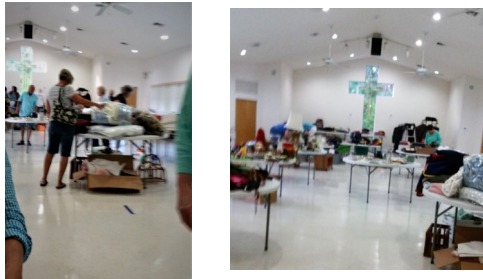
As the line for women and children in need gets longer, the amount of time it takes for the new Samaritan Inn to open its doors gets shorter. Those who enter with honest intention for change in their lives and in themselves will be given opportunity to transform both from the inside out.

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"WHY Samaritan Inn? A House Mom's Perspective"

by Sherry A.

My experience of being a house mom at the Samaritan Ministries transition home in the past was a learning experience and a blessing. One of my passions is to help people, so becoming a house mom was right up my alley. It was not the cake walk I thought it would be; however, there were many wonderful moments. Meeting new ladies and children going through tremendous hardship was tough on the heart strings, especially when we had to turn them away due to no vacancy. For those who were able to take advantage of our program, the Samaritan Ministries team came together to help change the direction of their lives. With the help of our LORD, they moved on in the right direction. We enjoyed watching the transformation of the women as they became functioning people who could earn a living and provide for their children. While there were many success stories, there were times when we had to let some go, which was always difficult. There have to be rules, and they have to be followed in order to keep things running smoothly. This county desperately needs a transition home, and we're getting closer to getting one, thanks to everyone taking an active part. God bless you all richly. **Matthew 25:40** says, "and the King shall answer and say unto them, 'verily I say to you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"



Pictures from the Rummage Sale held at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church on October 22nd.



Samaritan Ministries donated a vehicle to a single mom and 5 children with a LOT on her plate! Congratulations as she stood believing since July that God would answer her prayers! And thank YOU to the donor God used to bless this family.

Samaritan Ministries would like to thank the following groups for their generous support and provision of food, hygiene products, and paper goods. Together, we ALL are making a difference!

- ♥ Deborah Rising Ministries, Church on the Rock
- ♥ Registered Professional Nurses of Flagler County
- ♥ United Women Flagler (formerly Women's Initiative Flagler)
- ♥ Rotary Club of Flagler Beach
- ♥ New York City Transit Retirees of Flagler County
- ♥ Thrivent Financial for Christians
- ♥ Flagler Woman's Club
- ♥ Not to mention ALL those churches, people, and organizations who support us through finances, volunteers, facility usage and events.

IN HONOR OF.....

- ♥ A charitable donation was made by Bill and Maria Flake in honor of Gary and Jennifer Flake.
- ♥ A charitable donation was made by Kristen Manthey in honor of Marilyn Manthey.