



NEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR'S DESK

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IT'S A NEW SEASON! School is back in session, summer's nearly over and a new season is underway. Although our local weather has tried to fool us lately, these hot days will soon be gone. Were you able to sneak in a short get-a-way or a family vacation? Even a 'stay-cation' can be great for those working full-time. Things here at the ministry have been moving very fast so we're in a hurry to give the girls a little time away before the warm weather fades. Each year, we take our currently participating ladies to the beach for a day trip. Some have never seen the ocean! Can you believe that? Just a short drive away and some have never experienced the beauty of God's creation in this way. This day is multi-purposed. We do some therapy with a 'Casting Our Cares' exercise at a Light House, allow them to take a swim or at least dip their toes and some even ask to get baptized! It's a wonderful time with the Lord and each other. A day our alumni say they never forget.

Last year we also started a tradition with the alumni. We rent a beach house for the weekend, I love on them by cooking all the meals and we cut up a little with karaoke and games. So much belly laughter and bonding time. We have our trip planned for this in mid-September and they can't stop talking about it in anticipation!

RECOVERY HAPPENS! Meet Erica. Erica is one of our recent graduates! She has been a joy to work with, easy to manage and is smiling so much more than when we first met. She is currently in our sober living and heading to our Bridge transitional complex in just a few short days. She already has her unit picked out and ready for her arrival. Erica has been working full time, plugged into a local church and is a role model to the girls coming in behind her. We can't wait to crown her at our annual graduation ceremony in February. Be sure to join us.

LADYBUG FOR THE DAY! Our annual LadyBUG Recovery Conference is just a few months away. A day when we train our ladies to host a one-day conference and serve other ladies in the community who are currently participating in other treatment programs or shelters. We host approximately 100 women, providing them with continental breakfast, lunch, three workshops, keynote speaker and a whole lot of Jesus! Such a fun event for them all. Some get so excited; they show up in red and black apparel. It makes my heartbeat!



2023 ANNUAL LADYBUG CONFERENCE

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 24

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch
- Prizes
- Workshops
- Comedy



STEPHANIE GARZA
SPEAKER

FREE TO ATTEND

RSVP Required (559) 222-4824

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RUMOR HAS IT! Did you hear all the news?...We're having a baby boy! 'Andrew' is scheduled to be here on September 11. Mom, Tricia has no local support, so we have been working diligently to find a host family to help us take care of this bundle of joy until we get in to our rebuild and to tend to him while mom continues with our classes and therapy. Finding the host family was such a God story, I can't wait to give you all the details. In the meantime, we're having a shower to sprinkle the baby with the necessities needed and planning for a few sleepless nights. We're thrilled that Mom chose life and like so many of the other ladies we've trained, supported and mentored, we are SURE this will be a 'happily ever after' too. Watch for the updates and pictures to see little Andrew as he grows.



SWEET SPOT! Have you been to the Boutique? We've moved twice in the last 90 days, but we now have a permanent spot! You'll find us on the Southwest corner of Palm & Bullard. We have a very large space, many items and great prices. We've changed our name from Light House Thrift to LadyBug Boutique and Thrift and our support has increased tremendously. Drop in to see us! You can see our signs from the road...just look for the big LadyBug. There's a great deal waiting for you.

BIGGER, BETTER, STRONGER! We can't wait to get into our new home. We've hit a few bumps in the last month with vandals and thieves which has required us to secure a standing security guard round the clock. This has been a complete discouragement however, we are keeping our chins up and our eye on the prize. If PG&E hooks us up this month, we are hoping to be home by the end of October.

HOW TO HELP! PRAY for us! Specifically for the salvation for the ladies we serve. Favor and expedited service with PG&E and for all the supply need to be filled on the furnishings of the new home and for little Andrew.

SHOP & DONATE to our boutique. We only exist with the support of donations and shoppers. Every dollar made supports the education, housing and therapy provided to the girls while processing donations and working with customers give the girls the work experience needed to put on their resumes.

VOLUNTEER your time. So many areas to serve! In the office, at the boutique and with our Light WEAR project. Your time makes our workload so much easier and gives you interaction with the ladies.

PARTNERSHIP! Your financial partnership provides the funding needed to make these miracles happen. Whether it's a monthly partnership, quarterly commitment or annual impact gift, it ALL makes a significant difference.

TALK US UP! Tell your friends, Pastor, neighbors. Give them our brochure, bring them shopping or to have a lunch at our coffee shop.

Although you might not be on the front line or front and center, YOU can be the wind beneath our wings. The conduit God uses to reach his loved ones. Thank you for helping us to feed His sheep otherwise known as The LadyBUGS.

Blessings ❤️ **Vikki**



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