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REFLECTIONS ON THE *Journey*



A Mother's Love Has No Bounds

Most people leaving prison who come to Journey or Peace House stay for 3 to 4 months before being in a position to move into a place of their own. Susan's stay was shorter – 2 months, not because it was the easier route to take, but because it was the road she felt she HAD to take.

Incarcerated due to a drug possession conviction, she heard from one person and then a 2nd, about the Journey To New Life Residency Program following release from prison. After the 2nd time, she shared she knew it had to be where she was supposed to go. Upon her arrival at Peace House, Susan jumped right in to accomplish her personal reentry goals. Susan shared all the support she received from the residence team propelled her to move quicker. As a mom, she had great motivation to move at this rapid pace. You see, her young adult son had gotten into trouble and was now being released, but had nowhere to go.

Living a sober life for a few years now, Susan has the tools and support she needs to keep her sobriety. She gets paid decent money as a forklift operator. She now has her own place. She keeps in regular contact with the Peace House staff and is planning on studying to become a counselor, while holding down her fulltime job. Her son needs her, and he will be paroling to her home soon. Together they will build a better future on their journey than they had in the past.



A mother's love is unconditional. When asked what suggestions she had for making Peace House better, she said she wouldn't change a thing. Susan displays a spirit of gratitude! Through your generosity, she has been strengthened in her time at Peace House and now will be the supportive mother and role model to her son.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Kennedy

THREE'S COMPANY

Andrew, Juan, & Gary have worked hard to build a more productive life. Meeting at a sober living transitional housing program after incarceration, they each had been searching for housing, but the cost of rent was daunting. Because landlords generally require documentation of income 3x's the rent amount, and often require first and last month's rent as deposit, just getting in can be insurmountable.



Andrew, Juan & Gary with Rita, our Emergency Assistance Director, after being assisted with rent to move in

As they really enjoyed each other's company, collectively, they put their minds together and decided to pursue cost sharing under one roof. Two of them work for the same company, and one is on disability. Jumping through several hoops to get it approved through the parole office, they finally found a landlord willing to rent to them. As Journey to New Life knew them through our Emergency Assistance program, and their length of stay time was running out at the housing program they were in, they paid the deposit, and we were able to assist them in paying the first month's rent to get moved in.

Through our partnership with Flourish Furnishings, our Reentry Case Manager, Nick, accompanied them to a shopping appointment to get furnishings and helped them move. We can all recognize the Journey is made less difficult when one has accountability partners who can assist with friendship, housing costs, and staying on the straight and narrow.

Three is GREAT company!



Andrew, Juan & Gary are all smiles while shopping for furniture at Flourish Furnishings

SAVE THE DATE: OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

We're excited to gather together, bringing a community of allies and donors who understand that, when basic needs are met and access to the right tools and resources is available, people really do have the power to change.

This year is our 10th Anniversary of Operation and will be our biggest event yet. Journey to New Life has grown so much over the past 10 years, and that is thanks to YOU!



We rely on the generous support of the community and donors like you to join our mission. Without you, it's impossible to continue the vital work that changes lives and makes our community safer to live, work and raise a family.

Make sure you keep your evening on **June 21st, 2023**, free for our 10th Anniversary Event!

SAVE THE DATE: JOURNEY OVER LUNCH

Journey to New Life is one of the best kept secrets in Kansas City and we want to change that! Please join us for a Journey Over Lunch, an opportunity to gather with friends, break bread with some of our staff and clients, at one of our locations to learn about the impact we have in the community and enjoy a casual lunch while being educated on reentry info in Missouri.

Journey House

2918 Tracy Ave
Kansas City, MO
64109

12pm - 1:30pm

Thursday, January 12th
Tuesday, February 7th
Wednesday, March 8th
Thursday, April 6th
Tuesday, May 9th
Wednesday, June 7th
Tuesday, July 11th
Wednesday, August 9th
Wednesday, September 6th
Tuesday, October 3rd
Tuesday, November 7th
Wednesday, December 6th

WAYS TO GIVE



MATCHING CONTRIBUTION

Does your company match charitable contributions? If so, make sure you submit the giving request.



PLANNED GIVING

Remembering Journey to New Life in your will is a great way to create a lasting legacy that reflects your support of the organization's mission.



MONTHLY RECURRING GIVING

If you're giving by credit card, simply check the box to make an ongoing monthly contribution.



VOLUNTEER OR DONATE ITEMS

Journey to New Life is always in need of volunteer assistance and basic living and hygiene items.

JOIN GEORGIA'S CIRCLE

We are excited to announce that we will be kicking off a monthly donation campaign called Georgia's Circle. Named after Journey to New Life founder Georgia K. Walker, Georgia's Circle will be an exclusive monthly giving program designed to cultivate philanthropy among friends, members, and volunteers of Journey to New Life.

tinyurl.com/georgiascircle

As a member of Georgia's Circle, you'll receive some great incentives when you donate:

- \$5 - \$10/month: Georgia's Circle pin, plus our monthly sticker
- \$15 - \$25/month: Georgia's Circle pin, our monthly sticker, plus a tote bag
- \$35 - \$50/month: Georgia's Circle pin, our monthly sticker, a tote bag, plus a mug
- \$75 - \$100/month: Georgia's Circle pin, our monthly sticker, a tote bag, a mug, plus a sweatshirt

