



The “North Pole” Treasure Trove

Changing lives through Christ

House of Pearls

Winter 2021

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And all the amazing volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up afterwards!

Beauty for Ashes Banquet 2021

If you were at the Beauty for Ashes Banquet in Oct, you already know how beautiful it was! The Banquet was truly a success and the Pearls were all gorgeous! One of our board members, Amanda Kurtz, owner of “It’s A Date Events by Kate” set up a special time for the Pearls to have their hair styled by Casey Clawson, & Catherine Gheen and makeup done by Rose Plesz before the banquet, making this a very special night for each of them. Justin Caldwell, the Master of Ceremonies lead us through the program as the Pearls performed a “Cardboard Confessional”, and we worshiped the Lord with music performed by Jason Lanier, Robin Pugh, Tarsha Williams, & Jasmine Lloyd. We also heard testimonies from Alumni: Debra Basinger & Tabitha Cudd. Executive Director, Delois Carpenter addressed the needs of the ministry. All while enjoying a meal catered by Kate Clyde’s Catered Creations. The night was simply inspiring to all who attended.

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“Cardboard Confessional”



“I had become a cheater, a liar, a great manipulator and a full time thief”

Pearl testimony- Miranda

On October 7, 2020, just a little over a year ago, I went to jail for possession of \$20,000 dollars worth of stolen goods. I weighed about 115-120 lbs at the time. I was a meth addict and a very confused girl. I was lost and had thrown myself away for the desires of my flesh. I was confused as I had started thinking I was one of the “guys”.

I had been abused as a child by a family member. This was something I had never told anyone because I was scared and embarrassed, I continually blamed myself for the things that happened to me when I was little. Why me??

Eight months ago I sat with a Pastor in my hometown telling him about this pain I had endured as a child. As we talked I found out that this same Pastor led that very same family member to Christ before he passed away! There was such freedom knowing that although this person had never apologized to me for the pain he caused, he had asked a perfect Savior to forgive him. So now I had to learn to forgive. In my addiction I lost my car, I was jobless, and careless. I became a cheater, a liar, a great manipulator and a full time thief. I would steal, trade or sale anything just to get the next fix. Finally I got caught and went back to jail. Looking back I realize it nearly took hell being lit on fire and shown to me before I believed that hell was going to be my home.

I am now a child of the glorious, almighty Alpha and Omega and without a shadow of a doubt, I know that I know where I'm going when the Lord comes again or He calls me home!

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me Philipians 4:13



When I saw Miranda's arrest picture on social media, God spoke to my spirit and said “Go help her” After posting my contact info in the comments of that post, her mother called me and we were able to get her released to HOP.

It has been my absolute pleasure to watch God mold her into His daughter.

When you support HOP. you are plugging into the lives of women like Miranda. And it is so rewarding!

~ Delois Carpenter, Executive Director, House of Pearls

“God, please help me!”

Debra Basinger/ Pearl Alumni Testimony

My name is Debra Basinger. I am 37 years old, and I have three beautiful daughters. I was raised by my grandmother and had a normal life. After high school I went to college and graduated as a Registered Nurse in 2007. I was married with two children and expecting our 3rd when I found out my husband had secretly been battling addiction. With the stress of that, working full time at a hospital and raising my children, I began to crumble under the pressure. My doctor prescribed me anxiety medication and very soon after I was addicted. This addiction led me to other substances, and I found myself severely addicted to pain medication. I had become a danger to my patients, my children and myself. I surrendered my nursing license in 2014 due to my drug use. The 5 years after losing my nursing license was a downward spiral that had devastating effects



on everyone who was connected to me. At my lowest point, I was using crystal meth intravenously. It is hard to put into words the depth of my despair, shame, guilt and hopelessness. I wanted to take my own life to escape my addiction. In a last-ditch effort, I cried out to God, “please help me!” Within a month of that moment, God gave me an opportunity to come to the House of Pearls. At the H.O.P. I heard the truth of the Gospel, and I finally had hope again. Once I was able to identify my drug use as a sin problem, I was able to break the cycle of addiction. While at the H.O.P. my relationship with Christ blossomed into the most precious thing I have ever known. I graduated from the House of Pearls in March 2021. I am a new creation in Christ! He has filled with love, joy, peace, and hope for a better future. On October 14, 2021, the N.C. The Board of Nursing offered me acceptance into their chemical dependency program, where I will continue to submit random drug tests and monitoring. After completing a refresher course, I will be able to practice nursing again! God has freed me from the bondage of addiction. I am finally able to live the life God intended for me. There is freedom in living a surrendered life! I will continue to tell others about Jesus and how far down He will reach to save those who call out for help.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. Psalm 18:16



2021 is almost over! Can you believe it? 3 years ago, I was hired as the Executive Director of HOP and I have never regretted it! As you read through our newsletters, you should see the reason why I love this job. To watch God work in each of the lives of these women, is just simply amazing. I see women come in without hope only to leave full of hope! Families are broken through addiction but made whole through Christ!



Executive Director, Delois Carpenter

What good things He has done through House of Pearls. This year has had its share of complications, but we have been blessed beyond belief! So many volunteers pour into the lives of each lady. This year we established our Alumni program. Assistant Director Dana Haddox and some ladies who

graduated HOP put together an amazing summer event and will be planning some upcoming events. To keep our past graduates included and to encourage the ladies in the program currently. We were able to help with other ministries throughout the year and share our hope at several churches in NC/ SC. The ladies were treated to an amazing retreat at Myrtle Beach by some of our friends/volunteers. They also got to go to Narroway in Fort Mill to see “Lord of Light” compliments of another amazing family that loves HOP. All of this helps the women in the program to understand that life is beautiful and they can enjoy life while sober. They learn that God restores and then they show their loved ones the redemption that God has given them, and we get to watch ripple of lives changed through Christ.

Good and upright is the Lord! Psalm 25:8

HOP wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!