

SPRING/SUMMER 2022

THE TREASURE TROVE

House of Pearls Newsletter



House of Pearls Lancaster

We are very pleased to announce to you that House of Pearls has opened a 2nd location! Our Lancaster location opened Feb 7th 2022. This location is much smaller than our original home in Wingate, allowing us to house 4 more women and 1 full time staff.

Our Directors have worked out a schedule that includes them rotating days at both locations and having a staff member residing at each home insuring safety and accountability at all times.

Some may think 4 beds is nothing, but for the staff at HOP, it gives us the opportunity to say "yes" to 4 more women who need to restart their lives, to lay down the old ways of life, learning that they are loved and forgiven which allows them to forgive as well. We are so excited how the community in Lancaster has embraced HOP. Antioch Baptist Church has made this addition possible by allowing us the use of a home on their campus. Although we are excited and happy with this expansion, we need so much more! Both of our homes are FULL already. And we are getting several applications and phone calls a week.

Thank you for all YOU do to help HOP grow!

SPECIAL THANKS

- ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
- FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH
- LEE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
- GREATER LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH
- COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH
- WAXHAW BIBLE CHURCH
- WOODY & MANDY LYLES
- RESTORATION CHURCH
- CHRISTLIFE CHURCH
- WAYNE & CONNIE RAPE
- JOSEPH DEBRUHL
- MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
- GENNELLES
- WEDDINGTON UMC
- NUTRAMAX
- 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONROE
- KEN KNIGHT
- CHARITY BAPTIST CHURCH
- PLANTATION POINTE DENTISTRY
- THE TOMMY JONES FOUNDATION
- FRONTLINE BIKER CHURCH
- KATE CLYDES CATERED CREATIONS
- SOUTHERN WAY HOMES REALTY
- CHRISTLIFE CHURCH
- HARMONY COMMUNITY CHURCH
- PLANTATION POINTE DENTISTRY



Debra 2 year recovery date!





A PEARL WEDDING

We experienced our 1st Pearl wedding! The beautiful Camelia Room in Marshville made the wedding so special for our graduate Alexis, her family and all the Pearls. A special thank you to Katherine Davis for all her hard work making this wedding such a success! Congratulations Alexis and Joey! We pray for a lifetime of happiness! Thank you also to Rick Carpenter for the wedding photos.

ALEXIS GRADUATES

After a beautiful wedding day, we celebrated with the newlyweds at Harmony Community Church the following day. What an exciting weekend! Alexis is employed by Kate Clyde's Catered Creations .

Alexis says of her time with HOP, "Being at the HOP has completely changed my life for the better. Originally from the Outer Banks, drugs and alcohol was very easy to access, so at an early age I was exposed. By 16 I was doing heroin and it's something that completely flipped my life upside down. At 19 years old I chose to go to a rehab and little did I know that this place would change my outlook on life.

On April 9th 2021 I surrendered my life to Christ and since then it has been nothing but a joyful experience. I've learned to cope with my problems in a healthy way. Yes there were some tough days but in the end it all paid off because now I am living a life free of bondage, healthy, happy and looking to move forward in life with God by my side."



JULY GRADUATION

We are gearing up for a busy year! Our next graduation is in July. Misty's transformation has been astounding, and we give God all the glory. Misty has successfully completed the 1st phase of the program and is employed at Kate Clyde's Catered Creations as the Events Manager.

Mark your calendar for our annual Beauty for Ashes Banquet Oct 7th!

Moms in Prayer

CHERYL BILLINGER & MARY HELEN HOLLOWAY

Moms in Prayer is an international ministry that focuses on praying scripture over your children. As best friends, Mary Helen and I had prayed to do some kind of ministry together. God put House of Pearls on our hearts because it is a house of mostly moms that cannot be with their children. What better gift to give your children than praying God's word over them for His protection, His peace and His strength.

Moms in Prayer teaches the 4 steps of prayer. We take an attribute or characteristic of God each week.

We (1) read scripture about that attribute. We have a (2) time of confession to clean out our hearts so we can go to battle for our children or loved ones. We always have a time of (3) thankfulness before we start (4) praying selected scripture with our children's names in that scripture. We call this our "our hour of praying power". The blessings come to us when the Pearls share that this gives them some comfort that they are able to impact those they love. Mary Helen Holloway and Cheryl Billinger are life long friends and moms to adult children and now grandmothers to grandchildren. They are retired educators and strongly believe in the power of prayer. Moms in Prayers is a way of continuing to call on the Holy Spirit to influence your family when you are no longer around them on a daily basis.



"Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase"

We have been blessed in the past year with much success, and so many new partners!. It does in deed take a village! Our vision for the future of HOP includes a lot of hard work, but we are finally ready to start moving forward with putting our vision on paper for all to see and help us as we strive so hard to help more women overcome the bondage of addiction. If you would like to partner with us, below is a list of ways you can help!

- 1. Prayers for God's will and direction as we seek land with or without a home to build on so we can house 40 women.**
- 2. Prayers for a transition home in the Union county area for our graduating Pearls to reside while continuing to rebuild their lives.**
- 3. Prayers for an architect to help us put on paper the vison God has given us for the future home of HOP.**
- 4. Prayers for our upcoming banquet Oct 7th to be a success so we will be able to add to the funds for this vision.**
- 5. Volunteering at our boutiques. Please contact Cindy Huffman at either store. (704) 327-4096 or (704) 218-2168**



What is happening around HOP?

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE PEARL AT A TIME!

Why We Need Your Help?

We have 6 more ladies scheduled to graduate by the end of 2022. And every one of these Pearls deserve a safe place to go to upon graduation.

Our next goal is to be able to provide a safe home for transition. If you know of a home in the union or Lancaster area that we could use for this need, please contact us asap.
(704) 324-0028 (803) 289-7089

A newsletter is a great way to share with our friends and families all the things God is doing in this ministry. It's also a way to reach out to many people and share our need to continue expanding. The 1st picture below is from "Lights of Hope" a service to remember those who have lost their lives to drugs and alcohol, but also to celebrate those who are overcomers! 2nd picture is 3 of our Alumni, (Gretchen, Debra & Tabitha) who give back to the ministry in many ways. 3rd picture is Alexis' graduation "Overdosed on the Holy Ghost!" 4th picture are the 4 Lancaster Pearls that were given a chance to have a better life because of those who give sacrificially to HOP. May we continue to provide a safe place for women to heal and be restored.



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