



HANNAH'S HAVEN, A Teen Challenge Center

"...and the Lord remembered her." -1 Samuel 1:19b



♥♥♥♥♥ **God Began to Radically Transform Me From the Inside Out!** ♥♥♥♥♥



When I arrived on the scene at Hannah's Haven, I was a wreck. Not only was I addicted to cocaine, amphetamines, and opiates...I was addicted to the "game" that coincided with drug addiction. Due to my dangerous behavior towards myself and my loved ones caused by emotional instability and addiction, my husband was forced to take our four year old son, move away, and file for divorce in March of 2009. By May, I had attempted to take my own life and was placed in a state institution. I entered the doors of Hannah's Haven that August with a twelve year drug addiction, full of grief and rage, homeless, suicidal, headed to jail, and with no



hope that my life would ever be different. On that day, Bonnie Harris said to me "Welcome home, my daughter." I can't even begin to describe the comforting feeling that came over me when I heard genuine words of acceptance and unconditional love.

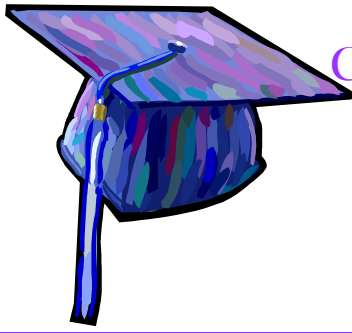
While at Hannah's Haven, God began to radically transform me from the inside out. He brought all the pain I spent my entire life trying to deny and bury to the surface. He lovingly began to bring healing to those pains and showed me that there is a different way to deal with my hurts, hang-ups, and habits. He pointed me to the Cross at Calvary and asked me to lay my burdens at the foot of His precious son, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It wasn't easy to let go of all the pain. Honestly, I didn't know how to let someone else be "in control" of my life, surrender, and live without my baggage. It was very scary to live a way I had never known and time and time again; I would go back to the Cross and pick up my bondage of suffering. Praise God for my leaders at Hannah's Haven who constantly encouraged me that His grace is enough and that Jesus wanted me to LEAVE those things at His Cross! Through Hannah's Haven, God taught me how to stop making excuses, justifying my wrong doings, and take responsibility for my own sinful ways! God has taught me how to make Him the "main character" in my life and get out of my own self. He revealed to me that I couldn't use people or things to fill the emptiness inside me, only Jesus could do that. I truly heard my Lord say, "But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life (John 4:14)."

Not only was God bringing me healing in my mind, body, and soul. Not only was God purifying me from my unrighteousness, washing me white as snow, leveling my mountains, and making my crooked ways straight. God was bringing healing in my husband hundreds of miles away and healing in our marriage through the support of my caring leaders and a seasoned married couple helping Hannah's Haven. When the world said there was no way my husband and I would reconcile and our family would be reunited, **God said with Him all things are possible!**

My husband, son, and I are reunited! After nine months of living with my husband's parents, we are moving into our own apartment this weekend! We are meeting with a Christian counselor to allow God to bring us an even deeper level of healing in our marriage and help keep us accountable. We desire to have a marriage that represents what God, not the world, says marriage should look like! I now serve in a Celebrate Recovery ministry pouring my heart out to others who are looking for the healing I found at the Cross of Calvary. With God's help, I lead a women's share group and a women's step study group. I am a Training Coach for the other leaders in the ministry, and I get to share interpretive dances during worship services. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to celebrate what God has done and is doing in my life and the lives of others! To this day, I still consider Hannah's Haven home. I love my leaders and my sisters in the program from the past, present, and future! To all those who pour their time, resources, and prayers into Hannah's Haven, "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God (Phil 1:3)!" May God bless you all today and always! *April Stalls* (left photo: April & Caleb Stalls right photo: April & Patrick Stalls)

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You are Invited to a Hannah's Haven Graduation!
Come celebrate with us what God has done and is doing
Saturday February 26, 1:00pm
at Grace Community Church
643 W. Lee Street

Mark Your Calendars Now For
Hannah's Haven Home & Garden Spring Fling

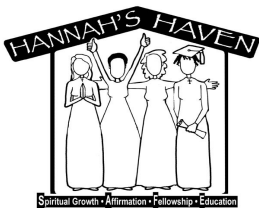
April 30th from 11:00am to 4:00pm at the Ministry Home

Shop: Home & Garden Items for Sale

Eat: Fish Fry, Hot Dogs & Bake Sale

Play: Games, Crafts & Pony Rides for Children

Fellowship: Music, Meet the Students, Tour the Home



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