

July 2010



HANNAH'S HAVEN, *A Teen Challenge Center*

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



Ruth Connor

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I grew up in a Christian home. I was devoted to our church and working for the Lord. I sang in the church choir and in a trio with my two sisters. I was able to grow up with a wonderful group of young people at our local church. But when I got to high school things began to change. I started running around with a different crowd and walked away from my commitment to God.

Eventually I became addicted to drugs and alcohol. I put myself first and what I wanted to do before anything else. I wasn't pleased with the choices I made and was living a life that was miserable. I started smoking crystal meth and did so every day for two years. During that time I remember watching my own heart beat outside my chest. I ended up losing the one thing I loved more than life, my son Dwayne. He was taken from me by his father because of my

drinking addiction. Instead of getting the help I needed, I began to drink even more. I ate pills like they were candy and became addicted to crack cocaine. If you were to ask me my drug choice, my answer would have been more!

I lost contact with my friends and family. If they weren't part of the way I was living, I didn't come around them. Finally my life was so out of control I couldn't take it anymore. I was slowly killing myself and I knew that I needed help. I called my sister Jane and she got right on it. She found the place that saved my life, Hannah's Haven. It was there that I found God again. I found His love and His forgiveness. I realized that He had never left me, He had been right there with me thru all my craziness. God had spared my life so many times.

While being at Hannah's Haven I learned to trust again. I was able to forgive myself and love again. Once that happened my misery was pushed aside and replaced with joy, something I hadn't felt in years. God healed me from all my addictions. I struggled with the taste of drugs for months and God took all that away. Praise God, I have no desire to use drugs at all!

So many doors are opening for me now. I'm blessed to have two jobs. I waitress at Bob Evans and am a seasonal worker for Bell Nursery. I love to work with flowers and my job at Bell Nursery allows me to do just that. I am presently living in Maryland with my sister Jane and her husband Mark. They've been so kind to open up their home to me and they are helping me until I am able to live independently. For that I am so grateful.

God is at work in restoring my relationship with my son. I am trusting God to mend this relationship. Through this journey, I've had the love and support of my other sisters, Margaret and Mary. I also have been blessed to have made so many wonderful new friends. All the people that pray, fellowship, and financially support Hannah's Haven, have helped with my recovery. They have also taught me the meaning of real love.

Taking responsibility for my behavior has lifted a weight of burdens from me. It feels so good to be doing what's right. I've made a serious commitment to God and long to hear Him say the words, "Well done my child".

I love the Lord with all my heart. Every day I thank Him for opening that door at Hannah's Haven for me. It was there I meet a lady named Bonnie Harris that inspires me daily. Life is good. God Bless you all. *Ruth Connor*



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

A HANNAH'S HAVEN GRADUATION

August 21, 2010, 1:00pm at Grace Community Church



Hannah's Haven, is a 501(c)3 organization.

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August 14, 2010 is our Four Year Anniversary and we are asking you to pray for this ministry.

There are **6** women in the residential program right now, **3** more who are planning to graduate in August. **43** women have walked through the doors of Hannah's Haven in the four years we have been open and **17** have graduated. But graduation is only the first step. We need God's sovereign power to touch each student that is here now or has walked through the doors at Hannah's Haven. We know that prayer changes lives and that is what Hannah's Haven and a new life in Christ is all about.

Listen to Solomon's heart. As he dedicated the Temple of the Lord saying, ²⁷ "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! ²⁸ Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, O LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. ²⁹ May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, 'My Name shall be there,' so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰ Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. (1 Kings 8:27-30)

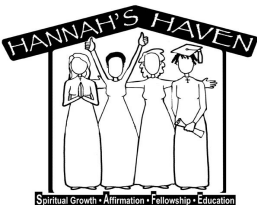
Hannah's Haven Fourth Annual Fall Appreciation Banquet
Monday, September 27, 2010 ☞ 6:00 - 8:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
617 North Elm Street ☞ Greensboro, NC 27401
\$15 per person ☞ \$120 per table



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