A Domino of Miracles

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Stephanie’s story can only be expressed by the word “miracle.” For it is truly miracle upon miracle upon miracle – a domino of miracles.

Raised in Morganton, NC by two godly parents, Stephanie graduated high school having already studied abroad for a year. Her family was proud of their 1st generation college student. Her dream life continued as she enrolled in college and enjoyed campus life. Stephanie excelled in academic scholarships while in college and was Vice President of her society. Sadly, though, she was severely injured her senior year. Pain medication was legitimately prescribed, and this began the start of her addiction that would see her through an almost 10-year spiral.

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Program—In March 2017, Stephanie found herself entered into debt, trying to become sober for others rather than herself. Shame and guilt ultimately because she couldn’t stop. As she said, "There were a lot of prayers going up for me, but I couldn’t get sober. I felt like I loved God enough or if I was a good enough person, I’d change. Then, my thinking somehow became twisted like if I loved God enough or if I was a good enough person, I’d change. I changed."

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Miracle—Today, Stephanie is with her family, quarantined due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She’s working from home as well as homeschooling her son. Her sons are in 3rd and 5th grades and enjoy going to others. Stephanie says, “It’s only through building a relationship with God and working a program of recovery, and playing in the role that I’ve accomplished anything. And none of those things were created without the help of the people at The Harvest Center. If you’d told me 3 years ago that today I would be a good mother who has a personal relationship with God, be a reliable employee, and be contributing on parents, I would have never believed it. It’s truly a miracle that’s been restored and given to me as a result of this process.”

Stephanie concludes, “When a Harvest Center participant’s life is transformed, it has a domino effect in the lives of so many others. It reduces the chance that a negative influence will be imitated. It’s much bigger than just transforming lives. It’s how that transformation positively affects all of our children, parents, spouses and uncles, cousins, grandparents, friends, church families, co-workers and businesses... communities.”

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THCC envisions a world in which straitened homeless individuals and families break free from poverty, locate their potential, and lead their families to a better way of life.

As I complete my 7th year as your Executive Director—I am increasingly inspired by the successes of our alumni and graduates. The most rewarding part of my role is witnessing how they are achieving their dreams, making positive change in the world, and flourishing in all areas of their lives. As we celebrate them, let us be reminded, they are made in the image of God and possess the strengths and potential to achieve greater things than we have imagined for them.

In the face of a global health crisis and growing social unrest, we are still advancing our mission to create community and transform lives and I am happy to report, 2019 was our most productive year, ever! We fully renovated 13, two-bedroom apartments, built strategic partnerships with 12 service providers to improve the life odds of our participants, refined our daily operations to improve outcomes for our graduates, and we received the highest amount of financial donations in the past 7 years.

Our donors are the reason we can look ahead with optimism and hope.

In 2020 we will take the necessary steps to expand our capacity to serve more homeless neighbors and transform more lives through our transitional housing ministry, The Charlotte Passport Program.

While the work of transforming lives has never been easy, it is more critical now due to the economic impact of COVID -19. Our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and partners remain committed to breaking these generational cycles of homelessness and we pray you are too. Thank you for your previous donations and we respectfully ask for your continued support.

Let’s work together to see 2,000 lives transformed for the glory of God and the good of our community!