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HERE WE GROW... THROUGH NEW CHAPTERS IN LIFE

by Brianne Kluge, Home Manager

At *New Beginnings* we have a picture on the wall that says, "Sometimes in life what appears to be the end is really a new beginning." In the past months, this picture has proven to be remarkably true. We recently welcomed a new resident into the home, gathered together to celebrate the birth of another resident's baby, stood in awe while a mother walked across the graduation stage, witnessed the miracle of baptism, and celebrated the one-year anniversary of yet another mother at *New Beginnings*.

June also marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next for our first Assistant Home Manager, Beth. We are so proud of her accomplishments at *New Beginnings* and will miss her dearly! In addition, Taleya Williamson began her journey as part of the *New Beginnings*' family, replacing Beth as our new Assistant Home Manager.

The Lord continues to bless *New Beginnings*' staff and residents with... well, new beginnings and we couldn't be more thankful! ♦

LETTERS FROM HOME

Being a mother is falling in love all over again for the very first time. It's crazy how no matter how many children you birth, you're doing it for the first time every time because each time it's all so different. The joy and excitement for each child is all so new to you because each of them brings a different type of happy to your life. There's an 11-year age difference between my daughters, but even if the gap wasn't so big it wouldn't matter because they each bring a different type of joy, a different type of excitement, and a different type of happiness to my life that only a mother can understand.

The love of a mother doing it all over again for the first time.

-Meosha



HERE WE GROW... STARTING THE NEXT CHAPTER

by Bethany Shiels, Assistant Home Manager

Whenever I read a novel told from several different characters' viewpoints, I'm usually hesitant to start a new character's chapter and begin reading from their perspective. I *liked* the character from the previous chapter. I had just gotten used to his voice and was familiar with his story. Now I have to get acquainted with a whole new character and learn her story?

Well, it always turns out that it's actually not so bad. I just need to keep reading, and I usually come to really like that chapter just as much, if not more, as the first one.

So it is that I'm coming to the next chapter of my life and my time at *New Beginnings* is coming to a close. I'm a little apprehensive about what the next chapter will hold, but there is excitement too. I have loved the chapter of my life that includes my *New Beginnings* family; it's one that I will turn back to and enjoy again for years to come. Now, however, I can't let fear stand in my way of enjoying the next chapter that life brings.

God certainly put me here for a reason and introduced me to dozens of people along this journey that I wouldn't have had the chance to meet otherwise. I am filled with gratitude for the influence each one of them has had on molding me into the person I am today; a better version of me than I was before I started this position. To each of you, *thank you*.

To my fellow staff members: Through the ups and downs and the wading through uncharted waters together, we formed friendships and respect for each other. We overcame challenges as we grew individually and as a team. I had the opportunity to work for the best boss ever (wait... I'm not sure I can say that; my next boss is my husband!), but regardless, I gained a lifelong friend.

To the resident assistants: You have put yourselves in a position that requires model behavior every step of the way. This is not an easy task, and many college students would shy away from this great responsibility.

You may sometimes feel that your job is thankless but know that you are making a difference in many lives through your time. Your work at *New Beginnings* is priceless.

To the residents, the bravest moms I know: You are stepping away from pretty much everything you have known your entire life in hopes of giving yourself and your child a brighter future. Whenever you're feeling like life is giving you too much to handle, remember that God is in control. He's got a much bigger picture in store for you than you can see right now. You have taught me so much, instilled a new self-confidence in me, and offered a perspective to life I'm blessed to now know.

To the babies: Little ones, you bring so much joy to our home! You will never remember me, but I will always remember each beautiful baby who came home to *New Beginnings* while I worked there. Always remember that your moms are determined and hardworking, and they love you more than you could know.

To the future moms to reside at *New Beginnings*: Whatever life you want to live, you CAN live it. No matter how unattainable it may seem right now, there are people who want to help you succeed.

And to the supporters of *New Beginnings*: You may not have ever even been to *New Beginnings* or met any of our moms or babies face-to-face. But with the love you show through your prayers, donations, and monetary gifts, YOU are doing Christ's work here just as much as any of us are, because YOU are making it possible.

Wherever life may lead all of you, approach each new chapter with excitement! Live your life with a purpose and above all, keep your faith in Christ Jesus and embrace our Father's plan for your life!

*"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."
(1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NIV) ♦*

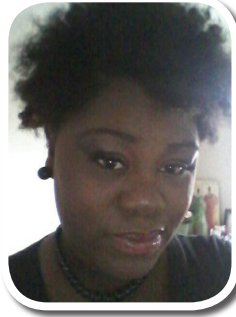
LETTERS FROM HOME

I've made it a whole year at *New Beginnings* and I am so proud of myself. I'm so blessed to have met women that really care about me and are sincere in their hearts for my baby, Kiarra and me.

This year, I've started college and finished my first semester with a 2.0. I am continuing with summer classes, and I plan to finish these classes with a 2.5 or higher. I am so thankful for the staff that has been in my life to push me, and they have never given up on me. Thank you for seeing my potential; I guess when you don't give up on yourself, it makes it easier for others to want to push you. God has really outdone himself with my gift -- he blessed me with the most beautiful baby in the world, Ms. Kiarra, who is 9 months now. She's crawling, spunky, and a very happy baby, just full of unknown energy. We are so happy to be in each others' lives; thanks, God!

To the ladies that are at *New Beginnings*, and for those starting a new chapter, just hold on; I have seen some mothers come and go. My advice to you is to do what is expected and it will go well, trust me. Yes, it may seem uncomfortable in the beginning, but it gets easier as time goes on. Remember that you are doing this for your baby/kids and yourself. Everything happens for a reason, and God always has our back.

Thanks for reading.
Shaneka



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I was born and raised in Puyallup, Washington. My parents sent me and my two brothers to Parkland Lutheran School where I was confirmed. I went on to attend Evergreen Lutheran High School in Washington. I decided to continue my education at Wisconsin Lutheran College where I earned a Bachelors of Science in psychology with a minor in anthropology.

While in college, I met my best friend and now husband, David. We were married on the beach in South Lake Tahoe, California in September of 2015 and attend Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pewaukee, WI. We are blessed to live near his family members and to be able to visit mine in Washington a few times a year.

I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to share God's love through the ministry of *New Beginnings*. The Lord has blessed me with a passion for helping others and I can't wait to use the gifts He's given me to serve Him and His people. ♦



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