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A Home for Mothers located in Milwaukee, WI

Growing Branches



Through Knowledge of Our Savior by Brianne Hansen, Executive Director

I must admit that I have never had a green thumb. Keeping a houseplant alive always seemed like an impossible task. Despite my lack of gardening skills, each year at *New Beginnings* we work with the residents to plant flowers, plants, and vegetables around the home. Last year, we planted carrots for the first time. When planting carrots, the instructions say that you must thin the carrots after they have grown about four inches. In other words, you need to pluck about half of them from the ground to make enough space for those left over to grow properly. I couldn't accept the idea that plucking some from the ground would kill them, so I just let them be. At the end of the season, they were the most pitiful looking carrots! I hadn't given them room to grow, and by doing so, I ruined the whole lot.

For some reason, this experience felt like God was giving me a life lesson – don't ignore instructions for growth! As Christians in today's world, we must continually grow in grace or risk being carried away from the truth of our Lord. At times, this might require an earthly thinning of our own; we must carefully consider the people, things, and thoughts

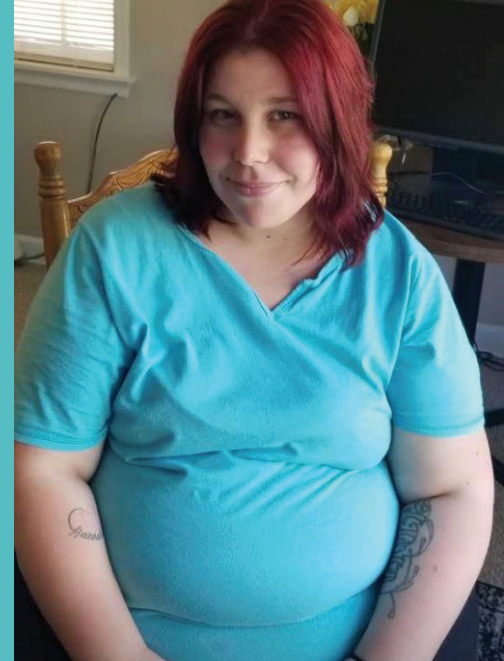
we surround ourselves with. To grow properly we must focus on growing spiritually and personally by God's stability and grace. Our instructions for growth are clear: *"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18a).

At *New Beginnings*, helping the mothers to grow in the knowledge of Christ Jesus is our primary mission. We know that all growth comes from the Lord, and that growth begins in his Word. In fact, once a mother is given the tools to grow spiritually, her growth in other areas seems to fall into place. Constance, Shawna, and Julie are examples of growth in different areas of the program, and they share their spiritual growth, parenting growth, and educational growth in this issue.

We pray that the mothers at *New Beginnings* continue to grow and mature with Christ in the forefront. As Ephesians 4:15-16 says, *"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."* ♦

Spiritual Growth at New Beginnings – Meet Julie

Before I came to *New Beginnings*, I had fallen away from God. Since I have been here, it is nice to be close to him and ask for forgiveness because I fell away from his Word. Everyone is so welcoming with open arms at *New Beginnings*. The staff are helping me get back close to God, and I am learning how to read the Bible. I feel closer to God since being here than I have in a long time and I couldn't be happier. In the future, I see my faith growing to the point where I will be able to talk about God with others and not be shy. When I have my son, I plan to read the Bible to him. As he gets older, I will take him to church and answer any questions he has. I am just really happy to be here and can't wait to see what happens in the future.



Parenting at New Beginnings – Meet Constance & Noah

My baby boy, Noah, was born on May 19 and weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces.

Being a new mom is both exciting and challenging at the same time. I really love everything about being a new mom. I feel like I have a purpose, other than just me. My goal is to give him the life that I never had and teach him to be responsible and caring. My hopes for Noah in the future are that he would become a believer in Christ and become a successful man. It is wonderful raising my son at *New Beginnings* because they are there whenever I have questions.



Education at New Beginnings – Meet Shawna & Robert

I recently started an accounting degree program at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Before I could start, I needed to pay off a previous school fee so that I could apply at MATC. *New Beginnings* not only helped me to pay off this fee through their education fund, but they also helped me sort out my time. I chose accounting because I am very organized and I am good at math. My goals while I am in school are to learn better ways to organize, to heighten my math skills, and learn more about accounting. When I graduate, I hope to be an accountant for a large company. I have to thank *New Beginnings* for motivating me to continue my education.



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NEXT DATES: August 23 & September 20

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WINE & DINE
Thursday, September 27,
from 6:00-8:00pm

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Additional ways to give material donations:
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Baby Update!

Please welcome Robert! Shawna gave birth on Tuesday, June 5, to Robert who was a healthy 7lbs and 4oz.

Meet baby George who is due any day now! Julie, his mother, is excited to hold him for the first time.



New Beginnings appreciates your prayers to our gracious God on our behalf. We also appreciate your gifts.

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New Program Developments: The Baby Pantry

New Beginnings has partnered with St. John's on the Hillside in Milwaukee, WI, to start a non-residential program called the Baby Pantry! The baby pantry will function much like a food pantry, but we will distribute baby items to single, generationally-poor mothers instead. During the event, mothers will also learn more about Jesus through a group devotion, learn about the *New Beginnings*' residential program, and have the option to participate in devotions, group night classes, and other educational components of our residential program. Through this program, we will be able to serve more mothers by meeting both physical and spiritual needs. We would like to thank St. John's on the Hillside for helping us with our first baby pantry that will be held on Tuesday, August 21, from 10am-12pm! We are excited that the *New Beginnings*' program is developing and growing to help more mothers.

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