



GROWING BRANCHES

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HERE WE GROW... TRANSFORMATION THROUGH COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

by Brianne Kluge, Home Manager

Moving to a new location requires change on multiple levels including a change in scenery, variations in day-to-day activities, and sometimes even modifications in long-term goals. Although change seems intimidating at first, it can lead to wonderful outcomes. We are proud to announce that the program at *New Beginnings* continues to grow to meet the needs of our new location in Milwaukee. For the past few months, our staff has worked to collaborate with members of the community in an effort to advance the *New Beginnings*' program.

The program requirements remain the same; however, our program aims to focus attention on providing educational services to our residents. In addition to mandatory morning devotions, individual Bible study, group nights, and weekly goals, *New Beginnings* now requires that residents attend school to obtain Literacy Services; a GED, Associate's or Bachelor's Degree; or, some form of vocational training. Rather than requiring the mothers to work while in the program, we are collaborating with the Adult Learning Center, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and Wisconsin Lutheran College to educate our residents so that they can ultimately obtain employment that allows for self-sufficiency.

In addition, we have secured three Resident Assistants that live at *New Beginnings* and countless volunteers from area congregations and intern students from WLC to assist with marketing and resident support. Our program is currently ready and able to accept residents.

The *New Beginnings*' staff waits patiently for women to apply; we are excited to start helping mothers! Interviews have begun. During the last few months our program has been preparing and developing to meet Milwaukee's needs so that we could better serve mothers in the area. We trust that the Lord will fill our home when the time is right, for He says in Philippians 4:6-7, "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" We continue to collaborate with the community to strengthen our program, increase our resources, and reinforce relationships. ♦

Now's the time to sign your congregation up for the Change for Life program - a fun and easy way to help support *New Beginnings*!

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HERE WE GROW... THROUGH GOD'S GUIDANCE

by *Brianne Kluge, Home Manager*

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

In life, we do not always have a clear picture of where we are going; however, we can trust in the Lord to guide us. As Jeremiah 29:11 states, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

If you would have asked me six months ago where I would be now, I would have said, "I will still be working as a Research Assistant with Children's Hospital, of course!" I had no idea that I would be managing a home for mothers right across the street! The circumstances leading up to my hire as Home Manager can only be explained through God's grace and guidance:

My parents live in Slinger, Wisconsin (a small town about 30 miles northwest of Milwaukee) and attend St. Paul Lutheran Church in Slinger. My brother, Nathan, was home for the weekend from college in Stevens Point, and we both were asked to sing during the Sunday service. The announcement about *New Beginnings'* search for a Home Manager was in the bulletin that Sunday. I was not looking for a new position, but after "coincidentally" running into Pastor Fleischmann, the founder of *New Beginnings*, at a nearby coffee shop following the morning service, I felt the need to discuss the position. I feel so

blessed that God chose me to help bring *New Beginnings* to Milwaukee. I thank the Lord for leading me down the right path; I know wholeheartedly that this was His plan for me.

Bethany Shiels, one of our Assistant Home Managers, had a similar experience. She worked from home as a medical transcriptionist and was laid off after a company switch to electronic medical records. Within one week of losing her job, Beth heard about *New Beginnings* and was hired shortly thereafter! Beth had no idea that God planned on using her gifts and talents to bring life to *New Beginnings* in Milwaukee.

Rachel Enstad, our second Assistant Home Manager, first heard about *New Beginnings* from her sister in DC when her church held a baby shower to support the ministry. Rachel was working at a bridal store at the time and did not expect to move into a social services career for quite some time. Little did she know, the future came much faster than expected when her parents encouraged her to apply for the position.

Beth, Rachel, and I are not quite sure what the future holds for *New Beginnings* or exactly how God will use *New Beginnings* to further His kingdom, but we know for certain that God will be holding our hands every step of the way. ♦



Pictured are the generous donations we've received over the last few months from individuals and congregations! WE THANK YOU!!

HERE WE GROW... DONOR HIGHLIGHT

New Beginnings would not be possible without support from individuals, churches, communities, and organizations. In the article below, Erin Nimmer describes how her church organized a baby shower to contribute to the New Beginnings' ministry.

Each year, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee holds Advent by Candlelight (ABC), a women-only event to help usher in the Advent season. During the event, friends and family come together to prepare hearts and minds to celebrate the joy of our Savior's birth. While we look inwardly, we also consider how we can support others through the loving grace of our church body.

This year, the ABC committee selected *New Beginnings* as our charitable organization. One of the committee members mentioned the organization's relocation to the Milwaukee area from Colorado. Upon learning more about *New Beginnings*, it was an easy choice. We felt compelled to get behind an organization just getting established, one that would truly feel the impact of our support. We thought the focus of the organization would resonate with our female guests. And, finally, its connection with WELS sealed the deal.

We were honored to have a couple of *New Beginnings* staff members join us for the evening of prayer, reflection, and singing.

Erin Nimmer
Grace Lutheran Church
Advent by Candlelight committee member

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

In a fundraising effort for *New Beginnings* and Christian Life Resources, staff members have organized several events for 2015! Please mark your calendars for these events and consider supporting us by attending, donating sponsorship funds, or contributing items for use in silent auctions. We appreciate your support! See you there!



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