




# Growing Branches

Update from  
New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers  
Denver, Colorado

## Change Is Good

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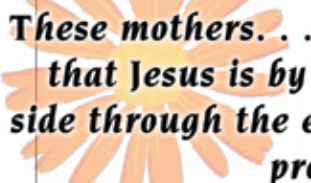


The saying goes, "Change is good." For the mothers at *New Beginnings*, these words echo loud and clear. These ladies do indeed make positive changes by leaving their past lives and behaviors to reside at the home. They do this for many reasons, but by and large, they change for their child. They realize the lives they once led did not include the best decisions for their little ones. So they take that first step in taking control of their lives by coming to *New Beginnings* for the year.

This decision allows these young mothers to take positive control of their lives, because *New Beginnings* allows their family to live in an atmosphere of stability – something many did not experience since they were children themselves.

Along with this stable home life experience, the mothers actually take control of their lives in a way many of them never imagined. They become educated and productive citizens in the world. Once they arrive at *New Beginnings*, they are given the opportunity to enroll in classes to either receive their high school diploma or obtain their GED – if they haven't already accomplished either of these academic achievements.

From there they can take one of two avenues: apply for a job or continue their education. If they choose to hold down a job for a couple of months or more it allows them to see that the instability of previous job hopping does not lead to the positive outcomes they are now enjoying.



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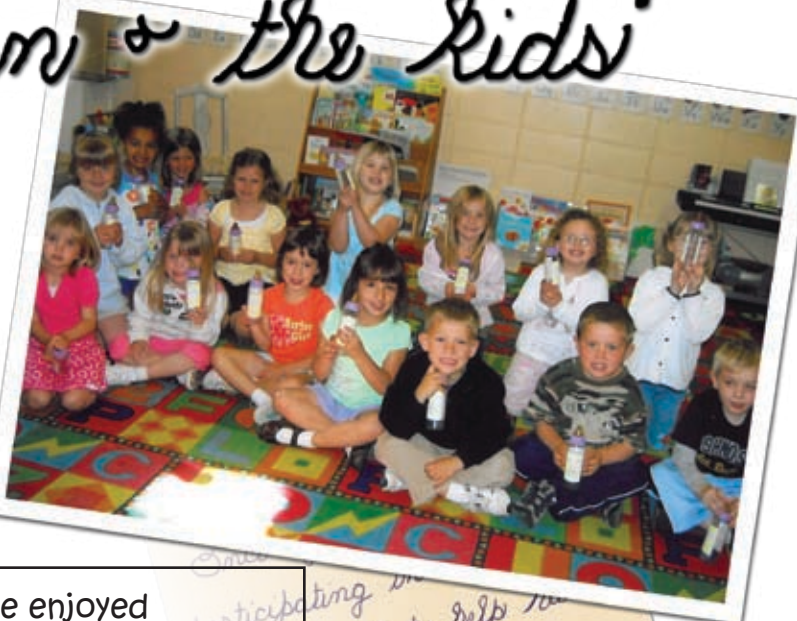
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# Karen & the Kids ♡

Editor's note: The following letter and picture were sent in by Mrs. Karen Rossin and her preschool students at St. Matthew Lutheran School in Winona, Minnesota. Thank you to Karen and the kids for supporting New Beginnings through the Change for Life Program!



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## LOOSE CHANGE GOES A LONG WAY!

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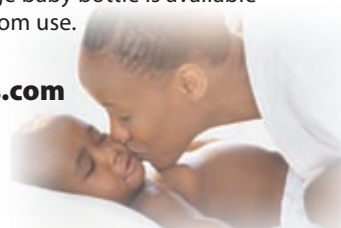
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When furthering their education either in the college or technical school sectors, these residents for the first time learn to value their efforts – and they begin to get a sense of their own self-respect and pride in the process. They realize that by taking control of their lives, at the very least completing their GED, they become positive role models for their children. They can someday teach their child the value of education, as well as the positive outcome that such efforts give them. They can say with pride that they completed something important in their lives and, as a result, made a better life for themselves and their children.

Another change the women experience during their time at *New Beginnings* is when they come to realize that, despite their unplanned pregnancies, sexual relations are rightfully reserved as God's gift to those who are married. As a result, they begin to re-evaluate their relationships, specifically the way they handle dating. They gain control over their decisions and bodies – with a new determination to follow God's command of abstinence until marriage.

Not only do the *New Beginnings'* residents look at dating in a different light, they realize that in order to take control of their lives they need to “weed” out some of the negative influences in their social circles. Although many of them still remain friends with those from their former days, they begin to notice their friends follow different goals and morals than they do. Each night the residents ask each other for prayer requests, and more often than not, they request strength to separate themselves from

people who aren't on the same path as they are now. They thank God that He gives them wisdom, with His help, to avoid life's temptations.

The ultimate “take control” moment in these women's lives is when they respond to the working of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and begin to make God-pleasing choices. The mothers are taught the truth of Scripture that salvation is God's free gift apart from works. They are also taught to



respond to that gift with lives of service and praise. These mothers begin to understand that although making godly decisions in life may not necessarily be the easiest ones, they know that Jesus is by their side through the entire process. What a wonderful realization that Christ is always with them and that they are never alone!





# Letters From Home



Hello my name is Dee and I have been a resident at New Beginnings for the past 5 months, when I came into the program I was 8 month pregnant with the now 4 month old love of my life Zurie. Before New Beginnings I was having the worst luck in the world getting my life together and also was completely terrified of becoming a first time mom. After entering the program with only

a few short weeks till I would give birth being around the other mothers and other pregnant house mates made me feel very comfortable and gave me some peace of mind that everything was going to be alright for myself and my so to be little one. On May 11th 2009 I gave birth to a



7lbs baby girl and was able to take her to a place that I called home and a safe one at that. I have Started taking classes at Devry University to obtain a bachelors degree in health information technology, Have started an Internship at the Denver Rescue Mission. Thanks to new beginnings Zurie and I have a place to call home, know and feel safe, and have made life time friends, accomplished more than I would if I lived anywhere else. God Bless and Thank You

Dee Elliott



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## Most Needed Items at New Beginnings

- Study Bibles  
(To hand out to new residents when they move in)
- Donations Towards New Apartment-Sized Stoves  
(To replace old units with non-usable burners)
- Baby Wipes (DESPERATE NEED!)



## Please Use the Enclosed Envelope

Please consider a special Christmas offering to help mothers and their children at New Beginnings.

Thank you!



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