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HERE WE GROW... AS A NEW BEGINNINGS' FAMILY

by Brianne Kluge, Home Manager

The *New Beginnings'* family has grown substantially since the last newsletter! We welcomed Leah and her twin daughters, Audrey and Amelia, into the program in late July. Leah's twin girls are six months old, and we are beginning to see their unique personalities develop. Since entering into the *New Beginnings'* program, Audrey and Amelia were made children of God through the blessing of baptism!

Our resident, Shaneka, gave birth to a beautiful and healthy baby girl named Kiarra. Kiarra and Shaneka are home from the hospital and are both doing well!

We also welcomed Ronnesha into the family in early September. Ronnesha gave birth to a son named O'MaRieyon on September 15!

In September, we welcomed our newest resident, Dana, into the program. Dana went into labor during her first night in the home! R'Mani was born the next day and she weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. We are so blessed to have a full house!

We are excited that our *New Beginnings'* family continues to grow. We cannot wait to see what God has in store for all the new babies at *New Beginnings*. ♦



*Pictured from top, left to right: Leah with Audrey & Amelia;
O'MaRieyon; Dana with R'Mani; R'Mani*

LETTERS FROM HOME

Shaneka, Current Resident & New Mother

This has been a year of learning, eye opening, and understanding more about how good God is. I had gotten pregnant and lost my job and my apartment. I began to question myself on how these things could happen when I was getting ready to bring something so precious into the world. I had gathered it was time for a new chapter. God had to strip everything that I thought was important for me to realize how important He is.

The nurse who was coming by my house every week gave me a flyer about *New Beginnings*. I remember sitting there, looking and reading the flyer about how it could help me and my baby. I called the number, talked to one of the staff, and told her everything that was going on. She told me it sounded like I would be a good fit for the program and that she would get back to me. She called back about two hours later and told me that they would like to meet me, so I came in for an interview and a tour. It was nice and clean. A couple of days later, they called and told me I was accepted into the program. I did everything I needed to do to move into *New Beginnings*.



Shaneka & Kiarra

It was a difference for me because I was used to my own space and my own rules. I had a rough start, but I came to realize that I was here for a reason in that there is more to life than being selfish. As I began to understand more about *New Beginnings*, I began to accept the changes and rules and accept the women that I came in contact with. I started to believe that I was here for a purpose.

I'm surrounded by women who care and want to see me be successful in life so I can take care of my baby. When you have that in your face, you can't help but accept it and change for the better. I thank God for *New Beginnings*, and I'm so honored to be a part of this great organization. ♦

A big "Thank You" to everyone who came to the first annual New Beginnings' Ice Cream Social in Milwaukee in late August! We are so encouraged to have your support. See you next year!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? FORMER RESIDENT KELSEY R.



Kelsey, her fiancé, their newest addition Marleigh, Adam (Kelsey's son who was also a part of the New Beginnings' journey) and Sophia, Kelsey's stepdaughter

"I used to live at *New Beginnings* in Aurora, Colorado back in 2010. It completely changed my life for the better. Before I lived there I was homeless, unemployed, had dropped out of high school and had NO relationship with God. I was 7 months pregnant when I moved in and a recovering addict. *New Beginnings* brought me close to God, helped me get stronger in my addiction recovery, and helped me become the strong independent mother I am today. My son will be 5 years old in December this year, and is now a big brother to a little sister. I have met a wonderful man who I soon will become Mrs to. I have been 5 years clean from drugs, and I got my GED. Life is good and I am blessed. I wouldn't be where I am today without going through the experience of *New Beginnings*. So for you mothers now at *New Beginnings* feeling low, keep your head up, trust in God and remember that sometimes we have to experience a great storm before we get to see the beauty of a rainbow. I promise there is hope, so don't give up! Blessings to all of you, and thank you *New Beginnings* for giving woman and their children a fresh start." ♦

CHECK OUT THE NEW BEGINNINGS BLOG!!
homeformothers.com/blog

HERE WE GROW... EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES

by Brianne Kluge, Home Manager

Typically when we think of success or personal growth, our mind gravitates to the good times, laughter, and the euphoric feeling of “being on top of the world” – yet sometimes successes can happen when we least expect them.

Our mothers at *New Beginnings* often come to us because they are going through a difficult time and want to change their lives for the better. Many of our residents come into the program without a strong support system and without the means to live on their own. As Christians we know that sometimes we struggle with difficult times so that God can draw us closer to Him. As God says, “*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him*” (James 1:12). When residents arrive at *New Beginnings*, they are drawn closer to God through His Word as we conduct daily devotions and individual Bible studies, and attend worship services.

God’s blessings through hard times sometimes carry over to the lives of others as well. I remember finding

out my uncle had a terminal brain tumor when I was in high school. It was a tough time for the whole family; little did we know that unexpected blessings would come from such a terrible situation. While my uncle was in the hospital for regular chemotherapy treatments, he met a young man and began to talk with him about the love of Christ. Just before my uncle passed away, the young man whom he had been sharing God’s Word with was brought into God’s family through the washing of baptism.

God also blesses our residents despite their circumstances at a difficult time in their lives. It is because of the hardships our mothers faced before their arrival at *New Beginnings* that their babies are now being raised in a stable, safe and loving environment rooted in the Word! We should always remember what God says in Romans 8:28, “*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*”

We are glad to see our residents grow personally and spiritually through God’s plan! ♦

JOIN NEW BEGINNINGS AT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES CELEBRATION OF LIFE EVENT, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Along with a great line-up of speakers, New Beginnings will be represented when Brianne Kluge, our Home Manager, and new mom, Shaneka give an update on the ministry. Please join us for a great day of information about Christian Life Resources and New Beginnings. The event will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Slinger, Wisconsin. CLREVENTS.COM

THE PRO-LIFE EGG CHALLENGE

by Amanda Rose, Main Editor & Contributor of Holy Hen House

It seems the graphic images and inexcusable talk keeps getting worse following the release of *more and more* Planned Parenthood undercover videos that exposed the group’s procurement of aborted babies’ body parts. *What is our response?* If we say nothing we look like the pagans and if we say too much we sound like the Pharisees. Christians can be accused of voicing their judgments but not putting action to their concerns. Let’s walk the talk. We can overcome evil with good (Romans 12:17-21).

The “Pro-Life Egg Challenge” is an effort to raise awareness and funds to support pregnancy resource centers as alternatives to Planned Parenthood. To participate in the challenge you record a video of someone smashing regular unfertilized eggs over your head; upload your video to social media, tagging and challenging at least three of your friends using the hashtag #ProLifeEggChallenge; then you should donate to a pregnancy resource center or home for single mothers. You can donate money or gifts or perhaps volunteer your time. Further we ask participants to consider how they can make a difference beyond the challenge. Perhaps by becoming a foster parent? Adopting a child? Contacting your legislators? *Do you accept the #ProLifeEggChallenge?* ♦

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- Tiny Steps, Big Hearts 2 Mile Walk

Saturday, June 11 at 9:00am

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MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Boppy Pillows
- Notebooks for Taking Notes
- Gift Cards (Pick n Save, Amazon, Northwestern Publishing House)
- Full-Size Lotion for the Mothers
- Laundry Detergent

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