

*Let's
Break
Bread
Together!*



Have Dinner with Diamonds!

We welcome the opportunity to share a meal with you, your family, or your small group at Acres of Diamonds.

Enjoy getting acquainted with the women and children we serve — hear their stories and provide encouragement as they transition from despair to hope on their journey to a healthier new life.

We look forward to serving you. Please call Jackie Gould at 425.788.9999 to arrange a dinner date, time, and receive driving directions.



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"That's an amazing awareness Erica," said Miz Jackie. I had just told her, "For the first time in my life, I'm realizing just how much there is to life. There's so much to keeping track of my kid's and my schedules, our belongings, our relationships, their discipline, etc. It seems like I just woke up one day and had three kids!"

I came to Acres in December 2007 with my three small children. I moved to the Northwest from South Carolina without giving it a lot of thought or prayer — I was afraid that I was making a mistake. Having been married almost six years, this was the first time alone with my children. My husband had been our sole provider. I don't even have a GED (Yet!). I'm currently working toward that goal with a tutor.

After the first week of being at Acres I knew without a doubt that I was right where God wanted me! I came from hurtful relationships, over-ate sugary foods, was depressed, didn't exercise, had disobedient children who I couldn't get to eat at the table much — all of us watched excessive amounts of TV. I set no boundaries and had no organization in my life — I was just a mess!

The structure provided here is such a blessing: sugar on Sunday only, eating together at the table (well-balanced meals), boundaries classes and what's healthy for a relationship. I receive guidance and encouragement in just the way I need, much through God's Word.

Now I am focusing my energies in the right areas. I can see the floor in my room! I've gained so much confidence in how to train my children and meet their needs. I'm experiencing a new-found relationship with them that we have never had before.

Thank you Acres of Diamonds sooo, sooo much!!!
Erica

If I had a Hammer...



...and muscle too!

The check was written, permits were in hand, and demolition began on Mar 1st! We want to thank all who came and volunteered their hammers and muscle for the job. Watch for updates on our website!

If anyone is interested in volunteering goods and/or labor, please contact our contractor directly.

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Baby Hailey Update

What an amazing, big-hearted community we have! So many of you responded generously when the medical needs became critical for baby Hailey.

She is home now, but saw many specialists throughout the ensuing week. She is finally getting the nutrition her body needs and she is finally thriving. Healing for her damaged lungs will be slow, but by the grace of God, many prayers, and the skill of her physicians, she is well on her way to recovery. Mom Megan sends all a very special thank you for your prayers and support.

Thank You!

Three Women, One Minivan

from the desk of Jackie Gould

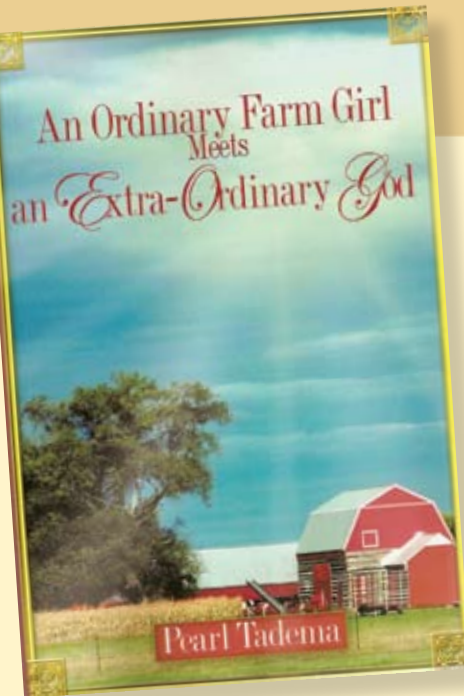
A call came into our office offering a vehicle donation of a van. However, we didn't have any women who were quite ready for it — our residents must be working, current on their rent, legally licensed, and have the means to pay for insurance.

Three of our women residents were in need of a vehicle, but none had met our criteria for vehicle ownership. I sat them all down together and told them that the first one to meet the requirements would receive the van. The competition was on and creativity abounded for the next several days. First, I was flooded with inquiries about the van. Then ideas were offered as to how Acres might 'adopt' the van as an in-house vehicle so all in need could use it. While tempting, this is not in keeping with our self-sufficiency focus — it would provide all the fun, but no liability or personal responsibility for the residents. All three women continued to take personal steps toward achieving the requirements for van ownership.

Finally, Tamika presented all the necessary paperwork to our office. She was so excited. Secretly, arrangements were made for the van to arrive after one of her classes. The doorbell rang and I casually asked Tamika if she could answer the door — for the people who were bringing her van. She flew to the door, and fell apart into the arms of the generous donor. After all her hard work, her dream was realized — one that would assist dramatically in Tamika's efforts to move forward and achieve self-sufficiency.



***If you have a vehicle to donate,
please call our office at 425.788.9999***



We Are Happy to Announce...

Pearl Tadema, the founder of Acres of Diamonds, has just released her autobiography, *An Ordinary Farm Girl Meets an Extra-Ordinary God*. We are making this personally inspiring book available to those who make a donation in 2008 of \$25 or more. This will help a great deal as our capacity building campaign is in full swing. Please let us know if you would like to receive a copy of this special book when you make your contribution.

In An Ordinary Farm Girl Meets an Extra-Ordinary God, author Pearl Tadema invites you to look over

her shoulder and observe how she discovered that at the heart of her own navigation of life was an essential union of the Holy Spirit with her spirit.

When the Holy Spirit climbed into Pearl's thoughts she discovered new treasures in her life.

Find the same treasures in your own life. With Jesus at the rudder, you can enjoy navigating the rise and fall of life's tides! See how Jesus makes dreams come true, life exciting, and develops you into the unique, highly valuable person God created you to be.



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