

Good Morning!

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Rise to the occasion! Begin your day with Acres of Diamonds' First Annual Benefit Breakfast. Scheduled before your work day, it will be short, sweet, and scrumptuous. Jump start your morning and join us to celebrate "**reBuilding Women's Lives with Faith and a Future**"...

- **Show your love and support** for the work of Christian transitional housing for women
- **Pearl Tadema** will share her calling to help homeless women find their faith and their way to self-sufficiency
- **Meet two Acres residents** and hear how God has changed their lives and continues to work miracles
- **Learn how you can be part of the miracle**

Allyson Olsen, Acres board member, is serving as Benefit Chairperson for our first benefit breakfast. Having heard God's call, Allyson has been a blessing to the women and children of Acres as well as to our board of directors. Now she is leading our breakfast to introduce Acres' program to her East King County neighbors and friends.

Pearl Tadema (*right*), founder of Acres of Diamonds, is always an inspiration and a blessing. She will talk to us about the cause, effect, and solution for homeless women, those living in our own backyard. Pearl's direction in life comes from her faith in God and His Word. The theme of "Rebuilding Women's Lives with Faith and a Future" is taken from Jeremiah 29:11 "*For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for well-being and not for trouble, to give you a future and a hope.*"



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Please rise a bit earlier on Wednesday, October 5 and meet the people from Acres, hear their stories of faith, hope, and a future... *join in the miracles.*

*re***Building**
Women's Lives
with faith and a future

1st ANNUAL *Benefit* BREAKFAST

7:30 am

Wednesday

October 5, 2005

Overlake Christian Church
Redmond



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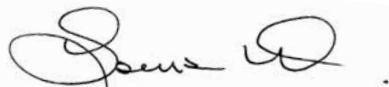
changes coming at Acres of Diamonds

The most exciting changes at Acres of Diamonds are the wonderful stories of what God has accomplished in the lives of the women that He brings to us. Yet there is another change that will enable us to positively affect many more women's lives.

Because of an expansion moratorium in the city of Duvall, we have been unable to expand our infrastructure over the past few years. The city just lifted the moratorium this August! This means there is an opportunity for Acres to qualify to expand our capacity. Our plan is to add some studio apartments in the apartment four-plex. This may double our Phase II capacity. We are in the beginning planning stages and will keep you posted as we make progress.

I realize that to qualify women to graduate to Phase II, we are going to need more miracles in their lives. This is where our new PrayerNet program can help. We need precious people who have a desire to lift up our women residents in prayer. Please read about our new program and let us know if you can help. I am available to present the program and provide materials to your church, group, etc.... please call 425-788-9999 or email me Laura@acresofdiamonds.org

Blessings,



Laura Wandoishima

Thought Provoking Opportunity

prayernet

Join us as we begin our newest program called PrayerNet. I'm sure it will be fun and rewarding to those who participate.

Here is how it works:

Once a month I will write a short story about someone at Acres who needs prayer. It will not be a story about the typical "needs" list. The Lord will direct each of you as you pray for this person and, hopefully, you will forward it to others who love to pray.

In addition, we will plan a lunch in May that will focus on God's answers to our prayers. I believe some of the residents will want a chance to share their stories. It will be a time of celebration!

A "transitional" home is one of ever evolving change. Often someone will ask, "Whatever happened to so-and-so?" Acres is just one chapter in a woman's life, so we don't always know what has happened after they leave us, but we happily want to share what news we do have.

If you or someone you know is interested in hearing the encouraging stories of our residents, please send your email address and ask to be added to the Acres **PrayerNet**. Following is a sample of the type of story you may hear.

Phase II Resident Story: **Linda and Jayden**

We graduated Linda a little early from Phase I because we had an opening in our Phase II apartments and had a new family who needed an opportunity to move into our Phase I home.

Linda is a delightful lady in her early fifties and is also a grandmother. Actually, she is more like a single mom because her children struggle with drug problems and she has legal custody of her grandson Jayden. One day soon, we have to tell her she needs to work more hours to continue living in her Phase II apartment.

This woman faces many trials and challenges in her life. God brought her to Acres and has a plan for her. He wants to heal her and give her the desires of her heart. She is hoping for a job to work with the elderly or children with handicaps. She has some physical problems herself and her time is full with the demands of single parenting a two-year old who isn't potty trained. God is answering her prayers. Following is a quote Linda wrote on our "weekly schedule" after a recent job she enjoyed:



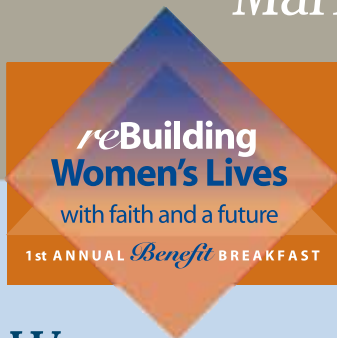
"Because of the urgency this lady allowed me to take care of her handicapped daughter. It really was a privilege because the background check wasn't back yet and paperwork hadn't been processed. I am so lucky and I look at it like I was blessed! I put ten hours in my first timesheet! It really made me feel like I had accomplished something good... not only working, but with the people and their kids. I am truly blessed and I never took the smile off my face the whole time I was there. These kids are the unsung heroes, overcoming great handicaps and are happy with the littlest thing.

I want to thank Acres for being patient and believing in me enough. I held onto the dream I had when anything could have happened. I listened to what the Lord was telling me. He favored me, not only with a job, but with a precious child as well. Without the Lord in my life, I would never have accomplished such a feat. I praise Him and give thanks that I am His child!"

Thank You,
Linda and Jayden

To be added to our PrayerNet, email or call: laura@acresofdiamonds.org • 425-788-9999

Mark your calendars!



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