

Would you like to experience this kind of miraculous joy?

We have another Phase II apartment unit, a two bedroom available in October of this year. We would like to allow this mom and three children the opportunity to graduate from Phase I and pay \$300 per month, (30% of her income).

We need people to donate ANY amount that will add up to \$450 per month to offset the difference in her rent.

Blessed this month

This month a single mother with three children ages 13, 5, & 3 received a full time job in housekeeping at the Marriot in downtown Redmond. This flashy new job has a starting wage of eight dollars an hour. Unfortunately, her old car broke down and now needs a new engine... worth more than her car. *She began praying for a solution.* Meanwhile, she maintains a great attitude even while taking the bus everywhere.

I mentioned her need to a friend. He actually had a car he was willing to donate. I asked the make, model, color and mileage... we have received vehicles before that were not the most reliable. My friend assured me this car could be a real blessing to her.

Playing a small part in this marvelous miracle was a blessing to me and to many others who participated. I made the phone call that brought the car to this young working mother. Someone else had bought it; someone else equipped it with a brand new stereo; someone else test drove it to make sure that all the kinks were out. And, someone else filled the tank with gasoline!



Surprise unveiled... I invited her into my office and told her that God had answered her prayer and was giving her a very beautiful car. This car was far beyond what this praying mom would have asked for or could have imagined. Not a woman who normally expressed herself emotionally, she exclaimed, "Oh, thank you! Thank you Jesus!" I suggested, "Let's go take a look at it."

There sat a sparkling silver, 2000 Chrysler Concord Deluxe, 4-door, with a brand new stereo, and only 60,000 miles on it. When her 13-year old came out and saw her mother's surprise, they both started laughing and dancing. Then the mom asked me if there was someone she could just hug? The donor wasn't there, so I became the willing recipient of the most beautiful, grateful, overwhelming expression of heartfelt thanks ever experienced.

Turningpoint



*Any time hope is realized
a miracle has occurred.*

Thank you

A very special thank you to an anonymous designer for giving her time and talents to create our new newsletter, as well as to another generous donor for covering the cost of production.

I would like to share the recent words of a 19-year old as she was graduated from our program to pursue a college degree. These comments are from her "exit" form.

"I feel that Acres of Diamonds has helped me become more independent. I used to be in hospitals for psychiatric illness all the time, but now I feel I can succeed in life without the hospital. I can get up in the morning. I can ask for support when I need it, and I can use community services like church and the bus system.

"My spiritual life is now on the right track. Before I came to AOD, I was a hard core Buddhist. Since I came here I have learned more about the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and even rededicated my life to Christ. Thank you for all your help!"

UPDATE: Miracles keep happening

Jean, Linda and baby Jayden express a BIG thanks to all of you. We are delighted to let you know that last month, individuals responded by pledging from ten to one hundred dollars per month *to cover the exact subsidy* needed for Linda's Phase II apartment for one year. Go God! May each of you be richly blessed by your generosity! We believe that the Lord is not done with miracles for this family. *Grandmother Linda welcomes our prayers for a new job in the near future.*



Praises!

Additional Miracles have come in the way of incredible community support. We have been blessed with:

- Organic produce from **First Fruits customers** throughout the summer
- A new flat screen T.V. was purchased for us by children at **Anchor of Hope, Silverdale Vacation Bible School** this summer
- A couple pizzas were sent by a **stranger** who happened to call our number by mistake
- The local **Duval Rotary** spent a day fixing up several areas of the home, inside and out
- **Eastside Literacy** has helped with GED's; Safeway, Chevron, Marriot, Twin Dragon are a few that have given jobs to our residents.
- Our local **Duval Police** have always been on hand to be an encouragement in crisis.
- **Riverside Community Church** has helped with providing the use of a van to get the residents to church.
- **Duval Church** has been a support.
- **Hopelink and Holy Innocence** have helped with first months program service fee.

Thank you all—our lives are richer and fuller because of you. Know that each donor is appreciated by the Board, staff and residents!

God's blessings are not random, they are for everyone

We received a call regarding a van that was no longer needed by a family. It had 230K miles and just needed a few belts. At the time, we didn't have a resident who needed a vehicle, and do not have the space to store extra cars. So, we regretfully turned them down. A few days later, a tenant with four children in the apartments here at Acres stopped by my office to tell me they were on their way out to go van shopping. It was not easy taking two vehicles everywhere when their family went together. *(It was very unusual for this tenant to just pop in and talk about her daily plans.)*

They picked up the van that had been offered earlier, and when they brought it back to show to us, our mouths just dropped... This vehicle had the softest 230K miles we've ever seen. It was in fabulous condition, and came with four studded snow tires! Once again, we are rejoicing as God shows himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal toward Him.



The Lord is always ready

Two women who resided here in the past and, for whatever reason, were not ready for the program... *have returned!*

It was awesome to see both of them again. One brought her three small children with her. The other was not ready to care for her children yet, though she carries her fourth.

Both of these residents are committed to the AOD program of self-sufficiency – and are fighting to make it work. What is the most important element? Attitude! Neither of these young moms is afraid of hard work. **They just need a miracle...** in their job situation, their childcare provisions, and in the lifestyle changes that are needed. We truly believe that each resident is prayed here, brought by the Lord for a specific reason. He will meet their needs, honoring their efforts to honor Him.

Why we do this work...

During a woman's initial interview, we received candid answers about her past, her problem areas, and formulated a game plan for addressing her issues.

When asked what she would like to get out of the AOD program, her first words were, *"I just want to know how to be saved, and I need some help parenting my two small girls."*

Right then, we opened the Word and walked her through accepting Jesus. We welcome your prayers as she is learning new parenting skills. "Thank You Lord!"



Special needs...

The following is a list of the basic supplies we are short of this month. If you can help, please contact acresofdiamonds@cablespeed.com

meat
non-perishable food
toilet paper
cleaning supplies
dish soap
femine products
paper towels



Former AOD Director, Laura Wandoishima cuddles newcomer

Always grateful...

It is an honor to work here. To come every day and watch the hand of the Lord work in small and large ways is such a joy. Thank you so much for your participation in the work of equipping homeless women for independence!

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