

New!

Set your sight... on our new site!

**Announcing Our New, Expanded Web site!** Acres of Diamonds has an exciting new Web site that will provide current stories about our residents reflecting their hopes, prayers, and progress! You can learn about our expanded volunteer program with numerous involvement opportunities, monthly PrayerNet, and news about upcoming events such as House Parties, Volunteer Orientations, and Planned-Giving Seminars. We have ample information on giving and are making it easy for those who wish to support us with their donations (rent subsidies, planned giving and gifts in kind).

## Cyber Miracles

This new Web site will also take the place of our printed newsletter, *Miracles*. We're doing this with a focus on the best stewardship of funds received during this economic downturn. Everything that was in the newsletter will now be on the site. While this will not pose a problem for most of our friends and supporters, we realize that some may not have access to a computer. *We don't want you to be in the dark!*

Please contact us and let us know that you want to receive a printed version of the news from Acres and we will send you regular mailings. *See back for details.*



## Cally's Story

My kid's father abused drugs and became impossible to live with because of domestic violence so I had to move out and lost my house. It was a God thing that brought me to Acres of Diamonds. My car broke down just as I was pulling into the driveway. I had lost custody of my children but got them back because Acres helped me and gave me a stable place to stay. I never had boundaries in my life, so people just walked all over me. The boundaries classes and the structured program gave me the tools to avoid domestic violence situations. I learned how to set boundaries to prevent losing my children again. Bonding with other Christian women gave me the strength to stay on track.

I had lost my faith in God, and my direction, but in being here I regained it. Before coming here, there was always a price for friendship; people would only be my friend if they could get something from me. Here, I saw that fellowship with other women did not have a price. What a difference. I have learned to trust in myself and other people, thanks to the God-inspired program at Acres.





### Her Legacy Lives On

Acres of Diamonds board, staff and residents want to thank each of you for your enormous outpouring of love and prayers as we recently said our final goodbyes to Laura Wandoishima. While there are some changes with her passing, the legacy Laura leaves is one of love, faith, and encouragement, which will live on at Acres. In her own frequently expressed send-off *'May God bless you today!'*



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*And...* I'm interested in:

- A volunteer position
- Dinner with Diamonds (please contact me)
- A donation or a Planned-Giving Seminar
- Adding my name to the PrayerNet email list

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### House Party

Acres of Diamonds is implementing a new venue for our benefit dinner this year. Would you be willing to host a **House Party** in your home to benefit Acres? Amidst the fun of games and prizes your guests will have the opportunity to connect with the cause of homelessness by learning how they got there, and the unique challenges they face. Your guests may truly be changed as they are given avenues to be part of the solution. Staff will work with you to share hope and bring success to your event. Please call 425.788.9999 or go to *'how to help'* on our Web site if you would like more information.

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