



The Living Vine  
Christian Maternity Home

Impacting two generations by allowing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to shine hope into the lives of women experiencing crisis pregnancies.

A place to grow,  
A place to change,  
A place to prepare  
To love, live & succeed.

## Jordan's Story

Hi, my name is Jordan and I am 22 years old. When I was little, my life was great. I felt loved and cared for by my family. I was given a Christian foundation at a young age.

Things changed when my oldest sister graduated from high school. She started down a very long and dark road. For years she wouldn't come around because she was using drugs. She would decide to get clean and then months later she was back again doing the same thing again. I grew up watching her come and go as she pleased, using my parents when she wanted help.

By the time I was 15, I became involved in sexual sin. Even though I knew it was wrong in God's eyes, I didn't listen to Him. I began skipping school, hanging out with friends I thought cared about me, but didn't. Within a year, I had dropped out altogether. I would stay out all night

long, only coming home to sleep. My parents finally got fed up with me and sent me to Youth Challenge Academy for six months. There I learned discipline and got my GED. But I went right back to the sexual sin and found myself pregnant at age 17.

After I gave birth to a beautiful daughter, I met a man that was willing to raise my daughter as his own. The first year was great, but soon became rough. We started arguing a lot and before long, we were physically abusing each other. By the time my little girl was two, her stand-in father was using drugs. I moved back in with my parents when he went to the methadone clinic.

After the ups and downs of this bad relationship, I spiraled and began partying all the time. I did not care about anyone, not even my child. I would put her to bed, stay out all night long, and then come

home to sleep all day.

A couple of months ago, my close friend asked me if I was pregnant. I was. When I told my parents, they said I would need to find somewhere to go. Already having one child that I can barely raise on my own, I had come to the decision that I needed to place this baby for adoption. After finding an adoption counselor, someone referred me to the Vine.

Since being here, my life has already changed in so many ways. I am thankful that Lord has given me the wisdom and strength to place for adoption so I can bless a family who cannot have children of their own. I am also thankful that the Vine supports all of us in whatever decision God leads us to make. It is helping me to learn to trust in the Lord while He is working in me to make me the mother that I need to be for my daughter. Thank you for supporting the Vine and giving me a second chance.

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## Save the Date

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**September 13:  
The Living Vine  
Fundraiser  
at Toucan's**

*More details on  
back page*

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A special thank you to  
our gracious donor for  
The Living Vine's  
beautiful landscaping!

It is even more  
incredible than we  
ever dreamed!

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## From one of our missionaries...

I have had one of the best summers of my life working as a missionary at The Living Vine. God has shown me so many things about myself, ministry, and building relationships. Watching the girls deal with their painful family situations has been very emotional for me. It has prompted me to run to Isaiah 61, reminding me that He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted, to proclaim

liberty for captives and freedom for prisoners. I am able to tell them that God will give them beauty for their ashes.

Seeing God work in the lives of these young women as they are in the process of being set free from the enemy's bondage has been amazing. Some of them believe the lie that they are not beautiful, worthy, or capable and I am honored to be a part of a ministry that God is using to

display His love and grace that sets these girls free.

I have been taught to watch and see where God is working and then join in (Henry Blackaby, Experiencing God); God is definitely working at The Living Vine. Not only is it a unique place, but it is evident that the Lord has His hand over this home.

J.R.

## Please Pray About How You Can Get Involved

The Living Vine's entire annual budget is raised through private contributions from individuals, churches, civic organizations, and grants. We desire to walk by **faith in our Heavenly Father's** provision and receive no state or federal funds as it would limit what we are able to teach. All of our services are offered free of charge.

**Therefore, we need YOU!**

All donations to The Living Vine are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Our tax ID number is 58-2088326 under IRS.

We need people willing to help in a variety of ways: fundraising, maintenance, thrift store donation sorting, and tutoring to name a few.

*Please call Paula at #352.9998 today to see how you can help!*

## Join our Guild

The Living Vine Guild meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at The Living Vine. The guild hosts birthday parties for our residents, coordinates fundraising opportunities, and helps keep our local churches and community aware of the ministry of The Living Vine.

*For more information concerning the guild, contact Charlene at [cbnelsonsr@aol.com](mailto:cbnelsonsr@aol.com) or call #912.231.0930.*

## Blessingdales Thrift Stores

### Savannah

#### Southside

2118 Bona Bella Ave

**912.355.4339**

M, T, Th, F: 10 am-5 pm

Sat: 10 am-3 pm

#### Downtown

134 Houston St

**912.236.2034**

M, T, W, F: 10 am-5 pm

Sat: 10 am-3 pm

### Garden City

309 East Main Street

Traffic Circle Shopping Center

**912.966.2242**

T, W, Th, F: 10 am-5 pm

Sat: 10 am-3 pm

### Pooler

305 W Collins Street

**912.330.0220**

M, T, W, F: 10 am-5 pm

Sat: 10 am-3 pm



**All proceeds support  
The Living Vine.**



## The Living Vine: Our Residential Program

The Living Vine is a nonprofit Christian residential program for pregnant women. Since opening in 1996, more than 275 expectant mothers have called The Living Vine "home." The majority of our residents have come from backgrounds of abuse, neglect, and heart breaking choices. Our desire is to create a safe and loving environment while teaching Biblical principles, practical life skills, and job training.

Each resident is provided the opportunity to receive ministry for healing and change while ensuring proper prenatal care for her unborn baby.

Program Highlights:

- ◆ Spiritual growth & development
- ◆ Job training & Life skills
- ◆ Anger resolution & Counseling
- ◆ **Childbirth education & "Baby Think It Over" parenting skills**
- ◆ Educational options including: home school & GED preparation

*"Our services are offered free of charge in the name of Jesus Christ to demonstrate His love."*

### Vine's Needs List:

#### Large Vine projects:

New carpeting  
New flooring for kitchen and dining room  
Window treatments  
Large dining room table  
Replacement outside doors

#### House hold items:

Indoor/outdoor entrance rugs  
Nonskid, washable bathroom rugs  
Large rug for dining room  
Lamps & HE bulbs  
Decorative pillows  
Vacuums  
DVD/VCR with TV guardian  
HE laundry detergent  
Index cards & mechanical pencils  
Stamps, Reams of paper  
Pens, Permanent Markers  
Pantry staples such as soups, healthy cereals, crackers, fruit juices, baking supplies, etc  
Coffee: regular & decaf

#### Gift Certificates:

Wal-Mart/Sam's  
Home Depot  
Office Max  
Publix/Kroger  
Lifeway

#### Volunteer Support:

We have volunteer opportunities to meet your schedule. Projects like washing windows or helping sort clothing in one of our thrift stores might fit your schedule and would be a God-send to us.

If you or someone you know has a specialized skill, examples: tile work, painting, carpentry, electrical, repairing sheetrock, plumbing, vehicle repairs, PR, etc, we would love your contact information. At different times, new projects come up and we would be so blessed to know who is interested in helping with those specific needs.

#### Adopt a Day:

We need individuals and church groups to adopt a day at one of our Blessingdales stores. Ministry opportunities walk through our doors every day. Come serve with us!

#### Service Projects:

Bookshelves built  
Guys with trucks to help with Blessingdales pick ups  
Hosting a garage sale

#### Maintenance:

Our 1950's home has unique maintenance needs. We are looking for groups or individuals willing to help keep our home in good working order!

- 1) Doors inside Vine not properly closing.
- 2) Fluorescent light fixtures need covers.
- 3) Repairing vacuums
- 4) Repairing & replacing kitchen cabinet hinges.
- 5) Snaking slow drains.
- 6) Replacing kitchen sink faucet
- 7) Repair of ceiling where light fixtures have been moved.
- 8) Repainting ceilings.
- 9) Installation of new bathroom lighting and industrial fans.

### GoodSearch.com & GoodShop.com:

Make a donation every time you search or shop on-line.

Simply select The Living Vine as your charity of choice and a donation will be made to The Living Vine!



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**A LITTLE change can  
make a BIG difference!**

**So far, our baby bottle  
fundraiser has raised over  
\$53,000!**

**Please join the baby bottle  
campaign. Baby bottles are  
available at The Living Vine.**



## **Toucan Fundraiser**

***Have dinner at Toucan's  
September 13, 2010.***

***Make it a special night for family and friends  
and help raise money for our home.***

***Simply eat between the hours of 5-9 pm on  
Monday, September 13th, and 1/2 of your  
tab will be donated to The Living Vine!***

531 Stephenson Ave, Savannah, GA

For reservations for 5 or more, please call  
#912.352.2233. Walk-ins welcome!

## ***Join Gideon's Army***

We are looking for an army of 300 individuals, groups, churches, Sunday School classes, businesses or civic groups who would commit to a \$1000 donation towards our 2010 budget. This army would cover our operating budget.

If you or your group are interested, please call us at 352.9998.

**And the Lord said unto Gideon, by the  
three hundred men that lapped will I  
save you, and deliver the Midianites  
into thine hand.**

**Judges 7:7**

**Our latest miracle baby...** Last month, one of our residents was told by her doctor to prepare for a baby with cerebral palsy or mental retardation due to a cyst that was found on the baby's brain. She was devastated and everyone started praying. Last week, ultrasound #2 revealed the cyst was gone and baby Abby would be perfectly healthy!

Thank you for standing with us in prayer for our girls and their unborn babies. We are so thankful to God for His mercy, healing and divine intervention for little Abby and all our babies in progress.