

The Living Vine, Inc.



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.

Lashay's Story

Hi! My name is Lashay. I was born in 1994 in Kansas. As a little girl, I lost everything: dignity, beauty, home, family, and innocence. I did nothing to deserve that. Not knowing God or anything except hurt and disappointment, I felt unwanted as I went from foster home to foster home. As a little girl, I had such a black hole of pain growing in my heart; it gradually turned into anger.

I dealt with this alone until the age of 8 when I was adopted. This lady blessed me for no reason! She didn't even know me! The lady made sure I wanted for nothing, and that was strange! I kept waiting for her to throw me away like everyone else did, but she didn't! Even as I got into my teen years and started having sex, doing drugs, and skipping school, she stayed!

During my time with her, she introduced me to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. He made her very happy and, in time, He did the same for me! Just when I was going to throw my life away, he saved me! God has allowed me to live a life a life I never thought someone like me could live.

God, along with my mother, has given me chance after chance.

Even now that I am 16 and pregnant, He has given me the opportunity of a lifetime. God has brought me here to live at The Living Vine, far from the temptations and sin that seem to have had me in bondage. Here I can learn to be a woman of God. God has worked and is working in me because now I must deal with that black hole of pain. Not only am I working to become stronger but also wiser. I know that in Christ Jesus, I can do anything! I am loved! I have a purpose. I am not my past or my sins. I am a child of God, wondrously and fearfully made.

As it says in Psalm 55:17-18, "Evening and morning and at noon, I will pray and cry aloud and He shall hear my voice. He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, for there were many against me." Imagine that, coming from a place where not even a squeak of pain, a cry for help, was heard and going to a place where all is heard and mercy is given. I am a living testimony of the goodness of God!

Spot light thank you to the following supporters:

Toucan Café

for a delightful night of fundraising on September 13th!
May the Lord richly bless you!

First Chatham Bank

for their concern, support, and excellent manner in which they meet our banking needs.

Join Us

The Living Vine's annual budget is raised through private contributions from individuals, churches, civic organizations, and grants. As we walk in faith to care for these women in need, please come along side of us with an end of the year tax deductible donation.

Our tax ID number is 58-2088326 under IRS.

From our board...

I became involved with The Living Vine in January of this year, first joining the Guild and later being asked to serve on the Board. What a year it has been! I have seen the hand of God work so many miracles. There is no doubt in my mind that His hand is on this ministry.

Being involved with TLV has given me opportunity to help another volunteer with the sewing classes on Thursday afternoons. I feel I get as much from seeing the growth of the residents as they get in the accomplishment of a simple sewing task, such as making a pillow. For many it is their first experience sewing. Some have not had anyone take one-on-one time with them before. The volunteer that I help has been giving of her time for more than 10 years. She has been faithful and a blessing to so many residents. Pray to see if God could use you in this area at The Vine.

I also volunteer at the

Blessingdales Stores. Through donations from all over the area, God blesses us in these stores and enables the sales from them to help defray some of the financial obligations that come from keeping a facility such as this in operation. Again, another area, to ask God if He could use your talents.

In my months being part of this ministry of saving lives, changing lives, showing Christ to those I have come in contact with, I too have been changed. I thank God for the people who are involved with this ministry, some of you, I have yet to meet. For their dedication to the residents that are served, for their strong faith that they are here by Divine providence and not by chance. And for stepping up to help make a difference in the lives of those God sends to The Vine.

I have witnessed God's provision, when there was a need, to cover that need. The protection and coverage that He

provides for The Living Vine is so typical of the God we know to be sovereign. I truly believe that this is a ministry of God, to God and for God. I am thankful and blessed that He chose me to be apart of the work that He is doing there.

Glynda Smith

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 Nelson at 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.**

Please Pray About How You Can Get Involved

Most of us are living in a time of not having extra gold, frankincense and myrrh to bring as an offering to King Jesus. But we would like for you to consider another type of offering - TIME, ENERGY & TALENT.

As you know, we operate four thrift stores in which we are able to turn your donations into financial resources needed to pay bills to provide this loving home for our residents at the Vine.

Please contact Paula at 912.352.9998 or 561.603.8960 to discuss the possibility of offering one day a week/month to serve at one of our Blessingdales locations.

May our Lord Jesus bless you abundantly during this season in which we celebrate His Incarnation.

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 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

Vine's Needs List:

Large Vine projects:

New carpeting
New flooring: kitchen & dining room
Large dining room table/chairs
Replacement outside doors
Dishwashers: 2 commercial
Exterior doors
(2) Sofas

House hold items:

Indoor/outdoor entrance rugs
Nonskid bathroom rugs
Large rug for dining room
Lamps & Decorative pillows
Vacuums, Computers for classroom
DVD/VCR with TV guardian
HE laundry detergent, Mason jars
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

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

Volunteer Support:

We have volunteer opportunities to meet your schedule. 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.

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) Electrical Projects: installing ceiling fans, repairing outlets, changing light fixtures, checking/replacing lights around perimeter
- 2) Repairs: vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, weed eaters
- 3) Snaking slow drains.
- 4) Ceiling repairs: repairing where light fixtures have been moved, repairing moisture damaged areas, repainting ceilings.
- 5) Reglazing tubs & showers

Christmas Presents

If you are interested in providing Christmas presents for our residents or home, please contact Debbie at 912.352.9998.



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

**So far, our baby bottle
fundraiser has raised over
\$55,000!**

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

**Happy Thanksgiving &
Merry Christmas!**

We are so thankful for all of you! Your prayers, donations, service and support are greatly appreciated. May the Lord richly bless you during this holiday season and as we celebrate the birth of our Lord! We have so many reasons to be thankful!

GoodSearch.com & GoodShop.com:

Want to be a blessing and find great deals?

Use the goodsearch.com or goodshop.com websites every time you search for the best prices or place an order for Christmas presents on-line. Simply select The Living Vine as your charity of choice and a percentage of the purchase price will be donated to The Living Vine!

Do we have some gift ideas for you!



Just in time for Christmas.

**We have ordered a special
shipment of JEWELRY
and it is STUNNING!**

**We changed wholesalers this year
and have some new gorgeous
Divine Design jewelry in all four of
our Blessingdales store locations.**

**The prices are unbelievable and every lady in your family
will want to find a necklace set under the tree Christmas
morning.**

**DON'T FORGET TO ADD BLESSINGDALES
TO YOUR SHOPPING LIST**

**The Living Vine webpage is new and improved!
Please go on-line and check us out!**

thelivingvine.org