



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.

*You are cordially invited to celebrate our 15th Anniversary with us!
August 22nd at Toucan's Cafe*

A Letter from Sandy

Dear Living Vine,

I miss you all so much! I was looking at the website and all the pictures and remembering the wonderful times that I had when I was a resident. What a tremendous impact all of you had on my life!

I will never forget what an avid prayer warrior Miss Paula is and how we used to give her a hard time about making everything into a biblical reference; but she has it right! How else can we protect ourselves from the world if not by the Word!

I miss the Bible studies and class time and the activities and outings. I miss cooking for everyone. The Living Vine was like my padded room and the walls were love and Jesus. I hope that you never get discouraged and wonder if you are making a difference and if God is working. HE IS THERE!!!!!!! His love radiates through the hallways and through each staff person and everyone who comes through that door can feel it.

Well, a little update about me. Abby will be two years old in September; she is beautiful,

brilliant and she loves to sing! Her favorite songs currently are "Jesus Loves Me" and "Happy Birthday." We say our prayers every night after which she gives a hearty, "Amen!" I am enrolled in online school for Medical Administration and am doing very well.

Here's a shocker, I'm getting married on July 15th! My fiancé, Tommy is a very strong and Godly man. He is in the United States Navy. He sees me the way that God sees me and He loves me the way God loves me and I have never experienced anything so wonderful next to the love and mercy of God. Tommy prays about every decision concerning him, Abby and me. God is at the epicenter of our relationship and will be in our marriage. God has taught me patience and has given me wisdom in so many things through my future husband. I see now why I was supposed to wait for marriage, for the one that God has for me, because I gave so much of myself away to people who didn't deserve it, to people other than the one God created just for me. I can't have regrets about the past though, because I

wouldn't have Abby and she is the light of my life. Tommy has taken her under his wing and he reads to her and he sings with her and he teaches her. I could not have chosen a better man myself. That's why God is in charge.

One day I would like to come back and do Bible study with the girls. I want them to know the possibilities that God has in store for them. I have been right where they are and God has brought me so far; not without struggle of course, but it has all been part of His plan. These girls need to know that they are not alone, that there have been girls who have come before them that have been where they have been and struggled in the same ways that they have struggled and God has brought them out on top!

I love you all and I thank God everyday for your ministry and your love. May God's power never stop flowing through each one of you. "For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but one of power and love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7 Amen and Amen. God bless you for all your days!

Sandy

Vine's Needs

Groceries:

Fresh produce
 Soups, healthy cereals, crackers,
 fruit juices,
 Baking supplies, snacks
 Coffee: regular & decaf
 Sugar
 Spaghetti Sauce
 Tortilla Chips
 Brown Rice
 Canned Tuna (white Albacore)
 Noodles, whole wheat
 Bacon, Eggs, Meat, Chicken

As you can imagine, our monthly grocery cost can be quite high. It would be a wonderful blessing to have local businesses, churches or individuals donate meals throughout the month. We prepare for 12-20 people per meal. If you are interested, we would love to talk with you. Call us at 352.9998.

House hold items:

(2) Kitchen trash cans: blue or white
 4-8 yellow gold throw pillows
 Indoor/outdoor entrance rugs
 Nonskid bathroom rugs
 Large rug for dining room
 (2) Vacuums
 VCR with TV Guardian
 HE laundry detergent
 Stamps, permanent markers
 Stainless steel spatulas
 Weed Eater
 All paper products
 Bleach, Trash Bags
 Liquid Dish detergent

Large Vine Projects:

New carpeting
 New flooring: Kitchen & dining room
 Large dining room table & chairs
 Front door & threshold
 (2) Sofas for our living room
 Motion Sensors Lights replaced
 Reglazing/replacing tubs & tiles
 Laptop computers

Gift Certificates:

Wal-mart/Sam's, Home Depot,
 Office Max, Kroger, Lifeway
 Barnetts School Supply Store

Blessingdales:

We are in need of a truck for furniture donations. If you have one you could donate, please call the Vine at 352.9998.

School Supplies:

New desks & chairs
 Notebook paper --college ruled
 Spiral Notebooks--college ruled
 Index cards, reams of paper
 Mechanical pencils, pens
 ANY educational videos--(Science & History)
 Used computers able to do word processing
 Gift Certificate for sewing supplies

THIS IS A SHOUT OUT TO ALL HOMESCHOOL MOMS.

ANY used textbooks as old as year 2000 & ANY level. Particular need for economics text and 10th/11th grade American History.

Fundraising ideas

Here are some ideas that you, your church or group could organize to benefit THE LIVING VINE:

1. Host an adult or youth Prayer Breakfast
2. Bake Sale
3. Organize a Bridge, Canasta or Ma Jong event
4. Wild Game Supper
5. Pancake Supper
6. Grill and Sell Boston Butts
7. Sell freezable casseroles
8. Garage or Yard Sale

Call the Vine to tell us what you'd like to do.
 We will be happy to assist if needed.

Blessingdales

Thrift Stores

Store Hours Have Changed!

2118 Bona Bella

Savannah #912.355.4339
 Tues- Sat: 10-5

309 East Main Street

Garden City #912.966.2242
 Tues- Sat: 10-5

305 W Collins Street

Pooler #912.330.0220
 Tues- Sat: 10-5

134 Houston St

Savannah #912.236.2034
 T- F: 10-5 Sat: 10-3

Donations Appreciated



Donita's Story



“Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close.”
Psalm 27:10 (NLT)

Hi! My name is Donita; I am 15 years old. My father's never been in the picture, although I understand that I met him when I was very small. My mother is 30 years old. I have three younger sisters who live with my mother and me and I have 16 brothers and sisters on my dad's side who live all over the world.

My mom got pregnant with me when she was 14 and had me at 15; needless to say, she wasn't ready to parent, so I was raised by my grandmother.

Until the age of 13, my life looked pretty much like everybody else's but that's when my world fell apart. My grandmother was very sick; it wasn't long before she passed. I was left feeling hopeless, like I had nothing to lose because God had taken away the only thing that was important to me. My life went downhill; I stopped going to school and started smoking weed and Newports.

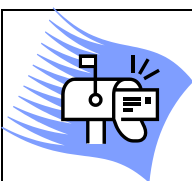
On my 14th birthday, I became sexually active. To get me out of the hood, my mom moved me in with her, but things got worse. I was arrested and jailed for drug use and truancy. I was sent to Youth Detention three times and was sent home with a leg monitor. When I got sick of the leg monitor, I stopped recharging it and I skipped drug court. My probation officer didn't really know what to do with me so she came up with three choices: 1) I get turned over to DFACS and sent into the foster care

system, 2) sent to jail, 3) placed with an older man who had been sexually abusing me, though nobody making the decisions for me knew this. “It was about this time I ended up pregnant, so my probation officer decided to bring me to The Living Vine.”

Since being at the Vine, I have made many changes. One of the hardest things I've had to do was tell about the man who sexually abused me. I felt like I was being forced to live with him, but nobody knew what he was doing. I didn't really trust anyone to believe me when I told, but everyone at the Vine did, and they understood exactly how trapped I've always felt. They stood with me and supported me even when I had to tell my mom and a police officer and some others in authority. Right after I told, I felt like a whole new Donita; it was like a miracle. I've learned it is better to let go and let God handle stuff for me.

Right now I'm going through a lot because I have to figure out about aftercare. I don't know where my baby and I are going to end up, but I do know that I can trust God. I want Him to help me be the best teen mom ever.

I give all my thanks to God and The Living Vine for bringing the beauty out of me. Thanks for giving to the Vine and taking care of me and my baby.



Newsletter Request:

In an effort to be the most responsible with the resources God supplies us, we are trying to convert as many as would be willing to receive our newsletter by e-mail. If this is something you would like, please email The Living Vine at thelivingvine@hotmail.com and provide your information. We believe God will bless and multiply as we continue to seek ways to minimize our expenses. Thank you for helping us honor God's provision.

Volunteer Corner

Small Group Mission Trip Opportunities

Right here in Savannah—
Why go anywhere else?

We have mission teams from other areas come to us all the time wanting to do three or four days of service with our thrift stores. Why not your small group, Sunday School Class, Circle or Bible Study Group?

Most of us who have been on mission trips together would agree that the bonds of fellowship grow stronger as we work side by side, while we give our time and energy to others. Blessingdales' Thrift Store can offer you just that chance. For short term, weekly or an entire month.

Please contact Paula Kinard at The Living Vine, 352-9998 or 561-603-8960 to find out more information about how your group can come together to minister to others in Jesus' name.



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Store Hours
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We are turning
15 years old
and praising
God for
all His
miraculous
provision!



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

Toucan's Café Presents

Our Second Annual

A Night to Celebrate Life

Monday, August 22nd, 5-9 pm

Have dinner with family and friends & 1/2 of your tab will be donated to The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home.

Toucan Café

531 Stephenson Avenue
Savannah, Georgia

For reservations for 5 or more, please call
912-352-2233.

100% of your donation will go to the care of
women in crises pregnancies.

