



## Our Redeemer Lives

My name is Erin and I am a Case Coordinator at Healing House. My addiction to meth and bad relationships started when I was 16. I had my daughter at 17, and was luckily able to stay sober during that time. As soon as she was born I couldn't wait to use again. Her father went to prison for 5 years and I spun out of control with drugs and bad relationships. When my daughter was 6, I lost custody of her due to my drug use. She went to live with my parents. I didn't know about Healing House and if I did, I'd like to think I would have went. I let my drug use turn from smoking meth to shooting up over the course of the next 9 years. I was in and out of jail, stealing from family and living from couch to couch. In the worst of my addiction I didn't know what was real and what wasn't anymore. I had lost my mind, self worth and, it felt like, my soul.



Erin and her daughter

I tried secular treatments and none of them worked. I first opened a Bible in jail and it gave me such peace, however I didn't really know Jesus yet. One of the times I was in jail, I learned about Healing House and knew it was the place for me. I ended up experiencing Healing House twice. The first time I went through the program I met Jesus in one of the classes that was taught. I remember finally understanding the difference between The Law and Grace. It was completely freeing! I had an epiphany and saw a glimpse of heaven and just cried for joy! The second time through was the game changer. I made a decision to do everything different this time. I decided to do the program psych medicine free. I completely surrendered to God's plan for my life. I was able to learn how to be the best version of myself as a mother, a friend and a family member. My relationship with my daughter grew stronger and as I got healthier, so did she.

Fast forward to today. Once I graduated the Healing House, I was hired on as a House Manager. I was delighted because I get to work with my best friend Mikki, whom I knew in addiction and now in freedom! I work with the most amazing, supportive, godly women I have ever known. We love on each other and the ladies and children. I've worked my way up to a Case Coordinator and Class Facilitator over the last 2 1/2 years. I never got custody of my daughter back, but God is using my job to heal that because I get to help women get custody of their children restored. My relationship with Jesus is number one, my relationship with my daughter is better than ever and I just got engaged to a godly man. Everything bad I ever went through, God is using for good and I'm living proof of that.



Soon to be Mr & Mrs





These little ones are our elementary school age kiddos. They will be schooling remotely for the start of the school year at Healing House with a staff member teaching them. They are needing school supplies, backpacks and shoes. Would you, your Bible study group or golf team like to send them off to school with a strong start? If you are interested, please email [cammyo@metrohope.org](mailto:cammyo@metrohope.org) for a list of needs.

When someone decides to come to Metro Hope, they usually come with very little, if anything. They are able to get a gift of donated clothing from our men's Haberdashery or Blessingdales for the women and kids. We also give them a Welcome Bag with toiletries, towels and sheets. We are looking for volunteers to build and donate Welcome Bags for our women, children and men. Would your family or church group like to bless our new residents with these items and a welcome note? Please email [cammyo@metrohope.org](mailto:cammyo@metrohope.org) for more information.

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God is SO good!

Introducing June Willow, born July 27, 8 lbs 12 oz, 21" long. This little beauty is the daughter of Bryan and Haley Vancura. Haley is the Director of Healing House. Big brother, Brooks, loves to hug her. ❤️



Recently we applied for "Supplemental Funding" from Hennepin County for our women, the same \$10.63/day/resident we receive for some of our men. Under the rules for the new Hennepin County program, "Helping the Homeless Initiative", we were denied. We have learned that we are "too restrictive" in not allowing our women to drink or use drugs in our program. We were also offered a free staff person from another organization but were told we could not use the Bible or read Scripture if we accepted this person. We said, "No thank you!" One thing I love so much about the Board and the Staff at Metro Hope is that we are fully committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus and we will not compromise for government (taxpayer) money or free staff. We will not water down God's Word so life can be a little easier. "Are you trying to win the favor of man? If you are, you are not a servant of God". We choose to trust The One who has kept our doors open for 96 years! He has provided through you, our Metro Hope donor family! Thank you for standing with us, loving God's children! Erin's story would not be what it is without you. God bless you!

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