



This has been a year full of blessings at Metro Hope. God is making us known!

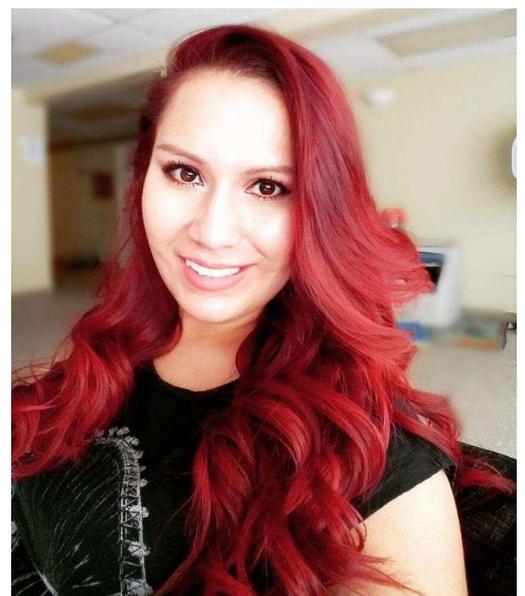
December 4th was a very special day for Metro Hope, specifically Healing House, our women and children center. KTIS chose Healing House to be their ministry partner for their winter fundraising event. For the whole day, KTIS shared testimonies with the listening audience and the importance of the work God does through Healing House. Metro Hope staff volunteered to answer phones and to our surprise, were asked for stories to share, live! It was a wonderful experience to be at KTIS with all of their amazing staff for this event. We are so grateful that God placed Healing House on the hearts of KTIS to share His work with a large audience. Last spring Metro Hope was the best kept secret in the Twin Cities, but no more! Thank you, Jesus!

Healing House, the women and childrens center of Metro Hope, is a unique Christ-centered recovery program. Most addiction centers don't allow children so when a mother decides she wants to give up her addiction she has to let go of her children. We allow mothers to bring their children with them, to live and heal together by the power of Jesus Christ. The bond isn't broken between mother and child. Some mothers come into Healing House without custody of their children. Our staff help the mothers regain custody of their children and they move into Healing House with their mothers. Isn't this how Jesus would want it? Children with their mothers who are growing into strong, healthy Christ-filled women!

This is the story of a graduate, Rebecca, in her words-

"I walked into the Healing House confused and angry, never having been in a recovery program my whole adult life. I had no idea how to care for myself let alone my child. I had little self-worth and a God-size void. I needed healing and the love of God to pull me through recovery. All I had was the small hope that sobriety and Jesus would give me and my child a new life.

The Healing House program and it's dedicated staff created a way to help me become the success I am now. The extensive work in the Bible gave me an education that prepared me to use my 'sword' in my life after the program. Seeing the love of God in the staff at the Healing House not only changed my life forever, they saved my life, as well as showed me how to give the love of God to others. I am raising my daughter to know and love Jesus, without compromise."



Rebecca

Today, Rebecca is a student at North Central University. She is majoring in English and Creative Writing. Rebecca and her daughter, 8, live together at the Jeremiah Program.

We believe it is important to give back so for the second year, our men and women participated in packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. When our residents learned that some of these children don't have shoes and toothbrushes, they understood how blessed they really are. That created an opportunity to talk about how they are able to be at Metro Hope, because donors partner with God by supporting the program that is changing their lives. In all, they packed 26 shoeboxes with items they purchased with their own money. Their prayers over those boxes for the children receiving them were so precious!



Metro Hope is all about Jesus. The most important thing we do is share the gospel and the love of Jesus with each person who walks through our doors. Their real problem isn't their addiction, it is their separation from Jesus Christ. Our goal is to restore the most important relationship any of us will ever know, the one with our Only Savior. Christmas is a new joy for many of our residents. They celebrate the birth of Their Savior, the One who pulled them from the pit to love them like no one ever has. When a person allows themselves to grasp ahold of that love and the forgiveness of Jesus, their hearts start to change and their minds are renewed. Salvation becomes theirs and the gift of sobriety follows.



Our joy-full kiddos

This is the time of year for giving, when God gave His only Son. We hope you will remember Metro Hope. Your gifts to Metro Hope provide the basic needs of our kiddos and programming for our residents where they learn about the One over whom the angels sing.



Merry Christmas! May God's greatest blessings be yours,

Cammy Oren, Board Member



Celebrating Lucy, a faithful volunteer for 11 years to Metro Hope. She is loved by all of the staff and residents! We are so grateful for you, Lucy!



A special "Thank You" to Jackson Chiropractic of Vadnais Heights for the wonderful surprise of diapers and wipes!



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