

Tabitha *news*

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF TABITHA MINISTRY
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Thank you, Grantors!

Tabitha Ministry was blessed to receive two grant awards.

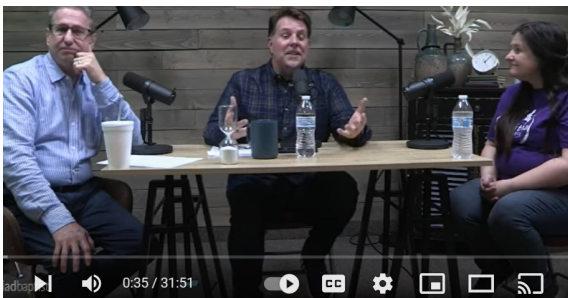


Thank you to the H. Clay & Wavie M. Presnell Foundation for providing funds to make much-needed building repairs to our resident and graduate houses. Gary Hartsell from Hartsell Home Improvement will be completing these repairs over the next few months.



Thank you to Allegra Winston-Salem for providing funds to print new brochures for the ministry and also remittance envelopes, which will be used in our upcoming Annual Campaign.

TRIAD BAPTIST PODCAST



Triad Baptist Church's Pastor Rob Decker (far left), Creative Communications Director Jeremy Chandler, and Elizabeth Barker.

Triad Baptist Church in Kernersville interviewed Community Outreach Director Elizabeth Barker (who is also a Tabitha graduate) on its podcast, TBC Today. Elizabeth shared her testimony, including Tabitha Ministry's role in her healing journey. You can watch the interview on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast app.

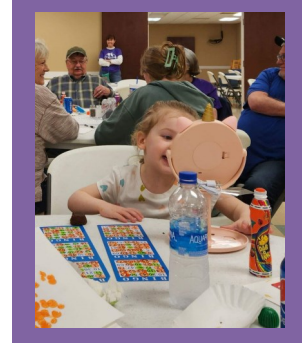
Congrats Grads!!



Congratulations to Susan (left) and Santana, who graduated from our residential program on March 12, 2023.

BINGO Night Fundraiser

The BINGO Night fundraiser took place at The Crossing Church in Kernersville on Friday, March 3. This was Tabitha Ministry's first time venturing out with this kind of fundraising event.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER



The residents served the homeless in downtown Greensboro in Jan & Feb.



In February, the residents visited The Crossing Church in Kernersville.

Ministry Update

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Tabitha Ministry community!

This is an exciting and transitional time for Tabitha Ministry! We have had some graduations and invited new ladies into our program to start a new life.

Seeing the ladies move on after graduation is always a bittersweet time of knowing that daily interaction will turn to more sporadic times of being in touch. The worth-it factor is when they move on to serve.

This year especially has been a time of reflection over many of our past ladies and where they are now. Vita has been working on gathering information and statistics of our graduates over the past five years.

Naturally, our information could be skewed by dishonesty or secrets. We must go on court records and having contact with them whether personally, through social media, or friends. It is also not uncommon for graduates to have brief relapses, thinking they can handle a little and self-correct since they have the tools to understand and think through returning to the life they worked so hard to overcome.

Out of the 19 women who graduated from 2018-2022, we are aware of only five of our graduates who have returned to their addiction and legal entanglements, and only one has been incarcerated after graduating. We consider that a major success from five years of graduates—a 74% success rate!

While numbers give us a scale of success, I prefer the proof of life. I am sure I will miss some examples, so please forgive me. Tabitha's purpose is not only to help women restore dignity to their lives, but in this era of pure destruction through addiction and



trauma, we want to create true warriors who are ready to fight in this war for lives. Even women who did not graduate, but spent some time with us, are contributing to this army.

- ◆ A graduate serves as our ministry's Community Outreach person and also teaches a resident class.
- ◆ One graduate and her husband have started a ministry for the homeless and host their own Christian radio show.
- ◆ Two of our graduates live in a transitional house, creating a safe environment for other women to heal.
- ◆ One graduate is on weekend staff for Hannah's Haven, another recovery program.
- ◆ Another graduate is one of our volunteers, taking time from being a full-time mom and business owner to transport and participate in an exercise class with our residents.
- ◆ We have a few medical support staff among our graduates.
- ◆ Another graduate works a third shift job and uses it to minister to the homeless who are always in her midst.

- ◆ One of our graduates and her husband started an online business, which is thriving to the point of having to buy a warehouse for inventory, while she also raises their children in a godly home.

As for women who did not complete the program, but I am still in contact with...

One is in a county management position on an opioid task force fighting the drug war in a county that is infamous for drug use and trafficking. She has also recruited one of our recent graduates to speak in high schools with the narcotics team that arrested them.

Another is working on her degree for substance abuse counseling while also caring for her family.

As for recent graduates, one has her heart set on getting her peer support credentials and also entering the fight. Another has already brought many of her family to church and was blessed to be with her daughter as she chose salvation and baptism.

This is what Tabitha Ministry is all about!



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Announcements

New Residents



Lorraine joined our program on March 10.



Kimberly joined our program on March 23.



Brandy joined our program on April 20.