

# Tabitha

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF TABITHA MINISTRY  
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## Congratulations Graduates!!

Congratulations to Valerie Transeau and Mistie Godfrey on their respective graduations from our resident program. We are so proud of you!



Valerie graduated on May 21. She is working part-time while earning a degree in administration.



Mistie graduated on June 25. She is working at Tabitha's Closet while figuring out her next steps.

## iHeart Spotlight

On May 28, 2023, Tabitha Ministry & Outreach Director/ Graduate Elizabeth Barker were featured on an iHeart Spotlight for Carolina Cares on WMAG-FM.



# Work Hard, Play Hard

*Our program involves more than just hard work. Our ladies play hard as well!!*



With 10 classes and 20 hours of community service at Tabitha's Closet each week, our residents work hard, but they also play hard. This photograph, which was posted on our Facebook page, led one of our residents to apply to our program! Seeing the playfulness of our residents in this photo helped ease her concerns about entering a one-year program to help her recover from her addiction.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER



The residents visited Southside Baptist Church on June 11 and shared about the ministry.



Tabitha Ministry was featured at a Carolina Regional Transitional Care (CRTC) event on August 12.

# Ministry Update

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

Since our last newsletter, this time has been a bit of a rollercoaster season. Things we thought we were sure of, turned into uncertainty. We have gained and lost, but through it all, God was in the midst. He taught us many lessons, but especially not to lean on our own understanding. When we were sure we had the plan, God turned it upside down.

Thank you to all of you who have generously donated to our building campaign. We are getting antsy for the new construction to begin, but every time we think we have a direction, we encounter another roadblock. Pray for God's release, timing, and direction. We may need to alter the purpose of the new building, but we are asking for God to show us what we need as opposed to what we want.

To make a long story short, the owner of the property that Tabitha Ministry hoped to purchase has decided not to sell. Without two adjacent lots, Tabitha Ministry will not be able to build a new resident house as we had hoped that spans both lots, so we are considering another plan. One option being considered is building a smaller structure on the vacant lot that the ministry already owns with a large multi-purpose room that can be used for classes, graduations, and other ministry events.

On an encouraging note, one of our newest ladies went to court, and our judicial advocate said it was a first for her after many court appearances. Our resident received two ovations from many people in the courtroom, and the judge actually left the bench to come down and give her a hug and tell her how proud he was of her. This is a reminder of why we do what we do.



On another bright note, after a long process, we were finally able to move the Department of Transportation fence outside of Tabitha's Closet back a couple of feet. While 24 inches might not sound like much, traffic flow has greatly improved!

Our Father's Love Banquet, with silent auction, is coming up October 10th and will be a time of reflecting on the reality of life, recovery, and walking out God's plan even in the trials. We have already received some exciting donations, including a flat screen

smart TV, to auction off that evening. We really hope to see you there!

We are so grateful for everyone's faithful support of our ministry through prayer, donations, volunteering, and your presence. You are a vital part of building a loving community that God uses to help transform the lives of the women we serve. We promise to steward your donations with care and accomplish whatever God has in store for this season. Thank you for all of your support!

## Father's Love Banquet

Tue, 10/10/23  
6:00-8:00 PM

Calvary Church  
1665 Pleasant Ridge Rd  
Greensboro

Delicious Dinner \* Silent Auction \* Live Music

Learn about how this ministry is making a difference in the lives of hurting women.

Tickets \$25  
Must be purchased in advance.

Order tickets online on website or QR code  
or purchase in person from Tabitha's Closet.





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# New Residents



Amanda joined our program on June 15.



De'Anna joined our program on July 12.



April joined our program on July 18.