



Spreading the Story of



Reflections from the Heart

As I reflect on the past 90 plus days since we welcomed the first residents of Jasmine Road, I am especially touched at the love, grace and perseverance of the women who have so bravely taken many steps towards wholeness and healing. It has truly been amazing to embrace a community of residents and volunteers from many different backgrounds, unfolding and blossoming into something beautiful.

The community has gifted our ladies with so much, with arms open wide, with no expectation of return. The women are the daily recipients of safe housing, high quality medical care, trauma-informed counseling services, physical activity, medication, mentoring, advice and friendship. It warms my heart to see the relationships that have developed as a result of our many partnerships. They are proof that together we can come alongside and make a difference in our community.

We believe that this love will continue to take root in the hearts of our residents and blossom into something beautiful in the lives of those we serve. We will continue to offer radical hospitality and to water this community with love so that our roots grow deep, and our community is transformed into opportunity and hope for those women who have lost their voice and lost their way. I am humbled and honored to partner with our residents and our community to do this work.



Beth Messick, *Executive Director*

Get to Know Jasmine Road

Sex trafficking continues to grow in Greenville County, but Jasmine Road can help end the cycle. We are committed to healing, empowering and employing survivors.

♥ Jasmine Road has forged many unique partnerships with organizations in the Upstate understanding that together we can build a stronger community of love

and support for survivors of trafficking, prostitution and addiction.

♥ Jasmine Road is creating a network of survivors that can reach into our community and help other women find their way home. Survivor leadership is at the heart of the Jasmine Road program.

♥ By leveraging the expertise of existing organizations through collaboration, Jasmine Road can be more effective by providing the highest level of quality care to address the needs of survivors of complex trauma and childhood adversity.

Ways You Can Help:

➤ **Donate**

New Residence Wish List

Shop through the Amazon Smile link below and select Jasmine Road as your designated charity and we will receive .5% of every purchase.



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Welcome Morgan Rains, New Restoration Services Coordinator



In her new position, Morgan will coordinate the care and services of the Jasmine Road residents, ensuring that each individual's needs are met in a safe and loving environment where healing can take place. Her professional experience includes advocacy work and volunteer coordination with the Julie Valentine Center as well as facilitating trauma groups in Greenville County Detention Center and other agencies where she prepared trauma survivors for individual therapy, drug recovery services and systems advocacy within the criminal justice system. Morgan has been a part of the daily lives of our first residents through her work at Triune Mercy Center and is already an essential member of the Jasmine Road team.

Thank You Community Partners! ♥

Thank you **Christ Church Episcopal** for providing the initial resources to launch Jasmine Road. We would not exist without your ongoing leadership and financial and volunteer support.

Thank you **Triune Mercy Center** for being one of our founding partners and providing us with beautiful office space and access to staff support and a wealth of programming and expertise.

Thank you **Bon Secours St. Francis Health System** for providing transformative healthcare to some of the most marginalized women in an effort to bring our community to wholeness.

Thank you **Dale Savage and Applied Theater Center** for partnering to provide Trauma Drama, a healing experience through role playing.

Thank you **Julie Valentine Center** for providing trauma informed counseling services to the Jasmine Road women to help them recover from life on the streets of Greenville.

Thank you **Dr. Keith Strausbaugh** for offering comprehensive dental care to the women, boosting their confidence and helping them get back their beautiful smiles.

Thank you **FAVOR Greenville** for providing recovery coaching services to help the women heal from addiction.

Thank you **Project Host** for our partnership to offer the women placement in the CC Pearce Culinary Training Program to learn job skills.

Thank you **United Ministries** for working together to offer educational support and financial literacy counseling.

Thank you **Greenville Yoga** and instructor Susan Cannon for providing therapeutic weekly yoga classes in a beautiful space.

Thank you **Black Sheep Farms** for providing a twelve week equine leadership program, a joyful experience for the women to grow and learn to trust again.

Thank you **YMCA of Greenville** for offering memberships to help our residents incorporate physical fitness into their daily schedule and to embrace a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you **Grace Church** for leading inspirational book study groups in the home.



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Jasmine Road Resident practicing therapeutic yoga
Greenville Yoga



Jasmine Road Resident partaking in Equine Therapy at
Black Sheep Farms

Partner Spotlight:

Bon Secours St. Francis Health System

Sexual exploitation of women has a profound effect on the health and well being of individuals, families, and communities. Some of the negative health consequences of victims include depression, anxiety, PTSD, eating disorders and substance abuse, HIV and other sexually-transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancies, gastrointestinal problems, autoimmune diseases, asthma, and other debilitating conditions. Research shows victims use more services that result in direct costs to healthcare systems, such as visits to the emergency room and access to mental health services. Societal costs include child protective services, welfare services, costs to the justice system from multiple incarcerations, lost productivity and wages from inability to find employment, significantly higher risk of poverty, and perhaps most concerning, the negative impact on subsequent generations.

Bon Secours St. Francis Health System is leading the way in developing evidence-based best practice standards as well as an effective standard of care for identifying, treating, and referring victims of human trafficking. This begins with staff training to recognize victims. One study showed that 88 percent of victims had contact with at least one healthcare professional at some point during the period in which they were being trafficked (AMA Journal of Ethics). Bon Secours St. Francis is also joining local agencies serving victims of human trafficking to develop innovative strategies for offering treatment in a non-judgmental compassionate setting. Bon Secours St. Francis has been an essential partner to Jasmine Road by providing financial resources and free trauma informed healthcare to the five women in the residential program. Bon Secours St. Francis generously provides Jasmine Road residents access to a nurse practitioner that makes house calls, a primary care physician, access to high quality behavioral healthcare, and a licensed, trauma-informed social worker. Bon Secours St. Francis is also committed to educating the community about the complex issue of human trafficking. Their second annual symposium "Not By Their Choice" held in August brought together more than 500 community leaders to learn and work together to find solutions.

We are so grateful to be collaborating with Bon Secours St. Francis and to play a small part in helping carry out their powerful mission: **"To extend the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and bring good help to those in need, especially people who are poor, dying and underserved."**

Join Us for Our Second Annual ROOTED IN LOVE Luncheon

The Scout Guide

Jasmine Road has been featured as the non-profit in Volume 4 of The Scout Guide Greenville! Thank you Keaton Stroud and the ladies at TSG, and check out page 43 for some exciting information about our social enterprise plans!

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[The Scout Guide Volume 4](#)



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fast, go alone. If
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