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## Meet Marie, Our New Executive Director



Dear friends,

My first two months as Executive Director of Jasmine Road have been amazing! I am honored and humbled to work alongside a great board of directors, who have done so much to get our organization off its feet, raise the funds to complete the renovations of our first Safe Home, and set the vision for true social change in our community. The outpouring of community support at our Rooted in Love Luncheon, through partnerships with other organizations and individuals eager to volunteer with us, has been so validating of the work we are doing. We are so blessed!

While the issues of sexual exploitation and human trafficking are dark, evil spots that exist in our society, I am encouraged by the light and hope we can offer to women trapped in these cycles. Imagine the potential of a woman who is given the opportunity to trust, rest, heal, receive an education, and be financially independent! I am grateful that you choose to learn more and be a part of our journey!

My door is always open, and I look forward to meeting you, sharing ideas, and working together to create a community built on compassion, love, and radical hospitality. I wish you and your family a very happy holiday season and all the best in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Marie Majarais



## WANT TO MAKE AN EXTRAORDINARY GIFT TO SOMEONE TRULY IN NEED DURING THIS SEASON OF GIVING?

If you would like to make a gift to honor someone special please let us know, and we will be happy to deliver a card with a holiday message written just for them to let them know about your gift of LOVE.

**\$50** Provides one month of outpatient addiction treatment for one woman, a critical component to overall success

**\$100** Provides a woman coming off the streets or from jail with clothing purchased just for her

**\$300** Provides food and basic necessities for three months for one woman to help gain stability

**\$600** Provides life skills and financial

## "ROOTED IN LOVE" LUNCHEON WRAP-UP

Many many thanks to Bon Secours St. Francis Health System and all of the sponsors and donors for making the

literacy training for one woman to prepare for employment

**\$1000** Provides 10 sessions with a therapist who specializes in sexual violence and trauma to help one woman find healing

**\$24,000** Sponsors one woman for one year to find a transformative new life at our Jasmine Road home

**➤ Donate**

**PLEASE  
Help Furnish the  
Jasmine Road Home**

[go to gift registry](#)

**JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS:  
JASMINE SCENTED CANDLES \$25  
ROOTED IN LOVE TEES \$20**

**CANDLE + TEE \$40**

Contact Marie Majarais at  
[marie@jasmineroad.org](mailto:marie@jasmineroad.org)  
to purchase.



## Why Take Action?

Sex trafficking and prostitution are not just global problems, they are South Carolina problems and they are Greenville problems.

♥ Caught between Atlanta (#1 City in the US for human trafficking and Charlotte (In the top 10) Greenville continues to be a corridor for traffickers and an increasingly lucrative market as the city has grown.

**first annual "Rooted in Love" Luncheon such a huge success! You helped us raise \$115,000 (after expenses) that will make it possible to welcome the first residents in the spring of 2018!**

[Click on the link to see a complete list of sponsors.](#)

<https://www.jasmineroad.org/partners/event-partners/>

## JASMINE ROAD HOUSE GETS HEAVENLY HELP



Jasmine Road is blessed to have the talented men of Heaven's Helpers of Christ Church Episcopal build cubbies, a writing desk, shelving, and hang blinds for our first Safe Home. Jack McKay, Frank Gibbes, and Jim Stradling are pictured above during a consultation. House Committee Chair Landra Jennings conveyed "the Heaven's Helpers are caring individuals who have been more than generous in sharing their talents in woodworking with Jasmine Road".

The mission of Heaven's Helpers is to provide light home maintenance and repairs to church members who are over 55 years of age or single parents who have liability insurance. They perform small carpentry jobs, minor electrical or plumbing work, and other miscellaneous tasks. The cost to the homeowner is for materials only – there is no labor fee.

The renovation of the Jasmine Road Safe House has truly been a community effort. We are so grateful for all of the volunteers who have helped create this beautiful space.

## FIRST JASMINE ROAD VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Jasmine Road is pleased to provide an overview of Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking for volunteers and those interested in learning more about the issues and injustices facing the women we will be serving.

This training is free and open to the community. There will be light refreshments served and an opportunity to fill out a volunteer application and learn more about our mission, our needs, and how YOU can get involved!

We will have two offerings, January 9, 2018, and February 6, 2018, at 6pm – 8pm. Please choose the date that works best with your schedule. You may register using the Eventbrite link below.

[Register Here](#)

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♥ In 2016, the Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force reported that 125 victims were served. (SC Human Trafficking Task Force, Annual Report 2016)

♥ Throughout the state there is a lack of services for female sex trafficking victims. There are currently only 10 beds in South Carolina residential services specifically designed to offer support to these SURVIVORS. (SC Human Trafficking Task Force)

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## Hospitality Committee - Volunteers Needed!

We would love to form a committee of volunteers who can help provide refreshments and provisions for Jasmine Road events, meetings and trainings. If interested, please contact Ashley Reynolds at [ashley@jasmineroad.org](mailto:ashley@jasmineroad.org)



This holiday season, we reflect on our blessings and seek ways to make life better for those around us. Thank you for joining us on our mission to heal, empower, and employ women with LOVE! Warm wishes to you and yours!  
Gratefully, the Jasmine Road Team