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The Promise of Spring's Arrival

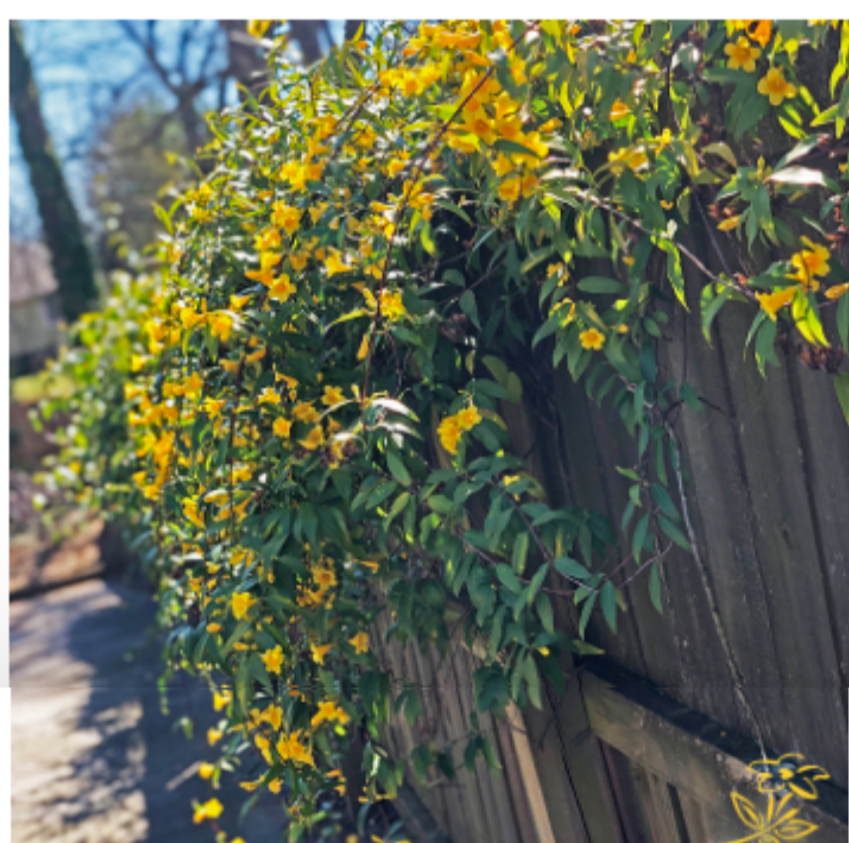
Our name is inspired by the Carolina Jasmine which is one of the first harbingers of spring. Each bloom is a symbol of the unique beauty, dignity and purpose that each resident learns to embrace on their journey as part of this new community that is "rooted in love".



The golden yellow flowers represent the sunshine, warmth and light we hope to bring the Jasmine Road residents as they transition, heal, grow and bloom, as well as the immense value we see in each individual that comes through our doors.



The vine represents the residents, staff, volunteers, service providers, and family whose lives are all intertwined in community to provide support and nourishment which helps our residents to grow and flourish.



Beautiful jasmine spills over the fence along the road, which represents the journey of each Jasmine Road resident. The Jasmine-lined road of spiritual, physical and emotional healing is a stark contrast to life on the streets and the struggles of addiction.

Save the Date!

Thursday, October 17th, 2019

Younts Conference Center, Furman



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Reflections from the Heart

The Jasmine at our Jasmine Road home is in full bloom. The bulbs that were planted last year in the cool of the fall are beginning to push their way through the soil. And, so goes the story of our residents who are image bearers of life, determination and beauty. They are awakening from the dead of their winter and beginning to come alive again. It is truly beautiful to witness the healing and restoration of the women unfolding in front of you.

On one winter day a few months ago, during the cold and pouring rain, I overheard a conversation. "I sure am thankful I am not still out on the streets wandering around in that mess today."

Words of gratitude yet uttered soberly by one of our Jasmine Road residents. Sobering, not just because this was her past reality, but also because she has friends still out there, wandering the streets, looking for those very things she has now found; security, safety, a place to rest and maybe, most of all, love and community.

Such is the continual plight of our homeless neighbors, right here in our own Greenville who are wandering and looking for someone to notice and to care. As I reflect on our Jasmine Road journey of almost a year after opening our first home, I am grateful that our residents have found sanctuary- a shelter from their individual storms. I am also grateful for the work of our partners in our community such as Triune Mercy Center who work tirelessly every day, giving hope and assistance to those on our streets.

Together we will welcome even more women from the dead of their winter on the streets and home to the spring of a new life of hope and possibilities. As always, our seasons will continuously change yet our residents bear witness to the courage needed to weather even the toughest of storms. **I leave you with this quote from Pablo Neruda "you can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep the Spring from coming". Spring is here indeed!**

-**Beth Messick**, Jasmine Road Executive Director

[CLICK here](#) to watch video coverage about Beth's work from The State Newspaper.

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May God Bless You with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God Bless You with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that you may wish for Justice, freedom, and Peace.

May God Bless You with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.”

-FRANCISCAN BLESSING

Partner Spotlight: Triune Mercy Center

Since Jasmine Road was founded in November 2016, we have had the privilege of having office space on the third floor of Triune Mercy Center, a bustling non-denominational church where people from all walks of life worship and serve together. Under the leadership of Pastor Deb Richardson-Moore for the past 13 1/2 years, Triune has become a vibrant community that provides much more than food and clothing to the homeless and poor who make up about half of the congregation. The various weekday ministries offer hope and a sense of belonging to those who suffer from addiction, mental illness, unemployment, poverty and loneliness. As one of the founding partner organizations, Triune was instrumental in establishing the Jasmine Road program which is based on surrounding people with a loving supportive network and allowing them time and space to heal from trauma and life on the streets of Greenville.

"We knew we weren't reaching women as we wanted to," said Richardson-Moore. "Beth Messick taught us why -- because more often than not, hidden sexual trauma was at work. So we couldn't be happier that the Jasmine Road women spend time at Triune, learning, acting, writing, healing. We believe it's a partnership made in heaven, quite literally."

Staff, mentors and volunteers interact daily with the women in a true spirit of kinship. These are opportunities many of us deeply desire, to connect with marginalized people in a meaningful way. For the residents of Jasmine Road, they are exposed to healthy positive role models, given access to social capital and nurtured so they can see there are good people in the world that they can count on. These relationships organically bring together people who have resources with those who desperately need them and are mutually beneficial.

Jasmine Road residents participate in a number of unique programs at Triune, including Art Therapy, Trauma Drama, Applied Theater Concepts, Visioneering, Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous and Triune Circles. We are so grateful to be a part of this special place where "the gospel meets the streets" and to share in the work of offering "real-life transformational possibilities".

Volunteer, Celebrate & Learn in Love

The Jasmine Road **Volunteer Program** is budding! We're in the process of building the program; and we're currently seeking volunteers to serve in our residential program alongside the residents by assisting with transportation to appointments, groups, and meetings.

More opportunities will be available soon! **Interested in learning more?** Send an email to info@jasmineroad.org.

You're Invited! Join us **Friday, April 26**, for our first **Rooted in Love Community Day** – 9am-12pm in the Triune Mercy Center first floor dining room (222 Rutherford St).

All friends of Jasmine Road (community partners, donors, patrons, current and future volunteers, sponsors, etc.) are invited to gather and celebrate our incredible, growing Rooted in Love Community that is the foundation of our program here in Greenville!

- Educational/learning opportunities
- Updates on Jasmine Road
- A behind-the-scenes look at what we're working on
- Rooted in Love Community news
- Details on upcoming events
- Refreshments will be provided

Give in Love

We've had many recent inquiries about donations, and we are so grateful for the support of this Rooted in Love community. Below is a list of items that are always welcome and needed:

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Trash Bags
- Swiffer Sweeper Wet Mopping Pad Refills
- Swiffer Duster Refills
- Lysol Cleaning Wipes
- Windex
- Gift Cards: Walmart, Aldi, Quik-Trip

To coordinate donation drop off or shipping, please contact Tory Nicolay at tory@jasmineroad.org or 816.807.7768.

Make a Difference

Gifts may be made online with your credit or debit card, or through PayPal (Paypal account not required).

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