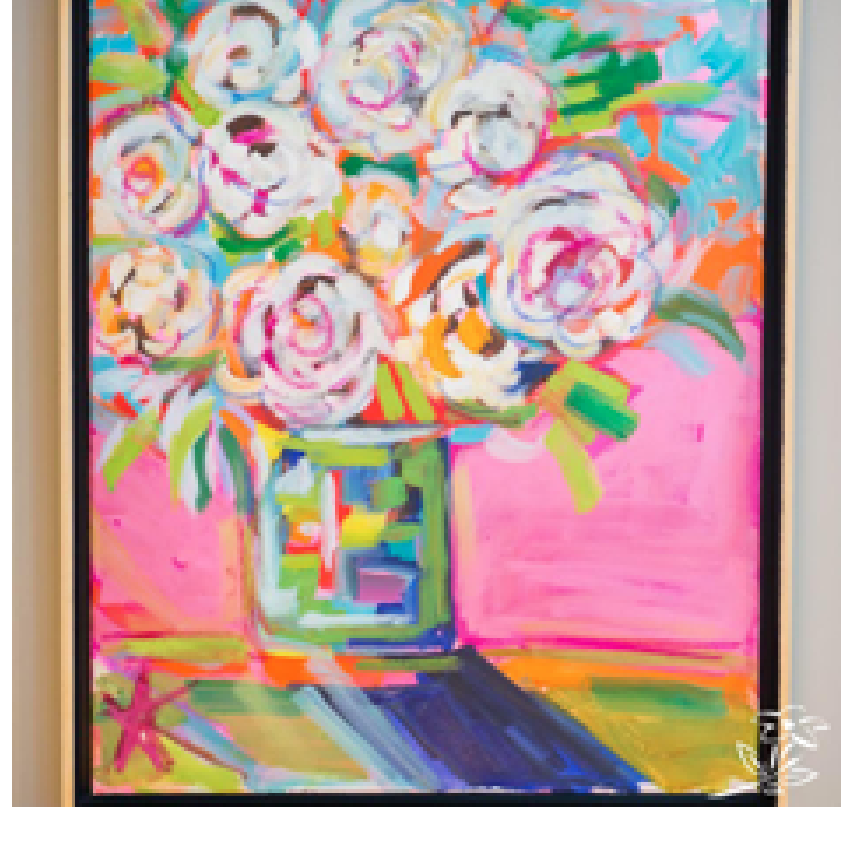




Spreading the Story of **Jasmine Road**
ROOTED IN LOVE

"Where flowers bloom, so does hope." - Lady Bird Johnson

While each individual bloom is unique in its own beauty, together we make one beautiful bouquet.



This summer has been full of growth, as we have celebrated so many milestones!

- One resident bought a car.
- One resident earned her GED.
- One resident started a new job.
- One resident transitioned into Phase 2.
- Two residents transitioned into Phase 3.
- All 5 residents graduated from The CC Pearce Culinary School at Project Host.
- All 5 residents passed the Managerial ServSafe Exam.
- The Jasmine Kitchen announcement made the front page of The Greenville News!
- All 5 residents and staff attended the Thistle Farms National Conference in Nashville, TN.
- We made the final loan payment on the purchase of our first Jasmine Road home thanks to Christ Church Episcopal.
- We hired our amazing new full time Program Associate Tory Nicolay.
- We officially launched our candle making business under the direction of one of our residents.
- Our beloved cat Jazzy had kittens!

We Made the Front Page of The Greenville News!

In case you missed it... [CLICK HERE](#) to read the story.



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Looking for a way to help support the residents in our program? [CLICK HERE](#) to view our Amazon Wishlist (make sure to share your information in the gift note so we can THANK YOU!)



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Reflections from the Heart ♥

Our hearts are full of gratitude for the many volunteers who make our work at Jasmine Road possible. We know that women don't wind up on the streets or living a life of prostitution and drug addiction on their own, and it truly takes a community of volunteers to welcome these ladies home.

A lot of our work revolves around standing in a place called the "tragic gap," according to Parker Palmer, author, educator and activist and founder of the Center for Courage and Renewal. Palmer describes this as "the gap between the hard realities around us and what we know is possible — not because we wish it were so, but because we've seen it with our own eyes."

We bear witness to these hard realities on a daily basis. We see that true change is possible. We can truly make a difference in someone's life by offering safe and stable housing, supportive services, and opportunities for education and employment. We've seen firsthand how this translates into hope and freedom for women in our community to help them find meaning and purpose in life.

The tireless dedication and countless hours of our volunteers play such an important role in our ability to offer resources, relationships and true freedom. From the behind-the-scenes work to the transportation that volunteers and mentors provide, to the meals and basic necessities that our Rooted in love community members give, we could not bridge the tragic gap without you. You are the agents of possibility and hope at Jasmine Road. We see the real difference you are making, and we are so grateful!

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



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Partner Spotlight:

Project Host CC Pearce Culinary School



On Friday August 9th, five Jasmine Road residents graduated from the six-week CC Pearce Culinary School at Project Host. In addition, all five students plus four volunteers passed the Managerial ServSafe exam which is the highest level of food handling safety training administered by the National Restaurant Association. Restaurants require that at least one person on staff hold the certification.

Under the direction of Chef Tobin Simpson and Culinary Instructor Jenny Richardson-Thomas, students are taught by preparing meals for children in low income families as part of the Cooking for Kids Program. They learn the routine of being in a commercial kitchen, knife skills, menu planning, food prep and storage, use of various types of equipment and sanitizing utensils and surfaces. Once the daily meals are prepared, students share lunch together followed by a life skills component. Through a partnership with Goodwill, program participants can qualify to receive payment during the training. There are also opportunities to earn additional money and experience by working at community dinners or staying on for a six-month internship which may include work in the bakery or on the new #hostmobile food truck.

One of the residents said **"Being a part of the CC Pearce Culinary School was an awesome experience. It was great to learn new things in the kitchen and feel like part of the team at Project Host. Chef Tobin and Chef Jenny taught me skills that I can't wait to use at Jasmine Kitchen!"**

Board Chair Kathryn Norwood also participated in the class in preparation for the opening of Jasmine Kitchen later this fall. **"I can't say enough good things about the staff and the program at Project Host. It was such a special time to get to learn new skills and have some fun together in the kitchen. I could not be more excited about having the chance to continue to nurture a love of food and discovery of individual gifts with this amazing group of ladies."**

Volunteering at Jasmine Road 101

Our volunteer program is in full bloom! Volunteers can serve Jasmine Road in these ways:

1. **Residential Program:** Serve the residents by providing transportation and mentorship
2. **Social Enterprise:** Assist in product creation and packaging for jewelry and candles
3. **Jasmine Kitchen:** Join our team, residents, and other volunteers in serving at Jasmine Kitchen (opening this fall!)
4. **Events:** Assist with our annual fundraising luncheon and other events

Interested in one (or more) of these opportunities? Here's how you can help:

[CLICK THIS LINK](#) to fill out our volunteer application. After completing the form, volunteers will go through an interview process to explore how they can best serve in our Rooted in Love community. Following the interview, volunteers will be asked to complete an online Volunteer Training and to attend our Rooted in Love in-person Volunteer Training day to learn everything about volunteering with Jasmine Road.

Jasmine Road would not be possible without the support and contributions of our volunteers, and we are eternally grateful for each and every member for our volunteer team!

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