



Spreading the Story of



Why Take Action?

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.

♥ Greenville County had the largest number of reported cases of human trafficking in 2017.

[SC Human Trafficking Task Force, 2017 Annual Report]

♥ Faith-based and community organizations can help end trafficking.



**Announcing New Jasmine Road
Executive Director, Beth Messick**

[Click here](#) to read more!

[U. S. Department of Health & Human Services
Office on Trafficking in Persons]

♥ In 2017 the SC Human Trafficking Task Force named Jasmine Road among the solutions to the lack of residential facilities for trafficking victims in SC.

[SC Human Trafficking Task Force, 2017 Annual Report]

Ways You Can Help



Special Requests:

♥ We are looking for Journey Partners! Please pledge a monthly recurring gift to help sustain Jasmine Road. To make your pledge, please click the "Donate" link above.

♥ We are now asking for gift cards to Wal-Mart, Publix, & Chik-Fil-A, to help provide food and other incidentals for the Jasmine Road women.

These can be dropped off at the Triune Mercy Center Main Office between Monday and Thursday at 222 Rutherford Street, or mailed to Jasmine Road at:

P. O. Box 25452
Greenville, SC 29616

♥ Please help us stock the pantry for the women we are welcoming in May! Any non-perishable food items are appreciated, such as: peanut butter, canned goods, pasta and sauce, coffee, tea, condiments, & spices.

We are also accepting paper products and cleaning supplies. This would be a great project for groups to do on an ongoing

Dear Friends of Jasmine Road,

I am very pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of Jasmine Road has selected Beth Messick to be the new Executive Director. Her official start date will be March 19, 2018. Beth was part of the original leadership team that created the vision for Jasmine Road. She was already working to provide case management services and other resources to victims of sexual exploitation through an organization that she founded in 2015 called Emerson's Rest. When she became employed by Triune Mercy Center as a Restoration Advocate she incorporated this entity into the program at Triune where she works in local jails and with the criminal justice system to advocate for female victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

A lifelong resident of Greenville, Beth has dedicated her career to her passion of bringing hope and healing to forgotten and underserved populations. She received her B. A. in Psychology from Furman University and is a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional. She began her career 30 years ago working with pregnant teenagers for Piedmont Council for Prevention of Child Abuse, an organization that partnered to found the current Julie Valentine Center. She went on to found a Christian counseling ministry that worked in partnership with local churches to offer counseling to sexually abused women, and later became the Wellness Director of the Caine Halter YMCA.

In a recent conversation Beth conveyed that "it has been a lifelong dream to create a restoration home for women and I want to do everything I can to make Jasmine Road a success".

We are so thrilled that Beth has accepted this role and look forward to continuing this amazing journey with her leadership.

With Excitement,

Kathryn Norwood, Jasmine Road Board Chair

[Listen to Beth's recent interview with 106.3 Word](#)

basis!

If you have items to donate, please email leigh@jasmineroad.org to coordinate drop-off.

Want More Information?



info@jasmineroad.org



www.jasmineroad.org



POP-UP FOR A PURPOSE

COME SHOP A CURATED SELECTION OF JEWELRY, HOUSEHOLD WARES, & MORE.

WHY: To heal, empower, and employ survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction.

WHEN: Saturday, May 5, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

WHERE: 503 Augusta Street, Greenville, SC 29605

HOW: Drop Off Dates:

Thursday, April 12	Tuesday, May 1
10:30-12:30	5:00-7:00
Saturday, April 21	Wednesday, May 2
9:30-1:00	12-2pm
Monday, April 30	
10:30-12:30	

WHAT: Jewelry, Sunglasses, Designer Handbags & Shoes, China, Silver, Fashionable Clothing that is labeled New with Tags or Only Worn Once, Garden Accessories & Pots, Oriental Rugs, Furniture, Coffee Table Books, Monetary donations are also welcome and wonderful!

NOT ACCEPTED: Bedding, Cribs and other baby items, Children's clothing, Soiled items, Magazines, electronics, Small Appliances that are not new.

Jasmine Road Staff

Beth Messick, Executive Director

Leigh Barton, Program Assistant

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Save the Date!

**Thursday, October 18th,
2018**

Please join us for the Second Annual Rooted In Love Luncheon at The Younts Conference Center at Furman University.

Sponsorships and Tickets will be available soon.



"Jasmine Roadies"



Volunteer Opportunities

For more information, email ashley@jasmineroad.org

- ♥ **Now through May 5** Pop-Up Shop Preparation: Assist us in organizing and marketing the Pop-Up Shop
- ♥ **April 17** Volunteer Orientation: overview of Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking for interested potential volunteers, please [RSVP here!](#)
- ♥ **May 5** Pop-Up Shop: Upscale resale shop featuring accessories & home accents, benefiting Jasmine Road

A Very Dedicated Volunteer: Landra Jennings

Although Landra Jennings walks through Jasmine Road's safe house with a pride of ownership, she is quick to give credit to others who helped. "It was a community effort," she insists as she rattles off a list of names of individuals who offered pro bono services or volunteered in various ways. Katherine Russell Selvy was especially instrumental as she provided many hours of interior design services. Perhaps it was her MBA from Northwestern University or the years she worked as a management consultant that prepared Landra for this unique role as the project manager of Jasmine Road's safe house. She is obviously the right volunteer for this job but the asset that shines brightest is not on her resume. It is her passion for Jasmine Road's mission.

Landra's journey began when she visited Thistle Farms in Tennessee, a nonprofit with a similar mission. She was deeply touched after hearing one woman's story about her road to restoration. Driving back from Nashville Landra says that she knew Jasmine Road's safe house "was the right place" to invest her time and energy.

As details come together, Landra awaits the house's opening soon. She has been a shepherdess, watching and helping as funding was secured, permits obtained, bids reviewed and materials were purchased. She lovingly herded volunteers as they carefully crafted much of this house of healing and hope. Starting with a benchmarking process her committee established important guidelines for things such as a minimum square footage per sleeping area, safety and parking requirements, therapeutic



colors, and other important details.

Landra says, "The volunteers have lavished love throughout the house."

The beautiful and serene atmosphere is designed to encourage healing for women whose lives have been bought and sold often at the price of their health, self-esteem and dignity. The committee even avoided the use of items, such as motel toiletries, that might be trigger points for traumatic memories.

This safe house speaks volumes about Landra and her respect for the women that will live there. It is more than a shelter, more than a house. It will be their home. She wants them to feel safe, peaceful, and valued. Soon this house will become a home because this volunteer took the time to get involved.

by Jo Maypole

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