



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

## Sending Warmest Wishes for a Holiday Season Filled with Joy!



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## Reflections from the Heart

As we gather together this holiday season, our Jasmine Road family has so much to celebrate and be thankful for. **Our first six months of communal living have been challenging, exciting and filled with much hope for a brighter future and overwhelming gratitude for the opportunity to learn and grow together.** This is indeed difficult work, however, we remain steadfast in our commitment to provide quality programming to survivors so that their futures can be successful and bright. How do you measure success in this type of endeavor? We define success not just by the numbers that we serve but by providing the highest quality services and opportunities for our women, by being transparent and faithful stewards of the resources we have been entrusted with and by our faithfulness to the women who have chosen to believe in and entrust their lives to the care of Jasmine Road.

We take heart in this quote from Mother Teresa "We are not called to be successful, but to be faithful." When you give faithfully of your time, talents and resources to the mission of Jasmine Road, it supports the work of our amazing staff to share their abundant wisdom and guidance with our residents. In the words of our residents, when you give to Jasmine Road you give women:

- "The support in a community where we feel valued and unconditionally loved"
- "The opportunity to have health care and dental care"
- "The resources to go back to school and earn a college degree"
- "The ability to reconnect with our families"
- "The courage to hope and actually have dreams again for our life"

**My hope is that you will continue to support and give of your abundance so that we can continue to provide women with opportunities that will radically change their lives and offer them a chance to pursue new hopes and dreams.**

-Beth Messick, Executive Director

"I lived the life of prostitution and drug addiction all my adult life. I am now 30 years old and I have been at Jasmine Road for 6 months now. I could tell you a bunch of sad stories about my childhood experiences and other ways I ended up here, **but I would like you to know how much a difference Jasmine Road has made in my life.** When I first came here I didn't know who I was or what I liked or what I was good at. In the past few months **I started the process of healing from a lifetime of hurt.** Today I have women in my life who unconditionally love and support me through everything. I know I will make mistakes, but I know they will be there holding my hand through it. The staff and the residents are family to me."

- Jasmine Road Resident

## Partner Spotlight: Christ Church Episcopal

The unique collaboration that launched Jasmine Road brought together three powerful faith partners, Christ Church Episcopal, Triune Mercy Center and Bon Secours St. Francis Health System. Christ Church was a natural fit because of their history of involvement starting new entities such as The Greenville Free Medical Clinic, Project Host, Stephens House and United Ministries. Christ Church graciously continues to offer financial assistance, volunteer support, meeting space, encouragement and open arms without exerting ownership to the new ministry.

**Christ Church as a parish is embracing the women of Jasmine Road and joining them in kinship and community.** They were instrumental in helping with the purchase and renovation of the first home which provides the foundation of our housing first program. Our first grant was from United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church to fund startup costs. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) have provided significant grants for the past two years from their fundraising efforts. Dozens of volunteers regularly interact with the women of Jasmine Road to offer volunteer hours, meals, financial support, transportation, prayer, friendship, encouragement and compassion. **This new community is a true expression of radical hospitality and welcoming the stranger with an open heart and mind.** Our work has just begun but we know that the soil has been prepared, the seeds have been planted and the new community has sprouted. We look forward to continuing to nurture Jasmine Road as the vine grows and begins to bear fruit.

While not a new problem, human trafficking is gaining awareness as we are learning how to identify victims and better understand their needs. Coordination between community partners including healthcare, law enforcement, non-profit service providers and the faith community is absolutely essential in order to find effective solutions. The issues of sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking particularly resonate with the faith community because they intrinsically value serving the needs of vulnerable populations and have an intolerance for injustice. Women who have experienced trafficking have also most likely experienced childhood sex abuse, drug addiction, incarceration and homelessness and are trapped in a cycle that cannot be broken without powerful intervention.

**Lending help and caring about the outcome of these women is at the heart of what faith is all about – a belief that all people deserve dignity, freedom and respect, and caring for the most marginalized in our community. We are so grateful to Christ Church for leading the way.**

We invite other churches and faith partners to join us as we build our new community. Creating relationships and providing opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal without ever making religion compulsory is one of the most valuable gifts that we can offer as it creates an environment where our residents can freely choose their own pathway and spiritual journey. **This truly is a beautiful new community that is "rooted in love" and we welcome all who would like to walk alongside us.**

## Give the Gift of LOVE This Holiday Season:

**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT**  
With a 2:1 MATCHING GIFT!  
ORDER HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS...



...and a donor will match **DOUBLE** each gift of \$150 or greater until we reach a total of \$50,000!

In celebration of the season, a gift of love has been made in your honor to Jasmine Road.

TO ORDER OR DONATE, CONTACT KATE CRAMER AT 404-210-7212 OR [KATECRAMER01@GMAIL.COM](mailto:katecramer01@gmail.com)

Jasmine Road offers women trapped in a cycle of sexual exploitation and addiction a path to freedom, heaven for healing, and the opportunity to flourish.

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### What can your gift provide?

- \$25** Provides basic household products (toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies).
- \$50** Provides one woman coming off the streets or from jail with shoes and clothing purchased just for her.
- \$125** Provides a welcome basket for a new resident complete with new sheets, towels, custom hygiene products, notebooks, pens, and a hand-knit blanket made just for her.
- \$250** Provides groceries for two weeks for five women.
- \$500** Provides life skills, financial literacy coaching, and an employment readiness class for one woman preparing to begin employment.
- \$1000** Provides 10 sessions of individualized trauma-informed counseling with a therapist who specializes in sexual violence to help one woman find healing.
- \$25,000** Sponsors one woman for one year to find a transformative new life at our Jasmine Road home.

### 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.



## ROOTED IN LOVE Luncheon

**On behalf of the Board, Staff, Volunteers and Residents of Jasmine Road, we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all who sponsored, supported and attended our Second Annual Rooted in Love Luncheon.**

**Thanks to YOU we raised a total of \$107,000 (after expenses) to help fund our work to heal, empower and employ women who have survived trafficking, prostitution and addiction!**



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