



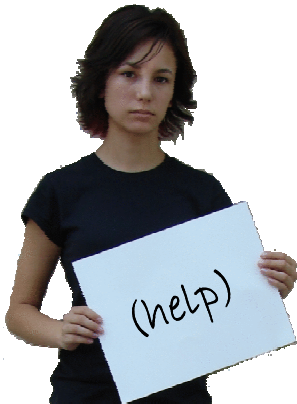
Saving Grace News

A publication of Saving Grace, a Christ centered, safe harbor offering acceptance, restoration and hope to young women of Northwest Arkansas, preparing them for inter-dependent living."

Summer 2009

Special points of interest:

- * Sign of Hope
- * Hope NWA Fall Classic
- * Meeting the need
- * A Gentle Word



A silent epidemic ...
What can be done?

Volunteer

Donate Items

Tell others

Give regularly

Pray

Be a Mentor

Teach a class

A Sign of Hope: Amazing Grace

On January 6, Kent and Becky were praying asking the Lord for clarity, a sign to prompt them to move forward with a vision to help young women aging out of foster care and group homes.

Later that day while Becky was serving customers where she worked she struck up a conversation with a customer named Karen and shared her vision as she cut fabric for her. Karen was supportive and told her others shared Becky's concern. Karen left and Becky was disappointed for not writing down the names that were shared.

Later in the break-room Becky was having lunch with co-workers when Karen appeared. Becky was concerned she had not properly served her, then Karen explained she was there to deliver something she felt prompted to buy Becky. Karen then held up a sign which said "Amazing Grace" ... God had sent a sign and answered a prayer.

Since that day, much has happened ... a location found, a board and organization formed, support grows daily, and the hope of Saving Grace will soon be a reality.

It started with a prayer and a sign from heaven.

HOPE NWA FALL CLASSIC GOLF EVENT BENEFITS SAVING GRACE

HOPE NWA invites you to join in for a fun and exciting day of golf benefitting Saving Grace Ministries of NWA.

The event is a four man scramble and will be held at Lost Spring Golf Course in Rogers on September 28.

<http://www.gracepointchurch.net/golf>

4 person teams are \$360; add another \$140 and you or your business can sponsor a hole to make the event a success! We invite the community of faith and business to come together to demonstrate commitment to the ministry of SGI.

A community of hope
sharing hope with our community

hope-NWA.com

Top Ten Needs

- ◆ Pray.
- ◆ Partners to provide regular support.
- ◆ Champions to spread the word.
- ◆ Golfers to make Fall fundraiser a success.
- ◆ Opportunities to share the need and hope.
- ◆ Craftsmen to help complete the renovations.
- ◆ Sponsors for remaining unfunded projects,
- ◆ Minivan.
- ◆ Guys with trucks to receive and deliver donated items.
- ◆ Development Center Sponsor.

www.savinggracenwa.org



Risks these young women face... locked & limited

- 🔒 Nearly 60% will face life long poverty
- 🔒 12 times less likely to earn a college degree
- 🔒 35% spend time in jail
- 🔒 3 times more likely to experience pregnancy
- 🔒 6 times rate of PTSD, a rate higher than war vets
- 🔒 Living without any lasting personal connections ...

The vision of Saving Grace ... unlocking opportunities for life.

- 🔓 Provide an affordable and safe place to live
- 🔓 Offering educational & training opportunities
- 🔓 Helping develop employable skills
- 🔓 Offering community connections
- 🔓 Encouraging healthy choices
- 🔓 Offering hope in Christ



Saving Grace Partners:

Repairing the Breach — Restoring the Streets Isaiah 58:12

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Rapid Prototypes
Rogers Christian Church
Rogers First Church
of the Nazarene
Sugar & Spice (FBC)
Womanade Group

Thanks to all of our partners,
we are well on our way to
opening our doors to young
women in NWA.



Message in a bottle ... Becky Shaffer, Executive Director

The last few months have given "walk by faith" a whole new meaning. On February 19th I called looking for office space at the Center for Nonprofits and ended up touring the former convent. I had no idea where God was going with this "tour," but knew I wanted to follow His lead. We found the convent was a perfect fit for Saving Grace.

In a few short weeks the amazing Northwest Arkansas community has rallied around us as word spread about Saving Grace. Together with our board we developed plans

to move forward and serve effectively. Local businesses continue to provide help meet our needs. The Jones Trust supported us in so many ways and encouraged us to move forward with each passing day. Amazing volunteers have come along to serve side by side. We filed for our 501(c)3 in May and it was sent back approved in only 6 weeks!

People keep asking me how we are keeping up with things moving so fast. Our scripture for SGI is Isaiah 58:10-12, and verse 10 daily reminds us *"and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."*

As we prepare to receive the young women we will serve, we are encouraged by those of you who have heard and seen the need and have given on behalf of the hungry and oppressed. You have become partners of Saving Grace, and have demonstrated His saving grace to those who need it.

We have nearly completed the renovations of the facility thanks to the generosity of room sponsors and the Jones Trust. We still have some work to do and must secure regular financial support needed to cover expenses and salaries. Thank you for your prayers and support of Saving Grace!



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**Repairing the breach,
Restoring the streets.**
Isaiah 58:12

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