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Pictured on Front Cover: Exodus House mothers reunited with their children.

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Picture of Hope

While in prison, Josh Kirk drew pictures of families for his fellow inmates, and he dreamed of being reunited with his five-year-old daughter Katelyn.

May 2021 was Josh's time of blessings. He was released from incarceration and he got to attend Katelyn's kindergarten graduation in Kansas, Oklahoma.

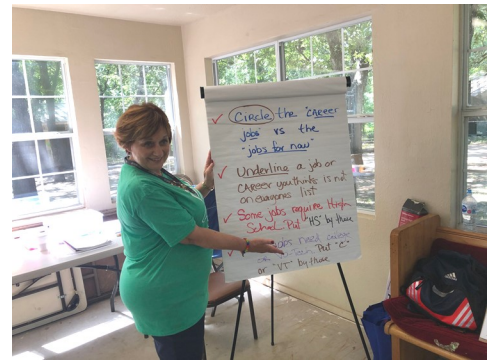
As a resident of Exodus House Tulsa, Josh says this program is an answer to prayer and has already started to change his life.

On his first Thursday evening after release, he spoke at a church service for his Exodus House colleagues. It was an emotional and heart-touching testimony.

Helping Josh accomplish his goals, reunify with his daughter, grow in his faith walk, and being a positive inspiration to others is a rewarding part of our Exodus House mission.



CAMP VOLUNTEER TOUCHES LIVES



Lou Flanagan has been a pillar for New Day Camps for the past 25 years. She remembers CJAMM Founder Stan Basler coming to speak at her church, Claremore First United Methodist Church, and "getting us hooked."

"I may have missed two camps since the beginning. One was when my daughter was getting married," she remembers.

As a social worker, she immediately fell into a role of leading focus groups and presenting life skills to the campers.

"I remember a young man came up to me after the life skills presentation on bullying. I'd told him that people usually bully when they are hurting on the

inside." He told her, "You made me realize that I shouldn't be bullying. So, since I've found out why, I don't need to be a bully anymore."

Lou has touched more lives than she knows, and the New Day Camp family wishes to salute her for her service as she retires from working at the camps.

She and the members of the United Methodist Women group in Claremore will continue to support New Day Camp with sponsorships and even providing snacks for the New Day Two campers.

Thank you, Lou, for your service. You are loved and will be missed!

If you are interested in being a New Day Camp volunteer for camp scheduled for October 14-17, contact Kristin at office@cjamm.org or call 405-525-3522.



FOREVER CJAMM



Typically, the best time to plant tree seeds is in the spring when the ground begins to warm up and the April showers start watering the new growth. CJAMM has planted a Forever CJAMM endowment seed this spring and needs help watering it.

CJAMM received a matching grant from the Keatley Family Foundation that will match dollar-for-dollar every donation that comes in for the endowment fund until December 31, 2021.

CJAMM has been providing oak-tree strength for vulnerable individuals, families, and young people for the past 25 years. The goal is to be around forever to continue providing services at New Day Camp, Exodus Houses and the Redemption Missions. Like a tree seed, an endowment starts small but over time and with continued nourishment, it grows to provide shade, a wind block, and strength to the future.

To support Forever CJAMM, mail a check to CJAMM, PO Box 1149, OKC, OK 73101 or go to PayPal at "Invest in our Future" on the cjammm.org website.



Love & Laughter

If you need a laugh, Christina Lange is your gal!

She came to Exodus House OKC after two years in prison. Her first three months at Exodus House, she couldn't find a job so she thought she'd spend that time entertaining Robin Wertz, Site Director.

"She didn't have to even say anything. Everything she did was funny," said Robin. Christina lived in apartment 9 which was sponsored by the UMM's group at Yukon First Methodist Church. She recently shared her updated testimony at Yukon after graduating three years ago.

"I'd go to the men's breakfasts. I told them I don't care if I'm not a man. They sponsored my apartment so I'm gonna go," laughed Christina.

She credits her life success and spiritual growth to Robin and her apartment sponsors who invested time, love, and energy to help her get a firm foundation.

Currently living in Shawnee, Christina has earned all kinds of promotions at work and now drives heavy equipment.

"Laughter is the best medicine." -- Andy Griffiths



Christina is photographed with her son Riley and his craft from children's church.

Since arriving at Exodus House Tulsa, Scott Collins has been reunited with his family tree. He's pictured in the center with his arm around his mother Erma from OKC and son LLXander (pronounced Alexander). Scott's job is working with an outreach ministry to improve life for residents of North Tulsa. He specifically researches Bible verses to go with the ministry devotionals.



Gifts that Keep on Giving



When facility managers from both Exodus House Tulsa and Exodus House Oklahoma City get a call for a pick up of items being donated to the facilities, they never know what it might be. Sometimes it's furniture and dishes but it's been drapes and even decor. Just recently when Bill Robertson got a call for a pick up in the Tulsa area, he had no idea there'd be a laminated full-page newspaper photo in the bottom of a box from an Easter celebration on April 22, 1962. Handwritten across the bottom was a message "A gift from your friends at Mrs. DeHaven's Flower Shop."

When CJAMM reached out to Terrie Vaught, the proprietor of Mrs. DeHaven's, the oldest operating flower shop in Oklahoma serving Tulsa since 1905, she was elated to have this piece of almost 60-year-old history. She even agreed to give a gift certificate from Mrs. DeHaven's for CJAMM's annual fundraiser.

The Exodus Houses loves to receive goods from friends who support the ministry. If you know of someone that's downsizing, or giving away items that can be used in apartments for the residents, feel free to call Bill Robertson (918-204-3489) in Tulsa, and Robert Williams (405-427-1189) in Oklahoma City to arrange a pick up.



Lasting Impressions

Avri Halverson had a special high school graduation invitation for Robin Wertz recently. Her father was a part of Exodus House OKC five years ago.....during formattable years when she would come stay with her father. Robin attended Avri's high school graduation in Tulsa as a supporter of Avri since her father passed away a couple years ago.

Robin filled a "second mother" role for Avri, and her two brothers.

"You've really help me through a hard time in life," commented Avri.

Robin reflected on good times with Avri living at the Exodus House. "She loved wacky wavables and Dr. Pepper. I even bought her a wacky wavable Halloween costume once, and we had Dr. Pepper birthday cake."

*Wacky wavables are those air-filled stick men that dance in front of the car lots.

Redemption Mission Penn Ave - Transition and Support

If you ever get a chance to attend Redemption Mission Penn Avenue in OKC, chances are the first face you see will be a smiling and welcoming Kadesh King. He's been active at Penn Avenue for the last five years since being released from prison. He started coming as an inmate and now even preaches occasionally.

It's a family affair for Kadesh. You'll also see his wife Crystal, an Exodus House OKC graduate, and their blended family of seven children.

Kadesh has focused his gifts and talents to being a warrior for Christ.

