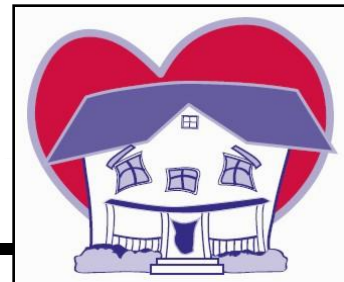


The Restoration Monthly

Helping to restore single mothers and their children
back to God's good intent for their lives...



II Corinthians 5:18 – All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. – NIV



Always Someone to Thank...

We love that every month there are people we get to show special recognition and gratitude. This month there are two churches who we would like to recognize. Firstly, my (Mandy) home church of Community Christian Church in Newbern, Virginia made a large financial contribution to TRH, specifically designated to help TRH achieve our own 501(c)3 status. Newbern is a small church making a big impact on the lives of people. Secondly, we must say thank you to the church that was our home for the last nine years; West Towne Christian Church. For four months (Mar-May), WTCC is graciously paying Daniel's full-time salary as Executive Director of TRH. WTCC is also donating office space to TRH. What beautiful gifts through which the body of Christ is showing their support and love. Thank you just does not seem enough. We hope that the changed lives of the families whom we will soon serve will make these gifts even more valuable.

Spreadin' the News...

The word about TRH is spreading around our city and we are so excited! If you were tuned in to [Joy 62](#) last Friday, April 7th, you might have caught Daniel and I on the radio telling the story of TRH.

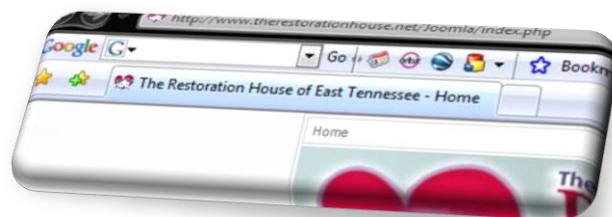


We had so much fun and loved being able to tell our story on the air. Thanks to Grant Standefer and Andy Rittenhouse for the invitation and for hosting us on the afternoon 'Drive at Five'! We encourage you to listen on AM 620 every Friday from 5-6pm, to hear about the transformational work God is doing in our city.

Also, mark your calendars for lunchtime on May 24th. Daniel and I will speak at the Compassion Coalition luncheon at Fellowship Church. It begins with Papa John's Pizza at 11:30, and then Compassion Coalition will open up the day's topic on mentoring. During the luncheon, we will talk a little about TRH vision, mission and need, as well as have a booth setup with promotional and informational materials. For more information about this bi-monthly luncheon and the excellent work of the Compassion Coalition, check out www.compassioncoalition.org.

Web Update...

There are several new sections on the TRH website. Interested readers can download our new brochure and check out our 2007 operational budget. There is also a new *blog* section where Daniel and I regularly record thoughts and stories about this amazing journey on which God has set us. We hope that these new additions will help our supporters to see TRH as a transparent organization with the purest of heart and intent. Your questions and feedback are always welcome.



Do you know someone who might be interested in the work of The Restoration House? Please forward this newsletter on to them! If you are new to this publication, please send us your email address so you can be added to our regular mailing list! Send your information to mandy@therestorationhouse.net. Don't forget to check out our website for further updates, prayer calendar, and TRH's latest news! www.therestorationhouse.net

Important Information for All Current and Future Donors...

The Restoration House is officially operating under the 501(c)3 status of [Harmony Adoptions](#). From now on, please write all monthly or one-time donation checks to **Harmony Adoptions** with The Restoration House in the memo line. Any check received that is not earmarked for The Restoration House will **NOT** be designated as such. Please mail all donations to **Harmony Adoptions 131 Cherokee Heights, Maryville, TN 37801**. If you are a monthly supporter, or wish to make a financial contribution and have a question concerning any of the above information, please contact us at mandy@followjesus.org or call us at 865-406-0168. Again, we are so grateful for Harmony's partnership and support of TRH. We at TRH look forward to announcing our own non-profit status very soon. We are almost there! Thank you for supporting and believing in us along the way!



“Change for Change” Update

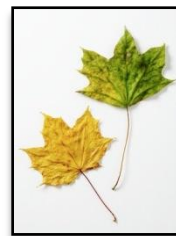


We are excited to announce that only one month after announcing “Change for Change” that half of our banks are distributed and we have already collected \$205!

Thanks to all of you who took banks or brought in change. One mom told me the other day that sitting her toddler down in front of their change bank with some coins brings some much needed quiet time to her day! If you haven't yet picked up your change bank or would like to have TRH mail you a bank contact us at Mandy@therestorationhouse.net. Keep filling up those banks! Every penny will help make a difference in the lives of single mothers and their children!

Fall 2007...

After much prayer and consideration, TRH set a goal to begin services in the fall of this year. Because we serve a God of mystery, who knows what God may do between now and then? But because we also serve a faithful God we are trusting that He will make us ready! TRH plans to spend the summer working on programming, with the goal of housing two families at the 2329 Robinson Rd residences in the fall. We are already praying for these first two families God will send us. We truly covet your prayers for us during this time. We need wisdom and discernment to help us put all the pieces together just the way that God desires. We are so excited and will certainly keep you posted!



“Expanding the Vision” Pine Bluff Update...

As we look toward the future, we are more confident that the best housing model for The Restoration House involves owning/leasing an apartment building. There are pros and cons to this model, but the pros far outweigh any negatives. We recently conversed with [Warren Village](#) (WV) about their organization. WV owns a 100 unit complex in Denver, CO. They have served single parent families through ‘supportive’ transitional housing for the past 30 years. They have an 80% rate of families who become financially self sufficient through their 2 year program. Our friends at WV say the key to their model is having an apartment building with onsite family services where they can build a sense of community and strong peer support among their families. Our hope is that in the near future God will provide an apartment building like the [Pine Bluff Apartments](#) where we can begin building community with low-income birth and single mother families all over Knoxville. We also hope to take a trip to Warren Village in the near future. If you or someone you know has any air miles to donate please let us know. As we seek God's leading we need your prayers.

