

The
Oaks
Ministry

OAK LEAVES

The CHANGING SEASONS of THE OAKS MINISTRY

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WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN

by Jessica Carter

November of 2019 I was a mess. I had just come out of losing my only grandchild to leukemia. For two years I lived at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia watching my grandson die and my daughter diminish capacity to function due to the pain of losing her son. It was the hardest battle I walked. Truth be told, if I didn't know Jesus Christ as my Lord and redeemer, I would have taken my life....but I had the hope in Jesus.



I went to the Oaks Ministry in November 2019 with one small suitcase, a large amount of legal issues, and much pain. I was there



for 3 weeks before I was arrested on an outstanding warrant for a DUI from March of 2019. I went to prison for 3 months, and Robin Martin graciously kept my room at the Oaks 1. I was released from jail March 12, and the very next day our country shut down due to COVID. God gave me the time at the Oaks to grieve, grow, and allow God to do (Cont'd on page 2)



EDITOR'S NOTE: This summer, we are blessed to have Dawn Greico, a Healing Hearts Ministries certified counselor, lead the ladies of Oaks I and II through the Bible Study, "Hem of His Garment." Healing Hearts provides gospel-centered, grace-driven counseling for those wounded by their past. We welcome your prayers as our women draw near to Jesus through their time together each Wednesday evening. If you have any questions about the ministry, feel free to reach out to her: dawn.g@healinghearts.org.

WHY I SERVE WITH HEALING HEARTS

by Dawn Greico

First and foremost, Healing Hearts Ministries believes that the God who made us is the only One who is able to fix us, and that the only true healing is found in the Word of God.

Healing Hearts certified counselors guide women through discovering how God's Word offers hope and healing from tragedies and afflictions such as sexual abuse, domestic violence, abortion, rape and catastrophic loss. It is in turning completely to God that these women have found peace and restoration for their souls and were set free.

The second thing that makes this ministry successful is that

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ACORNS

Beautiful reminder of God's promises.

(Photo at Black Rock)



When I see the rainbow in the clouds it will be a reminder of the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth.

Love, God

Gen 9:12

Our website now has a **DONATION** **BUTTON** for your convenience

WE CURRENTLY HAVE **ONE** OPENING IN OUR PROGRAM, AND WE'LL ONCE AGAIN BE AT FULL CAPACITY!



ROBIN'S BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER ON FACEBOOK RAISED **\$1,685**

for The Oaks Ministry
Thank you to all who contributed.

WE'RE BACK! Thankful that Oxford's First Fridays have started again. Volunteers Susan Carter, Cindy Thomas and Megan Shoemaker are sporting new Oaks logo T-shirts printed by DaisyMae Printing.

Thanks also to Sarah Martin for designing our new display board.



FRESHMULCH at OAKS 2

Donated by Sheltons Pallets in Oxford. Thanks to Mark Carey (Board Member) and his son, and Dan Slaten (husband of Board member Terry Slaten) for getting the job done!



HEALING HEARTS *(cont'd from page 1)*

all of the counselors were once Healing Hearts clients. I understand the pain that individuals are going through because I've been there.

My co-leader, Amy Davis, and I were both once hurting people who have been set free from the pain of our past and now volunteer our time so that others may experience that same freedom.

And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of His garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." But Jesus turned about, and when He saw her, He said, "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole". And the woman was made whole from that hour." Matthew 9:20-22

FAITH, FITNESS & FUN

Oaks 1 House Manager, Kate Fultz, is taking positive steps in diet & exercise for her health & well-being. She's joined some Oaks volunteers and leaders for PraiseMoves classes taught by Jan Kamp at Colerain Church. After attending for only a couple weeks Kate says,

"I already see an improvement in mobility! It is challenging enough to stretch and tone my muscles but gentle enough to encourage me to do more! It is good to be exercising with other believers; their encouragement lifts me up! And the Scriptures are always just what I need for that day! I urge you to come and see what PraiseMoves is about!"

praisemoves.com/classes

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HOPE
HEALING &
RESTORATION



In a Christ-centered residential environment for women in need.

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pruning in my life. I surrendered completely, and God was faithful to begin His work. I took various jobs in the area while I was still dealing with my legal issues.

I came to the Oaks with nothing, spiritually broken, but during my time there, I allowed God to be God. I started online school at Liberty University and received an accelerated degree in Christian Ministry one year from the time I walked out of prison.

Prison for me was, in short, a beginning to healing. The Oaks Program lent me the opportunity to save money, get a degree and become a member of a Gospel-preaching Church. This experience at times was very challenging, but through it all Robin extended grace and the room necessary to grow.

In closing, The Oaks Ministry is a solid program, but...you get out of it what you choose to allow God to do. I recommend this program to women in desperate situations. I write this now, from my own home, set in the country, with beauty surrounding me.

Robin Martin had a vision from God to open these houses to women who are broken. She was obedient to God's call on her life, and that is where the miracles happened.

Jessica, we are proud of the accomplishments you made while in our program and pray for your continued success in life

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Robin & the Oaks Ministry Team