



O Come Let Us Adore Him

Citizens for Community Values & The A Way Out Program
Wish You a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Supplies Needed

The A Way Out Program keeps a closet stocked with cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items for program participants. Please consider donating some of the following items that are currently needed:

- Drawstring kitchen garbage bags
- Dishwasher detergent
- Dishwashing liquid
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Ladies panties, all sizes
- Ladies pajamas, all sizes
- Hair dryers
- Flat irons
- Hairbrushes & combs
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Tampons, pads
- Deodorant
- Kitchen cleaner
- Bathroom cleaner

Weekend Volunteer Opportunity

A Way Out continues to seek daytime help monitoring the ministry house on weekends. If you are interested in helping to meet this need, please contact Program Director Carol Wiley at 901-452-7884.

Volunteer shifts are:

Fridays from 1:00-5:30 pm,

Saturdays from 9:00 am-1:00 pm or 1:00-5:30 pm

Sundays from 12:30-5:30 pm

'Tis the Season

As you plan year end giving, we hope you will consider making a donation to Citizens for Community Values and The A Way Out Program.

Together with partners like you, CCV is enabled to inform the community of the harm of the commercial sex industry, and rescue and restore those who have been exploited.

To Donate:

Write a check and
mail it to CCV

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Fundraiser Dinner November 2, 2017

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered to help make it a great event.



Volunteer Spotlight Rachel Brownfield



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Rachel, a Physicians Assistant at Resurrection Health, has been volunteering with *A Way Out* for 3 years in a variety of capacities. She teaches a weekly computer class, serves as a volunteer house monitor on the weekends, and frequently helps out when medical issues arise. She even hosted the *A Way Out* women for Thanksgiving dinner this year. Rachel is a wonderful representation of Christ's love to the women *A Way Out*. She serves with generosity and with a heart to see women ensnared in the commercial sex industry to be free in Christ. Below, she shares a little bit about her experience volunteering with *A Way Out*.

“Christ came to save us from ourselves. For these women it means that true healing and transformation comes from Him alone. It’s been a joy to be a part of this new family at *A Way Out* and to see the women’s lives transformed by Christ. I enjoy celebrating where they’re at in each stage in the program, whether they’re brand new or about to graduate in a month. When we all get together in Bible Study, and they get to know the fullness of Christ, the fullness of the cross, the fullness of the resurrected tomb, you can see them being transformed by the truth of Christ. Where there were lies, God replaces them with truth. It’s really cool to see how they encounter grace through Christ and faith erupts in their hearts.”

Thank you so much for all you do, Rachel. We are truly grateful for your eagerness to love the women of *A Way Out*.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to our friends and supporters

From Citizens for Community Values and The A Way Out Program

We want to wish each of our faithful volunteers, donors, prayer partners and their families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In 2017, your partnership is what made it possible for us to offer help in varying degrees to 66 women. They were given the opportunity to escape a life of homelessness on the streets, the dangers of the commercial sex industry, being controlled by a pimp, habitual incarceration for prostitution and addiction to drugs and alcohol.

Through the A Way Out Program you partnered with us to offer hope to the hopeless by providing safe housing, food, clothing, hygiene products, dental and medical care, transportation, and professional counseling. You also helped provide class materials to help them recognize why they were vulnerable to make such poor life decisions and how to change destructive habits. Most importantly the gospel is shared with each woman in the program and many were saved. You helped provide the Bibles and Bible studies we use to teach the Word of God and how to grow in Christ.

We were able to hire a night monitor for the safe house this year. She doesn't come in until 5:30 p.m. each day so we have been using volunteers to cover Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon after church. A special thanks to these new volunteers. We still need about 15 more volunteers to help with this. If you are interested please contact the office at (901) 452-7884 for more information.

It is a great joy for our staff to serve these precious women in the A Way Out Program and to watch their desperation change to determination to live a life that is pleasing to God. Thank you for helping make this possible.

2017 afforded Carol and Russ the opportunity to each speak at the annual Hope for Freedom Human Trafficking Awareness Summit held at Calvary Church in Cordova on October 26. Carol spoke on the topic of sexually oriented businesses and how they affect victims, and Russ on the link between pornography and sex trafficking. We also had other opportunities throughout the year to speak about our ministry efforts to various civic and church groups. Also, Lacey Craig and Russ lobbied with 2 Tennessee state senators for stricter legislation in the area of sex trafficking and laws to ease the re-entry of the victims into society.

2017 further provided opportunity for us to meet with local judges to make them aware of our ministry, which in turn lead to a dramatic increase in referrals from the local courts into our A Way Out Program and safe house.

We also had the opportunity this year to work with the Memphis Police on the matter of enforcement of Shelby County's adult entertainment code respecting sexually oriented businesses.

Our annual fundraiser banquet held on November 2 gave us the opportunity to hear from Victoria Hearst on her campaign to promote decency in response to the pornography displayed by Cosmopolitan Magazine.

Thank you for all you do to support and encourage our ministry efforts. It's ultimately the Lord's ministry, and we are merely workers in His vineyards, but we could not accomplish much without your prayers, volunteerism, and support.

May the Joy of the Lord Fill Your Hearts this Christmas and in the New Year



Carol Wiley
A Way Out Program Director

Russ White
CCV Executive Director



Birdie found A Way Out

I was born January 16, 1984 to a very large family. I am the eighth sibling out of nine born to alcoholic parents. We lived in a two-bedroom shack in Henderson County, Tennessee. The boys had a bedroom and the girls had a bedroom. Dad and Mom's bedroom was a large hall in between.

My Dad was very controlling and we watched him beat our Mom until she finally got tired of it and left us with our drunk father. He was very strict and would whip us really bad or make us chop wood when we weren't quiet. My oldest sister became our mother and even after she got married she came over every day to do the washing and cooked our meals. She also kept us away from the house by taking us swimming, to ball games and movies. We had fun with her but always had to go back to a drunk Dad and no Mother at home. Denise would sneak and take us to see our Mother from time to time even though Dad didn't want us to see her.

Things were really bad because Mom would come in and out and there would be fights. We started calling the cops on our Dad when he would beat Mom. She would always bail him out and she was always in and out of the house.

One day we came home from school and our Mother was there. We were so happy. Years went by and my older siblings left home. Eventually Mother quit drinking and she was able to get us a nice three-bedroom home in her name. Dad was still drinking, but the abuse stopped.

As for me, I took up basketball and became an all-star player in 1999. I was offered a full scholarship to UTM, but I blew it because I met Brandon who was 2 years older than me and would eventually be my husband. My Dad hated Brandon and I would sneak out to see him because he wasn't allowed at my house. I really fell hard for Brandon because he was kind to me and showed me that he cared about me.

Brandon's family owned the movie theater and I worked there with Brandon. We were leaving the theater one night and he

had a rolled cigarette laced with crack. I asked to try it and did. I liked it and that began my addiction to crack cocaine and a life of crime which led to prison time from 2002 to 2008.

I had made up my mind that I was not going to do drugs or do anything that would jeopardize my freedom.

Brandon and I got back together, got married and started a family free of drugs. This was as normal a life as I had experienced. I loved Brandon deeply and was so proud of our two children. This came to a screeching halt on December 15, 2012. Brandon relapsed and left the house in his car and was killed in a wreck. I thought my world had ended, that my life was over. I got really angry, but wasn't using.

In 2013, I met Cornelius who is the father of my youngest child, Kendrick. Looking back, he sensed my vulnerability and smoothly moved in. He made me believe he cared for me and my boys and that he wanted a family. In reality he was a drug dealer and wasn't at all what he pretended to be.

I was working at Wendy's and had Social Security Checks for Cordell and Kaden since their dad had passed. We were making it, but I was still very angry over losing Brandon. I didn't want anything to do with God. In 2015, my anger caught up with me - I relapsed. This put me on a downward spiral of drugs, prostitution, homelessness and finally lost of all three of my children.

In 2016, I was accepted into Gibson County Drug Court and just kept messing up. I kept relapsing and going from one rehab to another. In early April, 2017, I was completing a stent at Buffalo Valley Rehab which was a 30-day program. The counselor there recognized I need a long-term program and contacted Mrs. Carol at A Way Out.

Mrs. Carol and Mrs. Jackie met the Buffalo Valley transporter in Jackson, TN and I began AWO on April 11, 2017. A lot has happened since I have been a part of this program.

Since being a part of AWO I have been able to deal with my anger and so many of the reasons I made such bad choices in my life. The classes I have had to take force you to stop and think about your life. I have been taking classes to get my HiSet (GED) and will have it soon. Both my Mother and Dad have stopped drinking and I have learned about letting the past go and forgiveness and I have a close relationship with them now.

I am at a very different place with my sense of worth and especially my relationship with God. I am not mad at Him but am very grateful for His love, watch care and provision for me and my boys. AWO made a commitment to work with Drug Court and DHS in Gibson County to make sure I could see my boys and make any meeting with DHS or any court hearings.

This was going smoothly, until at one of the meetings my caseworker said that my boys had been in state custody for nearly 14 months and if a permanent plan was not found they were going to move to take away my parental rights so the boys could be adopted out. This was a shock to not only me but to Mrs. Carol because I had only been at AWO a short time. She pleaded with them to give more time as did Mrs. Lorri, the counselor with Drug Court. They wouldn't budge.

With much planning and prayer AWO did come up with a plan that was acceptable to DHS and the court. I am now working part-time at Taco Bell, I have an apartment and I have regained custody of my three boys. This would not have happened if it were not for people like you who volunteer, pray and give financially to CCV. Thank you for loving me and my boys! We now have a chance at life!



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CCV Mission Statement

The mission of Citizens for Community Values (CCV) is to inspire, motivate and mobilize citizens, community leaders and elected officials to take action against sexual exploitation and pornography so that our children and families are protected, victims are rescued and restored, the standard of decency is raised and our quality of life is improved.

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