

WELCOME HOME
MINISTRIES

the OPEN DOOR

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he will eat with me." Revelation 3:20

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It was almost 10 years ago. I recall the excitement with each new woman I visited, and the anticipation of a new future that ensued. One woman at a time; one life at a time, each new woman representing what turned out to be the Lord's original leaders for this ministry of love and healing. This year we have reached a new plateau.

Funding from Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has provided an opportunity to grow and mature. As we seek even higher levels of performance, we are striving to become a model program for sister ministries across the country. We desire to be gentle servants and good stewards, loving and blessing each new woman as Jesus would have done.

WHATS NEW?

- The WHM family has grown substantially in the area of partnerships and ministry this year. Thanks to the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant we kicked off our Face to Face Mentoring Program in January. The funding has allowed WHM to hire 7 new employees, as well as expanding our services by opening a new office in El Cajon.
- Exciting news! This year we have been able to welcome 78 new women to the WHM family, by offering comprehensive services and mentoring. Many were directly referred to us by the Sheriff's Department at the Vista and Las Colinas Detention facilities.
- Recently the Lord opened the doors to the California Institute for Women, a state prison in Corona and Puerta la Cruz Conservation Camp.

The response has been incredible and to date several women have been gathered up by a WHM woman upon release with many more to come.

- Our mentoring training has equipped 27 precious volunteers, committed to mentoring a woman for one year. These selfless women come to us from churches in North, South and East Counties. They will continue the loving support that is the foundation of WHM offering wrap around care and supportive services to women in the process of restoration.
- WHM staff has been invited to be on the panel for a workshop at the National Conference for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration in Washington D.C. to share on "What Makes Quality Service for Women?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIFTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Come and celebrate our ninth year

in ministry to women on

Saturday October 8th

From 5:30 till 9:00

At the Church of the Good Samaritan†

321 Eastgate Mall San Diego CA

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Silent auction

Testimonies from the women of Welcome Home

A delicious dinner

Cost \$35.00 per person

Semi Formal Dress

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Fall 2005

**Poem Written by a Welcome Home
Woman**

MINISTRY OF HOPE
TO THE LOST AND BROKEN WOMEN
YOU BRING THE LIGHT OF HOPE
FROM THE CHAOS OF OUR LIVES
YOU TEACH US HOW TO COPE
YOU SEE LOVE IN OUR HEARTS
NEVER JUDGE OUR PAST
YOU SEE INTO OUR FUTURE
SET US ON THE PATH
YOU'RE MINISTRY OF HOPE
HAS BROUGHT ME BACK MY LIFE
I WALK IN FAITH NOT FEAR
LET GOD WORK IN MY LIFE

I'LL ALWAYS KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYERS
Sandy 5/25/05

From Cell to Celebration!

WHM and our partners receive letters from grateful clients

WHM has a wonderful partnership with St. Leos's Dental Clinic. They provide thousands of dollars in dental service for the WHM clients.

Dear Dr. Bobbitt and Staff,
I am sending these few lines in a sincere effort to express my heartfelt feelings of gratitude for the services rendered to me at the St Leo's Dental Facility.

I came to your facility with fear of the unknown. Due to my lack of dental hygiene, I was embarrassed and ashamed of what I had done to myself. Every time I smile my heart smiles in awe of God's awesome reflection of Him in you.

Mere words just can't express the gratitude of my heart. I thank you many times over, and I pray that God rains down His blessing upon each and every one of you.

*Brenda
April 2000*

Dear wonderful WHM,
I have been hired as the new Administrative Assistant for the catering and membership departments at the Escondido Country Club.

I want to express my sincere thanks for all each of you did for me while I was actively seeking employment (and trying to pull my life back together).

I greatly appreciated all of the time and personal attention given, and love expressed by each one of you...Each of these services (given with so much understanding and love) was instrumental in me presenting a more prepared and confident image to my new employer.

*Julia
April 2005*

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

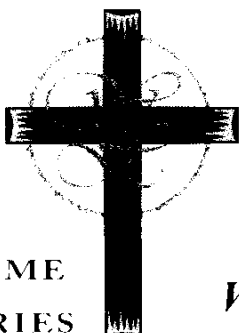
- Become a Mentor or offer a WHM Presentation To Your Women's Group to Recruit Mentors
- Provide Goodie Bags
- Collect Hygiene Items
- Gather Large Size Clothing, including new Underwear and Bras
- Monthly Bus Pass: \$24
- Monthly Sponsorship for Women in Recovery Programs: \$300
- Monthly Dental Care Support: \$400
- Provide a Valid California ID: \$26

*Pray for us as we continue to offer the
kind of love that changes a life!*

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