



## One Dollar for Life

### Talking Points

Young women today struggle with **eating disorders, self-harm, drug & alcohol addictions, depression, unplanned pregnancy, and physical & sexual abuse including sex trafficking** at escalating rates:

- 33% of young women are sexually abused before age 18
- 20% of young women commit self-harm each year
- 33% of young women become pregnant at least once before age 20
- 20% of young women struggle with an eating disorder

*This is why Mercy Multiplied exists:*

- 1 Mercy Multiplied is a voluntary, faith-based residential program that serves young women ages 13-28 from all socioeconomic backgrounds – **completely free of charge to them**. Mercy serves a diverse population of young women from all 50 states here in the U.S.
- 2 Mercy's program lasts approximately six months and includes:
  - Biblically-based counseling
  - Extensive life-skills training – including nutrition and fitness, education, budgeting, and job preparation
  - Services are provided for young women facing unplanned pregnancy. Parenting classes are provided for those who choose to parent, and adoption services are provided including post-adoption counseling for those who choose to place. Transitional care services are provided to graduates – including help with job placement, school applications, finding a church, accountability, etc.
- 3 Together, we can help Mercy transform lives and restore hope, one young woman at a time.

*Mercy Multiplied Updates:*

- Thousands of graduates since 1983
- In Q4 of 2013, an independent firm conducted a survey of former Mercy residents, and 94% answered “yes” when asked if Mercy transformed their lives and restored their hope.

*Please make a gift to help give hope to hurting girls. Remember - every gift makes a difference.*

Lives and hearts are being transformed every day at Mercy,  
and what you give will truly make a difference!