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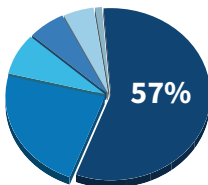
Mercy Multiplied is a nonprofit Christian organization that helps young women break free from life-controlling behaviors and situations, including **eating disorders, self-harm, drug and alcohol addictions, unplanned pregnancy, depression, sexual abuse, and sex trafficking**. We hope to help every woman we serve experience God's unconditional love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power.

Mercy's residential program is voluntary, biblically based, and completely **free of charge** to young women ages 13-28. Our goal is to help residents permanently stop destructive cycles, discover purpose for their lives, and become productive and thriving individuals. Our outreach programs and resources are based on the same biblically based, life-transforming principles used by Mercy homes.

Mercy Multiplied operated under the name Mercy Ministries until October 2015, when we changed our name to reflect our expanded outreach initiatives and commitment to "multiplying" Mercy outside of our residential homes.

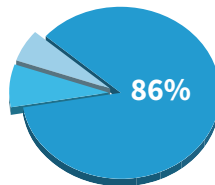
2017 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2017 Year-End Total Receipts (by Donor Source)



- Individuals—57%
- DAFs*/Foundations—23%
- Churches—8%
- Businesses—6%
- Ministries—5%
- Other—1%

2017 Functional Expenses** (unaudited)



- Program—86%
- Management & General—8%
- Fundraising—6%

* Donor Advised Funds: Because Mercy Multiplied does not routinely apply for grants, the majority of gifts from foundations are initiated by private individuals who support the ministry and have chosen to give through a donor advised fund or family foundation.

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Mercy Multiplied consistently exceeds industry standards for financial accountability, fundraising and board governance, as shown by its membership in ECFA. For more information about ECFA, including accreditation and a listing of ECFA-accredited members, visit www.ecfa.org. In 2017, we achieved GuideStar's Platinum Seal of Transparency and our ninth four-star rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.

To view our full GuideStar and Charity Navigator ratings and our ECFA membership, visit MercyMultiplied.com/Governance.

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mercy Multiplied operates under the governance of a national board of directors that actively oversees the ministry and its endeavors.

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A Message from the heart OF OUR FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT



2018: FAITH TO BRING FREEDOM

Dear Mercy Friend,

It was January 15, 1983, when I left Nashville with a God-given dream in my heart to go to Monroe, Louisiana, and start a home to help hurting young women. I thought it would be one home to reach as many girls as possible, but I had no idea all that God had in store.

And here we are, 35 years later! When I think about all that God has done to transform lives and change generations through Mercy Multiplied, I am absolutely blown away and more excited than ever at how He is fulfilling the vision He birthed over three decades ago!

After eight years in state government working with juvenile delinquent girls and investigating child abuse cases, I had seen enough to know secular programs cannot forgive sin, heal broken hearts, or restore shattered lives. God asked me to step out in faith and start a ministry where I could be free to share Jesus with the broken and desperate.

And wow, the transformation He's brought! Through the unconditional love, forgiveness, and transforming power of Jesus Christ, we have seen thousands set free from some of the most unimaginable issues and circumstances. And here's the best part... Because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, we can continue to bring freedom and hope to the broken and hurting, even amidst the chaos and changing world around us!

In these pages, you will read how our culture has shifted and the issues our residents face have increased in severity since we opened our doors. Physical, emotional, and sexual abuse rates have skyrocketed in the last three decades. Still, you will also see the undeniable hand of God in the transformed lives of our graduates and those impacted by our outreach programs. There is simply no new battle, no issue too big or too small outside of His reach!

Reflecting on how far God has brought us and the new levels of ministry I believe He's taking us into, I'm reminded of the biblical story of Gideon in Judges 6-7. Gideon learned to trust God step by step. If the angel had told Gideon that he would defeat the 135,000-person Midianite army with just 300 men, Gideon would not have believed it. Fighting such a powerful enemy intending to rob the harvest of God's people seemed impossible. But with God, Gideon and his small army were victorious!

Year after year, step by faithful step, Mercy has also seen victory over a destiny-destroying enemy. Now, as a global ministry undergirded by a faithful army of supporters, our heart is to see "mercy multiplied" to reach ALL people with the freedom of Jesus Christ—inside and outside our homes! In 2015, we even changed our name to Mercy Multiplied to reflect this commitment and our expanded outreach initiatives.

As we enter this next season, I truly believe there's never been a more urgent time to increase our ministry efforts! We are stepping out in faith to see a new home built in Florida and presenting our outreach trainings and resources in even broader ways. As always, we are believing in God's faithfulness to fulfill His call to set the captives free. Will you join us? Whether you're new to our Mercy family or have supported us from the start, I urge you to come alongside us as we reach more lives than ever before in the next 35 years!

With love and great gratitude,

Nancy Alcorn

Founder and President of Mercy Multiplied

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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF MERCY MULTIPLIED

"And God said to me, 'I want you to move forward, and I want you to start a ministry where you have the freedom—the full freedom—to share Jesus Christ, because without that freedom, the lives will not change.'" Thirty-five years and thousands of transformed lives later, Nancy Alcorn has seen God's faithfulness and power meet and exceed her move-forward obedience. Mercy Multiplied, the ministry she started with \$1000 in her pocket and a heart full of faith, has not only grown to include four U.S. and three international homes, but has provided life-saving healing and hope to young women with immeasurable generational impact. "We do not know who is on the other side of our obedience to God," says Nancy. This is what continues to drive the mission of Mercy.

1983



Mercy Ministries opens its first home in Monroe, LA

1991

Mercy purchases property for Nashville, TN home

1994



Nashville home groundbreaking

2000

Joyce Meyer Ministries donates land and facility for St. Louis, MO home

2001



Corporate office opens in Nashville

1983

1990

1997

1986



Mercy has its first adoption

Mercy purchases next-door lot to expand its Monroe home

1995



Grand Opening of Nashville home

2003



Mercy celebrates 20th Anniversary

2005



Grand Opening of St. Louis home, donated by Joyce Meyer Ministries

“We do not know who is on the other side of our obedience to God.” —Nancy Alcorn

2006



Sacramento, CA home groundbreaking



Grand Opening of U.K. home

2010



Grand Opening of Canada home

2016



Corporate office opens in U.K.

2004

2007



Grand Opening of New Zealand home

Mercy acquires land for future home in Santa Rosa Beach, FL

2009



Grand Opening of Sacramento home

2011

2013



Mercy celebrates 30th Anniversary

2015



Mercy Ministries changes name to Mercy Multiplied to reflect expanded outreach initiatives and commitment to “multiply” Mercy outside of its residential homes

2018

2017



Mercy releases *Keys to Freedom*, an in-depth study of freedom principles central to Mercy’s program

2018



Mercy celebrates 35th Anniversary

35 YEARS OF MERCY:

PROVIDING AN UNCHANGING ANSWER IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD

hopeless anxiety rape self-harm sexual
sadness misfit neglect antidepressants drugs shame
addiction divorce sex trafficking abortion
emotional abuse
guilt
alone
deceit
JESUS
bulimia sexual abuse pornography
hurt unwanted abuse darkness undeserving
anorexia anger isolated
hate prostitution desperate promiscuity
physical abuse alcohol depression
eating disorder self-hatred



THREE DECADES OF CULTURAL SHIFTS **NO MATCH FOR MERCY**

Dr. Brooke Keels, Mercy's Executive Director of Counseling Services, is a licensed counselor with a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy and over 10 years of experience in counseling, addictions treatment, program design, and counselor supervision.

Reflecting on the 35 years of Mercy Multiplied, I found myself contemplating how a residential program can stay relevant for so long. Being a professional in the mental health and addiction field for the last decade, I see firsthand the tendency for clinicians to focus only on behavioral shifts instead of heart transformation. I have been connected to Mercy since I was a child, and have known the story of how Mercy began for many years; though, looking at it through the lens of a clinical perspective, I see an even deeper level of relevance that Mercy Multiplied offers for the severity of issues that occur today.

Nancy Alcorn stepped out in faith in 1983 to open the first Mercy home in Monroe, Louisiana. She spent the first eight years of her career working at a Tennessee correctional facility for women and as a social worker for Child Protective Services. She saw time and time again that what the government offered to broken young women did not affect lasting change. She knew that the only way that these women could truly find healing was for them to have a genuine encounter with God. Nancy has never deviated from this truth; However, over the years, there has been a significant shift that Nancy could never have fully foreseen in 1983...the exponential increase and severity of life-controlling issues young women have come to face.

ESCALATING ABUSE RATES ERODE THE LANDSCAPE

Since 1980, skyrocketing abuse rates in the United States have significantly changed the landscape of the issues Mercy Multiplied addresses. And the implications are staggering:

1:3 girls and 1:6 boys

in the U.S. will be molested before the age of 18. (facesofchildabuse.org)

7.2 million U.S. children

are involved in reported child abuse, with 3.4 million receiving prevention and post-response services. (Children's Bureau of DHHS, 2015)

79% of child abuse

committed in the U.S. is by the child's parents. (Children's Bureau of DHHS, 2015)

26% of U.S. children

will witness or experience a potentially traumatic event before they are 4 years old. (Briggs-Gowan et al., 2010)

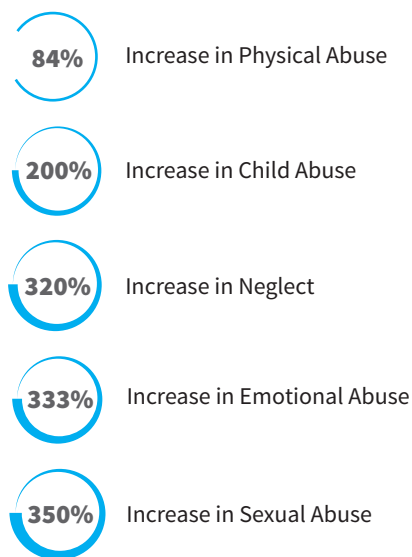
51–71 % of U.S. youth

are exposed to potentially traumatic events. (Copeland et al. 2007; Fairbank 2008; Finkelhor et al. 2005; Kessler et al. 1995)

When Nancy followed God's call and welcomed the first of thousands of Mercy residents, she never imagined the magnitude of issues that would develop culturally over three decades. She could not have predicted the use of

antidepressants would increase by 400% from 1988 to 1994, and then double from 1996 to 2005 (1). In fact, by 2008, antidepressants were the most commonly prescribed medications in America, with the percentage of children diagnosed with depression almost equal to the number of adults diagnosed with depression (2). There was no way to know that the United States would consume 80% of the world's painkillers, leading to 28,000 opiate-related overdoses in 2014 (3; 4).

U.S. ABUSE RATE OF INCREASE SINCE 1980:



EPIDEMIC IMPLICATIONS

In 2014, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended screening for depression for those ages 11-21, in part because over three million U.S. adolescents aged 12-17 had at least one major depressive episode in the previous year (5; 6). With the commonality of depression rampant in our society, self-harm has followed suit, now projected to affect more than 23 percent of adolescents in the United States (7). Similarly, our nation is trying to digest the epidemic effects of pornography and sex trafficking. There are more than 40 million regular users of pornography in the U.S. alone, and every 39 minutes a new pornography video is created (8). The Department of Justice and the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children are pointing to the increased accessibility

and use of pornography as a significant contributor to sex trafficking (9). Of the 20 to 30 million people in trafficking, 80% of those are involved in the sex trade, and 80% of those are ages 12 and under (10).

Given this trending data, it is understandable that a large percentage of current Mercy applicants suffer from complex trauma. Specifically, complex trauma is described as, "the experience of multiple, chronic and prolonged, developmentally adverse traumatic events, most often of an interpersonal nature (e.g. sexual or physical abuse, war, community violence) and early-life onset" (11; 12). Over the last decade, complex trauma research has shown that children and adolescents are not only going through one traumatic event,

"Jesus Christ is the answer. By His unconditional love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power, He is the only one that can heal the deep wounds."

—Dr. Brooke Keels

they are experiencing multiple events, and the impact is having long-term effects, even to the point of shortening one's life-span by two decades in some cases (13; 14; 15).

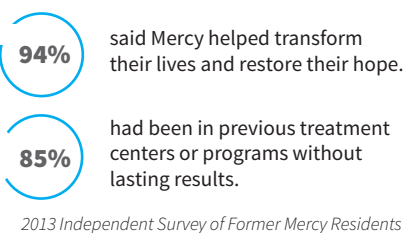
REMAINING RELEVANT

The cultural shifts over the last 35 years are clear, and Mercy has proactively shifted as well. In Nancy's words, "I don't have a lot of patience for talking about a problem without solving it."

With the increase of abuse and complex trauma, Mercy has offered longer stays, depending on the resident's needs. We have increased our counselor and staff training and education and now provide additional training for residents' families. And we consistently adjust our intake process to more thoroughly assess a resident's suitability for the program.

JESUS: THE UNCHANGING ANSWER

But just as Mercy has shifted to remain relevant in this ever-changing landscape, Mercy's message hasn't changed: Jesus Christ is the



answer. By His unconditional love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power, He is the only one that can heal the deep wounds. Nancy knew this in 1983, and based on Mercy's 94% success rate, thousands of Mercy graduates have come to know it, too.

In her book *Echoes of Mercy*, Nancy describes how the very first Mercy residents, were taught "...about the ways of God and how to apply His Word in their lives to help them grow spiritually." They learned "a whole new way of life and how to continue to live as Christians once they left the home." Not just Christians by title, but Christians who are healed and free followers of Christ.

Mercy will always do this. Mercy will always provide a safe, structured, therapeutic environment where young women can pursue a relationship with the Lord and allow Him to heal them. Mercy will always point hurting young women to the Lord and the future He has for them. Mercy will always equip young women to take control of their lives by submitting to the One who will provide healing, wholeness, and lasting freedom. ■

For more information on Mercy Multiplied's residential program, visit MercyMultiplied.com/OurHomes.

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CHANGED

LIVES

Mercy graduates healed, restored, and empowered to serve.



ASHLEY 2015 Graduate

When I was in grade school, my parents divorced, and I blamed myself. In high school, I felt rejected and struggled with self-harm, sexual addiction, and depression. Multiple negative influences in my life caused me to develop an eating disorder. Eventually, I felt like I had lost all control of my life and attempted suicide for the first time. I stopped living and simply endured the days. Shortly after this attempt, I was raped. I felt like the only good thing left in me was gone. My eating disorder grew worse, and I began to use drugs and alcohol to numb the pain. I had picked a date and made a fail-proof plan to end my life: August 20, 2014. On August 19, 2014, Mercy contacted me with an entry date into the program.

I wouldn't be alive today if I hadn't

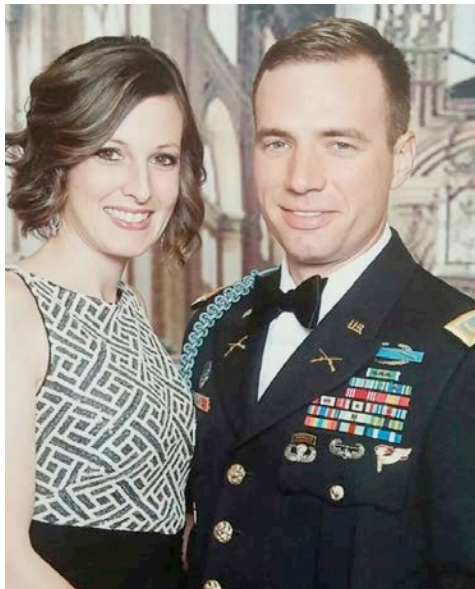
found God's love through Mercy. I was overwhelmed by the love and kindness I experienced. I figured I would just have to learn to live with all my issues and would never be free from my torment. In newly found times of joy, I couldn't understand how I was NOT depressed, and I began to believe that change was possible. God showed me who He is and who I am in Him, which changed



This short-term mission trip to Ecuador inspired Ashley to participate in the World Race.

everything for me! I fully committed my life to Christ and replaced the lies I believed with His truth.

God not only saved my life, but gave me a life of purpose. Since graduating from Mercy, I have been given the opportunity to serve and intern at my church and attend leadership courses. I have also been accepted into the World Race's Mission Expedition! In August of 2018 (four years from my planned suicide), I will be traveling to 11 different countries to share the Gospel over the span of 11 months. I have a desire to see people set free and want to be a powerful voice that brings change for the Kingdom. I am ready to boldly share Christ with the world! ■



Before Mercy, I struggled with anxiety and depression. I had experienced abuse and did not know how to cope with the pain. As a result, I developed an eating disorder and started self-harming. I'm so grateful for the healing, loving environment I found at Mercy! There, I encountered the truth about the freedom we have in Christ and was equipped with the tools to walk in that freedom. After graduating from Mercy, I finished college and married an Army soldier. We have been blessed with four children. I have stayed connected to Mercy by coordinating letter writing between Mercy residents and soldiers' families. I am also the service coordinator for a mother of preschoolers' ministry and have a heart to bless pregnant Mercy residents with baby items. ■



Beginning at age six, I was sexually abused. By age 10, the abuse escalated to sex trafficking. I fell into a deep depression and began self-harming. Because of my distorted self-worth, I felt as if my only option in life was to become a stripper. When I arrived at Mercy, I was full of shame and guilt. But God showed me who I was through learning who He is. He restored my confidence and self-worth. I learned that my past does not define my future. Now I live every day with passion and purpose! I am currently enrolled in ministry school and have completed an internship working with at-risk youth. I plan to start a non-profit safe haven for vulnerable youth to give them the same love and support I once needed when I was in their position. ■



As a teenager, I began my first diet after being told I was "chubby." Eventually my weight loss habits became life-threatening. But at Mercy, I was able to get to the root of my issues. For the first time, I saw my value and worth. I was transformed and began to learn healthy boundaries. After graduating from Mercy, I knew I wanted to help others. I got my bachelor's in psychology and my master's in counseling. I developed a passion for balancing health and fitness. I opened a fitness studio and now teach classes and run a holistic health coaching practice to help people discover the healthiest versions of themselves. I have been blessed to marry an amazing man of God. We've recently adopted our first two children through foster care and are enjoying time as a new family. ■

NOW

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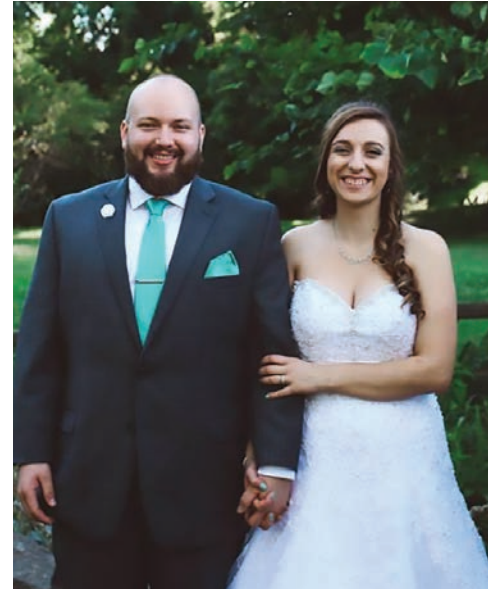
LIVES

PORSHA 2013 Graduate



When I was young, I was physically and sexually abused. I suffered from anxiety and was full of shame and pain. I felt like I had failed God, and I became depressed and suicidal. I ran away from home and eventually ended up in the hospital. I wanted freedom from the oppression I was experiencing, and my pastors helped me apply to Mercy. At Mercy, God turned my sorrow to joy! I have experienced restoration with my family and am now able to pour out the overflow of love that God has poured out on me. I lead worship at my church and work as a house leader at a group home for people with various disabilities. I am financially stable for the first time in my life and have dreams to become a published author! ■

MATILDA 2013 Graduate



My childhood was marked by addiction, abuse, and neglect. By age 11, I started struggling with anorexia. At age 13, I started self-harming. At 16, I started having panic attacks that led to seizures. I partied, drank, and used drugs. I was raped, and I began to battle suicidal thoughts. But at Mercy, I learned that “once an addict, always an addict” is not true. Mercy is where I met Jesus. I learned that His Father’s heart is full of joy and love. I now have no desire for anything from my past. Instead, I want all that God has for me. Currently, my husband and I are on the senior leadership team of a church plant in St. Louis. I have a heart to see revival take place in the city of St. Louis and for people to encounter His love. ■

CARLY 2007 Graduate



As a teen, I struggled with anxiety and depression. I developed an eating disorder and began self-harming. After several years and no success with a partial hospitalization program, a mentor gave me the book *Mercy for Eating Disorders* by Nancy Alcorn. I read it and decided to apply to Mercy. At Mercy, the compassion I felt from the staff and other residents was overwhelming. I developed a relationship with God and found true freedom by learning to replace the lies I believed with the truth of God’s Word. After graduating from Mercy, I finished high school and married my amazing husband while we were in college. I obtained my master’s degree in social work and run an art therapy group for people with eating disorders. I also have my own small business selling my artwork, and I love it! I have the heart to see others experience the same freedom I have found! ■

MAKING MERCY POSSIBLE

Mercy Multiplied is so grateful for every ministry partner! Here, through a Q & A exchange, we spotlight one of our many generous and inspiring supporters who started as a monthly partner and is making Mercy possible for thousands of hurting young women.

SPOTLIGHT ON: DR. SHEP DUNLEVIE

Long-time Mercy supporter and newly appointed Mercy Multiplied America, Inc. Board Member



Nancy Alcorn at Mercy's corporate headquarters with Dr. Shep Dunlevie

Q: Why did you first give to Mercy Multiplied?

A: I was actually in college at a Michael English concert, and Nancy came to speak. This was in 1992. She gave this passionate call for people to donate to the ministry. And I think I really just immediately connected with her and the work that she was doing. As you know, Nancy is amazing at communicating her vision—just a pure vision about the transformational power of the Gospel. I walked out there, gave her \$25, because for any donation as low as \$25, you could get a free *Echoes of Mercy* book. So I got my *Echoes of Mercy* book, and I've been giving ever since!

Q: Why does Mercy matter to you?

A: For a lot of reasons! One of the reasons is that it's a good example of how the Gospel changes lives. As believers, we're often looking for evidence of God around us. And I think one of the greatest proofs of God's existence and what we believe in is seeing how He changes people. I'm so encouraged when I hear about girls whose lives have been changed. I feel like it's as beneficial to the people who are making donations because we get to share in that. We get the encouragement of knowing that the Gospel works because we can see it in action.

Q: How has giving to Mercy changed you?

A: Mercy was one of the first ministries I gave to. Fortunately, I'm blessed now to be able to donate not only to Mercy, but to a lot of other ministries. And I think it's taught me the value of advancing the Kingdom of God by giving to ministries that are pursuing Kingdom endeavors. Mercy was the first one that I gave to as an independent adult back in college, so it taught me a good pattern of giving and appreciating good stewardship for God's work in this world.

Q: What are your thoughts about becoming a Mercy Multiplied Board Member?

A: I'm really excited about the opportunity because I really believe in this ministry. As I said before, I believe in the transformative power of the Gospel. To be a part of that in any way is just exciting. Whether it's giving money, giving time, just giving myself, my advice or wisdom, or however God wants to use me, I think it's really neat.

Q: What would you say to others who might be considering supporting Mercy?

A: I was actually involved with a fundraising event for Mercy earlier this year in Atlanta. I got up to speak, and really, that was the least important thing that happened, because the most important thing that happened was one of the Mercy graduates shared her testimony. What I said was just how much Mercy meant to me. But I could have not said anything because people were pulling out checkbooks to give money because they were just so touched by what they saw and heard from that Mercy graduate. I think the most effective thing is just to let people hear the testimonies and see the evidence for themselves. Once that happens, you don't have to say anything. ■



Dr. Shep Dunlevie (right) with his sister Katherine and their parents, Steven & Taffy, at the Mercy in the Community Brunch held on March 25th at The Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta, Georgia.



because **Mercy** begins with **Me!**

MONTHLY PARTNERS TEAM UP FOR 360° IMPACT

“So many people think \$30 a month doesn’t matter, but it absolutely does!” said Nancy Alcorn as she introduced Mercy’s newest giving program, Team Mercy 360. “When you put everyone’s \$30 a month together, it makes a huge difference!”

Hundreds have caught the Team Mercy 360 vision. Men, women, and families from all over the country are inviting friends and linking arms to grow this transformative team as a way to help more broken young women find complete freedom – body, mind, and spirit.

Team Mercy 360 member benefits have sparked extra special team engagement. Supporters are sporting their free, customizable Team Mercy 360 shirts across social media platforms and sending in photos with notes of encouragement to cheer on the Mercy residents. These photos and notes are posted on newly installed digital displays in each Mercy home and Mercy’s corporate headquarters, offering so much hope to the young women during their stay in the program.

Here, find a sampling of these well-wishes sent in from Team Mercy 360 members cheering the Mercy residents on their path to wholeness...



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

Love,
Cherice

You may feel lost and alone, but God knows right where you are and has a great plan for your future. Don’t lose hope, greater things are coming. Prayers to you all.

Love,
Monica, 2015 Mercy Graduate



You are important and valued. We admire how strong you are! Your grace is inspiring.

Love,
Renee & Larry

I want you to know that you are exactly where you are meant to be and right on track for the beautiful plan God has for your life! Each of you has taken a huge leap of faith, and I know it gets tough at times, but trust the process and trust God’s timing because it is so worth it! I am SO proud of all of you girls!

Love,
Katie, 2017 Mercy Graduate, pictured with mom, Evelyn



multiplying MERCY

EQUIPPING CHURCHES. EDUCATING LEADERS. EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS.



“Experience is not a substitute for a theory,” said Dave Ramsey, emphasizing Mercy’s proven process to transform lives.

KEYS TO FREEDOM STUDY LAUNCHED WORLDWIDE

With a live studio audience and thousands more attending Facebook Live viewing parties across the globe, Mercy Multiplied officially launched its newest resource, *Keys to Freedom*, in a special livestream event held March 9, 2017. Mercy supporters Dave Ramsey and Ellie Holcomb joined Nancy Alcorn to share how *Keys to Freedom* is designed to equip all people with the seven biblical keys to live free and stay free.

Nancy explained that after two years of beta-testing this resource in prisons and churches and receiving amazing testimonies of transformation, Mercy is confident that *Keys to Freedom* meets a significant need among all people. She said, “We saw people locked up in prisons but experiencing freedom. We started doing it in churches

and realized there are people sitting on church pews that need this resource. We walk into churches pretending we have it all together, and we’re dying inside. We all need this!”

A companion study to Nancy’s book *Ditch the Baggage* released in 2015, *Keys to Freedom* is a way for people to encounter deeper levels of freedom and wholeness. Men, women, youth, seniors, and new or established believers can all be empowered with the greater understanding and application of the seven keys to freedom presented through this interactive discipleship study: Committing and Connecting to Christ; Renewing Your Mind; Healing Life’s Hurts; Choosing to Forgive; Breaking Generational Patterns; Choosing Freedom Over Oppression; and Maintaining Lifelong Freedom. ■

“THIS STUDY IS OUR WAY OF TAKING THE KEYS TO FREEDOM WE’VE SEEN SUCCESSFULLY CHANGE LIVES FOR 35 YEARS AND PLACING THEM INTO THE HANDS OF EVERY PERSON WHO WANTS TO LIVE FREE AND STAY FREE. WE WANT TO SEE MORE PEOPLE ABLE TO NAVIGATE THEIR LIVES FROM A PLACE OF FREEDOM AND WHOLENESS, USING THE BIBLICAL TOOLS OF TRANSFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE BY GOD THROUGH HIS WORD.” — NANCY ALCORN, MERCY MULTIPLIED FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

Visit MercyMultiplied.com/FreedomSeries to learn more about Mercy’s Freedom Series resources, including *Ditch the Baggage*, *Keys to Freedom*, and corresponding videos.

COAST to COAST —and→ ACROSS the SEA...

MERCY'S OUTREACH AND RESOURCES ROUSING WIDESPREAD BREAKTHROUGH



Attending MPower transformed Pastor Harv's approach to ministry.

“I WISH I HAD KNOWN THIS YEARS AGO.”

Wishes from Washington Fulfilled

Pastor Harv Vander Griend, or “Pastor Harv” to those he serves at Marysville Free Methodist Church in Marysville, Washington, was on sabbatical after leading ministry to youth, young adults, and worship teams for over three decades. During his time off, he took the opportunity to attend Mercy's MPower Workshop in Sacramento, California. Afterward, he took to social media, urging ministry leaders to attend this workshop to learn more effective ways to help the hurting. Here's what he shared: “If you were at FMYC this past summer you may have heard Melanie Wise speak. She is the Director of Outreach for Mercy Multiplied. She mentioned a training workshop called MPower, and I actually went. I learned so much about helping people, having better boundaries, helping people hear the voice of God, the 7 Keys to Freedom, and more. Have you ever gone to a training and then thought ‘I wish I had known this years ago’? You need to go to this training event.”

THE FREEDOM EXPERIENCE

Diving Deep in Delaware

In April, Mercy's Outreach Team took The Freedom Experience to the east coast, equipping hundreds in New Castle, Delaware, with tools to live free and stay free. The two-day event, hosted by Seeds of Greatness Bible Church (SOGBC), featured Nancy Alcorn and guest speakers Pastor Jerome and Lisa Lewis of SOGBC. Billboard-topping singer-songwriter Anthony Evans led powerful times of worship.



Men and women with hands raised in a prayerful moment at Mercy's Freedom Experience

Camillia, 2011 Mercy Multiplied graduate, shared her inspiring testimony of how God helped her combat the devastating lie “I will always be this way, and I will never get better.” The now successful business woman said, “I am healed in every way,” crediting the freedom tools she learned at Mercy for helping her overcome drug and alcohol addiction and heal from her painful past. To cap the life-transforming weekend, Nancy Alcorn shared a message about unity of God's people during the Seeds of Greatness Sunday service.

MERCY'S RESOURCES

REACH UGANDA

Teachings Ignite Transformation

Mercy's Outreach trainings and resources have sparked flames that have spread as far as Uganda! A missions leader from California attended one of Mercy's 2017 MPower Workshops and planned to use the principles of freedom she learned to teach a group of young Ugandan women. In Uganda, she and her missions team joined efforts with Jane, a Ugandan woman whose life had already been radically transformed by Nancy Alcorn's book, *Ditch the Baggage*. Through *Ditch the Baggage*, Jesus had healed Jane from years of pain and suffering caused by a traumatic rape and unplanned pregnancy. Now, equipped with more teaching from the MPower-inspired missions team, Jane continues to lead other hurting Ugandan women through *Keys to Freedom*, Mercy's companion study to *Ditch the Baggage*. For more on Jane's incredible story, watch MercyMultiplied.com/JanesTestimony. ■



Her own life transformed through Mercy's resources, Jane now leads other Ugandan women to freedom in Christ.

Get equipped and empowered! Register for Mercy's MPower Workshops at MercyMultiplied.com/MPower. Plus, check out MercyMultiplied.com/Resources for free and helpful podcasts, books, and more!

GRAMMY Nominated & Dove Award-Winning Trio, Point of Grace, performing at Evening of Mercy in Monroe



Mercy adoptive parents, Jordan and Nicki Rubin, with Event Chairs, Drs. Josh and Chelsea Axe at Merry Mercy in Nashville



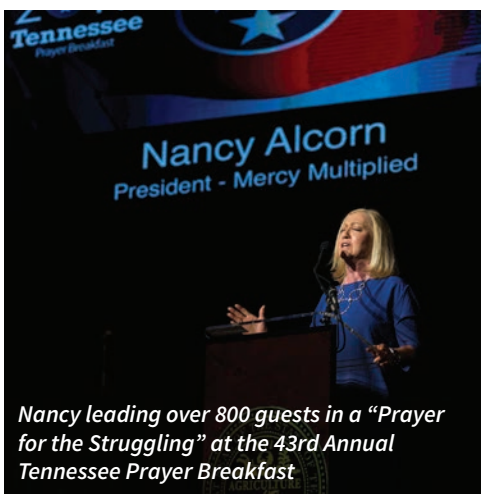
Linda Trimble, Founder of the United Fellowship of Women, and Miss Kay Robertson of Duck Dynasty at Evening of Mercy in Monroe

EVENTS

SHARING MERCY BEYOND OUR WALLS



Mercy graduates and staff with award-winning singer-songwriter Nicole C. Mullen and Nancy at Merry Mercy in St. Louis



Nancy leading over 800 guests in a "Prayer for the Struggling" at the 43rd Annual Tennessee Prayer Breakfast



"There is no other organization I would sing for nine weeks after having a baby," said GRAMMY & Dove Award-winning artist, Francesca Battistelli, at Merry Mercy in Nashville.



Nancy with Senator Kyle and Victoria McCarter at Merry Mercy in St. Louis



Nancy with Governor Bill and First Lady Crissy Haslam at the Tennessee Prayer Breakfast



Leslie, 2012 Mercy graduate, shared her testimony at Merry Mercy in Nashville.



Three generations represented with Nancy at Merry Mercy in Nashville: 1997 Mercy graduate Sara Opperman Young with her "Mercy Baby" daughter, Alexis (left), and her mother, Ann (right).



Lee and Kim Greenwood, George Shinn, Megan Westerfield, and Ken and Lisa Abraham enjoyed an evening celebrating Mercy's mission and work at Mercy's annual Christmas benefit in Nashville.



Long-time Mercy supporters Rick and Debbie Massie at Mercy Wonderland in Sacramento



Nancy at Merry Mercy Nashville with event sponsors Chad and Melissa Custer and Lori and Randy Dismang of Nelson Mazda Cool Springs



Nancy with Chuck and U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn (left) and Barry and Jackie Alexander (right) at a Christmas party hosted by Alexanders and benefitting Mercy

RUN for MERCY 5K AND FAMILY WALK

When you Run for Mercy, you support Mercy's free-of-charge Christian residential program that provides hope and life transformation for young women facing difficult life circumstances. Register as an individual, with a team, or as a virtual runner! Every participant runs for different reasons, but our goal is the same: to see girls walk in freedom. Will you join us? To learn more, visit RunForMercy.com/5k.

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APRIL 14, 2018 • NASHVILLE, TN

MAY 5, 2018 • MONROE, LA

MAY 5, 2018 • ST. LOUIS, MO

leaving a *LEGACY* of *MERCY*

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21



Mike Evering, Mercy Legacy Society member with daughter Ren, 2014 Mercy graduate.

“I see the work they do, and I know the results,” said Mike Evering, owner and operator of Heritage Hardwood Floors in Fenton, Missouri. “I’m a business man, and I like results and helping people that have a track

record of doing what they say they’re going to do, when they say they’re going to do it, and how they say they’re going to do it.”

Mike is among Mercy’s distinct Legacy Society membership who has named Mercy Multiplied as a beneficiary of a planned gift from his estate. “It’s important to me to see the money used for the Kingdom after I’m gone,” he said.

In 2014, Mike experienced Mercy’s Kingdom work firsthand when his daughter Ren attended the program. Ren came to Mercy struggling with abandonment and rejection issues from her past. “I was ready to give up on everything, and I had no hope,” she said when recounting her journey. But at Mercy, Ren’s hope was restored. “I finally let go and actually let God heal my very broken heart. He has

come in, filled my life with peace, and restored my joy,” she said.

“The biggest change we saw in Ren was that she wanted to read her Bible, she wanted to pray, she just had a heart for the Lord,” said Mike of Ren’s time in the Mercy program. “And it brought us closer together, too. We are able to communicate a lot better.”

Ren is now married to a soldier in the U.S. Army and serves in youth ministry. Mike is dedicated to seeing other girls like Ren find healing and freedom. He encourages others to consider learning more about Mercy Multiplied and investing in Mercy’s Legacy Society. “Take a look at the figures and the facts. Visit a Mercy home, meet some of the girls, and see what it’s like. Check it out for yourself,” he said. ■

How will you be the *me* in Mercy?



EQUIP

Get empowered to help others through Mercy’s educational resources!

- Signs & Symptoms
- Freedom Tools • Blog
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- 5Ks • MPower Nights
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- Sponsor A Girl
- A Special Gift
- Planned Giving
- Non-Cash Donations

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moving *FORWARD* in *FAITH*...

Plans Underway for Mercy's Florida Home

Small steps of obedience. That's how Mercy started. Because Nancy stepped forward in faith in 1983, God brought miraculous provision through an unexpected donor she met on a plane. As a result, the Monroe Mercy home expanded to accommodate young women struggling with unplanned pregnancy.

"During that time, I was praying, 'God, I need the money. If you'll give me the money, I'll build this building,'" said Nancy, recounting the process of building the first Mercy home in Monroe, Louisiana. "And the Lord said, 'How many times am I going to have to tell you this? This is not how it works. If I had somebody give you the money today, you wouldn't be able to build the building because you haven't even been to the

architect yet to have the plans drawn up.' So we went to the architect and got the plans done, and I believe because of that one step of obedience, God set up that divine appointment on that airplane," she said.

Three more U.S. homes and three more international homes later, it's still the small steps of faith that continue to propel Mercy forward to meet the increasing needs of struggling young women desperate for freedom.

In 2007, Mercy acquired 12 acres of land in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. And in 2017, God prompted Nancy in the same way He did in 1983, asking her

to move forward in faith and obedience to build Mercy's fifth U.S. home on this property. Standing in agreement, Mercy Multiplied's Board of Directors approved and submitted architectural plans to secure a Development Order, proposing a 30,000 square foot, 40-bed facility on these 12 undeveloped acres in Walton County. Committed to a stewardly, debt-free build, Mercy is believing for God's provision for this home and for the countless young women it will save and serve in the years to come. ■



An artist rendering of the completed Florida home



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Lindsay, 2016 Mercy Graduate

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