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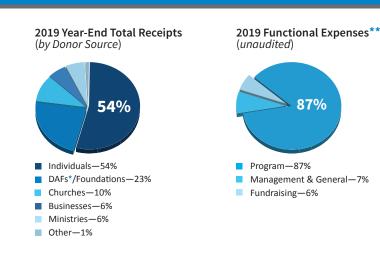
About Mercy

Mercy Multiplied is a nonprofit Christian organization that equips people to live free and stay free through Jesus Christ.

Our residential counseling program helps young women ages 13–32 break free from life-controlling issues and situations, including anxiety, depression, abuse, eating disorders, self-harm, addictions, unplanned pregnancy, and sex trafficking. The residential program is voluntary, biblically based, and completely free-of-charge. Our goal is to help residents permanently stop destructive cycles, discover purpose for their lives, and experience God's unconditional love, forgiveness, and life-transforming power.

Our Outreach services train and resource Christian leaders and helpers to effectively minister to those who are hurting. We offer a wide range of life-transforming workshops, discipleship resources, videos, podcasts, and other practical tools. Our goal is to share the life-transforming principles used in our residential program to empower men and women of all ages to live in freedom.

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essage from the heart

OF OUR FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

2020: MULTIPLYING MERCY



Dear Mercy Friend,

2019 was another amazing year here at Mercy Multiplied. We regularly hear remarkable stories of transformation as Christ continues to restore the lives of young women in our residential program and of men and women of *all* ages through our Outreach services!

Last year, we felt God calling us to officially increase the age range of our residential program from 13–28 to 13–32. Since we have made that increase, there have been over 200 young women that have applied to the program between the ages of 28–32, and we have heard some amazing testimonies come out of that particular age group. It is so exciting to hear all the stories of transformation that are happening in the lives of our residents.

We have also seen an increase in applicants who are pregnant. We want more pregnant women to know about Mercy and how we offer a free and practical way for women facing an unplanned pregnancy to choose life. In the following pages, you will read about some of the services we offer our pregnant residents. My hope is for young women to know that they don't have to feel alone in their pregnancy. Mercy is here to help!

There has been incredible growth in our Outreach services as our *Keys to Freedom* study continues to spread across the United States and around the world. This study has been translated into German, Dutch, Danish, and we just completed the Spanish translation! It's so exciting to see the continued expansion of this study, allowing more people to walk in freedom! We are receiving many incredible testimonies from men and women who are finding freedom from things like pornography, depression, and insecurity. This study was created for the entire Body of Christ to be equipped to live free and stay free.

Whether you are reading this letter and it's your first time learning about Mercy Multiplied, or you have supported and prayed for this ministry for years, I believe you received this magazine for a reason. I hope you will be encouraged by the stories of transformation on the following pages that are a small representation of the thousands of lives that have been restored through the power of Christ.

As we move into a new decade, we are believing God for so much more. More applicants. More lives transformed. More monthly partners. More *Keys to Freedom* study groups. I can't wait to see all the wonderful things God is going to do through our graduates and Outreach services!

With great anticipation,

Nancy Alcorn *Founder and President of Mercy Multiplied*

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NGED Generations

By Nancy Alcorn

...Now choose life, so that you and your children may live... Deuteronomy 30:19

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O ne of our most foundational scriptures at Mercy Multiplied is from Deuteronomy 30:19 that says for us to "choose life!" The young women who come into our residential program have made the decision that their lives matter and that they want to experience the kind of life that God has created them to have. However, for many of those young women, they haven't just chosen life for *themselves*; they've also chosen life for their unborn babies.

When God led me to begin Mercy back in 1983, He gave me an overwhelming desire to minister to unwed mothers. However, in those early days, we didn't have the space and weren't equipped to handle the needs of an expectant mother...or so I thought.

You could hear the fear in their voices when they would call us. They had no place to turn. I would sadly respond, "I'm sorry, we would like to help you, but we aren't equipped to help pregnant women at this time. We hope to establish an unwed mothers' home someday, but until then. . ." For a young woman on a tight, 9-month timeline, the word "someday" is not at all helpful. I desperately wanted to help them, but until God provided us land and a building, I felt like I had no other way to respond.

At that time, in 1985, some people were marching in front of abortion clinics, laying their bodies across the clinic doors to block people from walking in. It was like watching a war as each side shouted at one another, fighting, and even getting thrown in jail for violence and trespassing. As passionately as I felt against taking an unborn baby's life, I didn't believe that protesting and fighting was the answer. That didn't look like the heart of God to me, and I knew He was calling me to something different.

When I would speak in front of churches and civic groups, I would passionately speak out against abortion, but I will never forget the day that God told me I was a hypocrite. (Trust me, you don't easily forget a moment like that!) He showed me the hypocrisy in speaking out against abortion on one hand yet turning away pregnant girls on the other. I was speaking out against something that I wasn't doing anything about. That day, God showed me that I had to stop speaking out against abortion unless I was ready to begin taking in unwed mothers!

God also showed me that my thinking had been backward. I had expected Him to provide us another home so we could accept unwed mothers. But He wanted me to step out in faith by first *accepting* unwed mothers and *then* He would provide the home. I asked God to forgive me, and I promised Him that I would never again turn away a pregnant girl that reached out to us for help.

The very next day, I got a call from a pastor who was desperate. He told me about a 13-year-old girl in his congregation who was pregnant by her mother's 37-year-old boyfriend. That girl became our first pregnant resident, and since that day, we have helped hundreds of young women choose life for their unborn babies because they had a free, practical way to do so.



One of the things that God was very clear about from the beginning was that the job of the Mercy staff was not to try and tell expectant mothers what to do with their babies once they were born. Our job was to introduce these young women to Christ, take them through what we now call a series of "Basic Decision-Making" classes, and let God lead them in their decision to either parent their baby or place their child for adoption.

It soon became clear to me that we needed to start a licensed adoption agency for those women making the choice to place their child for adoption and bless another family with the gift of life. We tried to work with other agencies, but they were not willing to honor what these girls had in their hearts for an adoptive couple. So out of necessity, we started an adoption agency of our own that would honor what the expectant mothers desired for their babies.

For those young women who have chosen to parent their babies, God has promised to be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the husbandless. He is always so faithful to make up for anything that might be lacking.

In addition, we have worked with many young women who have already had abortions prior to coming to Mercy. Many of those women have been walking in pain, grief, and shame because of their choice. However, we want them to know that God isn't out to condemn them, and He's not mad at them. He loves them, and He even understands where they were during that point in their life. If you are reading this and you've had an abortion, God is not angry at you. He wants you to forgive yourself and He wants your heart to be healed. He wants you to know that you are going to see that child again and hold him/her in Heaven one day.

At our most recent Merry Mercy Christmas Benefit in Nashville, we did something we had never done before. We brought up two of our Mercy graduates, Sara and Kathryne, who had come to Mercy years ago facing unplanned pregnancies, and I interviewed them panel-style on stage (pictured above).

Sara (pictured below) came to Mercy in 1997 at the age of 16. She was so young,



yet so courageous to leave her family to come into the program. When Sara came to Mercy, she intended to place her baby for adoption, but God ended up leading her to parent and raise her baby girl. Today, Sara's beautiful daughter is 22 years old and is working full-time for their family business. Sara is married to an amazing man and now has more children (pictured lower left on the next page)!

Kathryne came to Mercy at the age of 19. Kathryne had just completed her freshman year of college when she discovered that



she was pregnant. Needless to say, her dreams about college had never included an unplanned pregnancy. She made the difficult decision to leave her college and all of her friends to come to Mercy. Unlike Sara, Kathryne came to Mercy intending to parent her baby, but God led her to place her baby for adoption (pictured above with Tracy, the adoptive mother). Mercy prepared Kathryne for making her adoption plan, and she blessed a family with a precious baby boy. After Mercy, Kathryne went back to school and completed her education. Today, Kathryne is married, and she and her husband have three beautiful little girls (pictured right). She is close with the adoptive family and has been blessed to watch her baby boy grow into a young man over the past 18 years.

Sara and Kathryne both came to Mercy facing unplanned pregnancies. One decided to parent her baby; one decided to place her baby for adoption. Neither choice was wrong, because they both chose life! Today, Sara and Kathryne are both incredible wives and moms, leading amazing, Godly lives. They both worked for a few years in Mercy's Intake department, and then each went on to start extremely successful family businesses. They both, along with their husbands, are generous monthly partners with Mercy, because they want to give back so that other young women can find the help that they received so many years ago.



"One decided to parent her baby; one decided to place her baby for adoption. Neither choice was wrong, because they both chose life!"



I never want a young woman facing an unplanned pregnancy to think that abortion is her only choice. She can choose life! There are places like Mercy where people will love them and walk alongside them.

If you or someone you know is pregnant and considering an abortion, please let them know about Mercy's free-of-charge residential program. If you are a crisis pregnancy center and you have clients who could benefit from a residential program, please reach out to us at **615.831.6987** or visit **MercyMultiplied.com/pregnancy/ services** for more information.

Counselor's

By Brooke Keels



Dr. Brooke Keels, PhD, LPC-MHSP, LPC-S, 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.

IN some fashion, I have been connected to Mercy Multiplied for most of my life. One of my first memories of Mercy was of being in the Monroe, LA home while my mom, a Social Worker, taught the pregnant residents Basic Decision-Making classes. She volunteered for Mercy, and I somehow convinced her to let me go with her because I really, really loved playing with the Mercy dogs. She taught the residents, while I played with the dogs on the other end of the home (quietly, I'm sure). I remember a pregnant resident telling my mom and a staff member how thankful she was to be at Mercy because she finally found a place where she felt safe. At the time, I didn't understand why a young pregnant woman would be at Mercy, but I knew that my mom, the staff, and, of course, Founder and President, Nancy Alcorn, loved being able to help two lives at once. Years later, my mother shared her admiration for Nancy being able to help young women with unplanned pregnancies in ways that she, as a social worker for the state of Louisiana, never could. My mom said, "I just wanted to ask her what it was like to really help these young women, because I often felt like I wasn't able to help anyone in my job. She really was a hero to me." My mother most assuredly helped many people, but she knew that Mercy supported young women struggling with unplanned pregnancy in ways the state and/or federal government never could. Mercy offers services that are unparalleled because of Nancy's obedience to what God asked her to do, and because of the incredibly generous donors that continue to support Mercy and its mission to help young women completely free-of-charge.

After the changing abortion laws last year in New York, Nancy said something that has become a refrain for my own life. She said, "I will not argue about what is right and wrong. I will not get mad about something and not figure out how to provide a solution." It frankly doesn't matter how well you can argue a political point, in this case for/against abortion. What matters is how you respond to the need. In my experience, we often become passionate about what we believe to be wrong, but we don't actually do anything about it.

Through Nancy's vision, this organization strives to be different. She has ensured that Mercy is a safe place for young women who are dealing with unplanned pregnancies, not only because of the beautiful facility and the incredibly caring, well-trained staff, but also because of the services we offer. Today, all expectant mothers are located in our Nashville, TN location where Basic Decision-Making classes are taught by full-time staff. The services for Mercy birth mothers have grown far past volunteers teaching the courses over the past 30 years. An explanation of services provided to our pregnant residents is listed on the next page.

Birth Mother Services:

We offer a multitude of services to the birth mothers who are residents in our program. They are offered 24-hour care in a beautiful home environment with accessibility to ongoing support from staff and counselors. Birth mothers participate in weekly individual and group counseling, as well as Basic Decision-Making classes and childbirth classes, coordinated by our own Director of Adoptions, Chelsea Rahbar, LCSW, and Kayla Dombrosky, our Nashville Transitional Care Liason. Health and wellness is a priority for all residents, and birth mothers have access to individualized nutrition plans to meet their own needs and those of their child. They experience balanced nutrition and fitness along with access to free prenatal care as they prepare for labor and delivery. They are also provided with transportation to and from prenatal care visits, as well as hospital planning and support.

Basic Decision-Making:

Decision counseling allows the birth mother to explore the realities of parenting and adoption. These classes are in addition to the in-depth counseling the birth mother will receive through both individual and group counseling sessions. Basic Decision-Making classes are specifically designed to assist our pregnant residents in making a well-informed decision of whether they will parent or place their child for adoption. It is the vision of Mercy Multiplied to provide the most supportive environment for each expectant mother to make her own decision about what is best for her child. If a resident chooses to parent her child, Mercy will provide her with parenting classes in order to continue supporting her and preparing her for the journey to motherhood. If a birth mother chooses to place her child for adoption, she will begin working with Mercy's in-house adoption agency in creating an adoption plan.

Choosing to Parent:

Our birth mothers participate in parenting classes where they are able to discuss family dynamics within their own family, as well as tools for how to successfully co-parent, when appropriate, along with ways to establish boundaries and self-care. They also learn how to budget and plan for their child's arrival and growing needs.

Adoption Services:

Mercy Multiplied is a licensed child placement agency with the State of Tennessee and when a resident chooses to make an adoption plan for her child, she will work with Mercy's adoption staff in creating her plan. Our Director of Adoptions works closely with residents choosing to place their child for adoption, adoptive families, and interim care families in order to provide the highest level of service. Birth mothers who choose to place their child for adoption receive adoption counseling and post-placement counseling, as well as adoption planning and legal services. They can also select and meet the adoptive family they have chosen for their child. Over the past 30 years, Mercy Multiplied has conducted hundreds of adoptions.



Chelsea Rahbar, LCSW, Director of Adoptions, and Kayla Dombrosky, Nashville Transitional Care Liason

If you are pregnant and would like to learn more about our residential program, please call us at **615.831.6987** or visit **MercyMultiplied.com/Pregnancy**. Due to the need for appropriate medical care and for the resident to have the ability to complete all the program has to offer, residents must enter the program prior to 24 weeks of pregnancy. If you are past this term, please contact us directly for referrals that will meet your needs.



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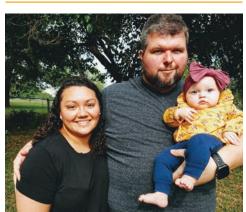
BRITTANY 2009 Resident

SARAH 2017 Graduate



I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart at Mercy Multiplied, and at that moment my life was forever changed. I soon realized that I had worth and value and that the Lord did indeed have a plan for my life. During my time at Mercy, I experienced the unconditional love of Christ through the staff and the Lord Himself. I knew that I wanted to go and spread that same love that I had experienced wherever God would lead me to do it.

I have this burning passion inside of me to see young women experience true and lasting freedom like I have found. I want to see young people changed by encountering the love of Christ, and I pray that I can be a true carrier of that wherever I go. Because of the freedom and healing the Lord has done in my life, I now get to share that with young people here in the Philippines, where I serve as a missionary. My desire is to one day have a home similar to Mercy, and to see the Lord set young people free, just like He did me! ■



Since graduating from Mercy Multiplied, I have enjoyed living out my freedom in everyday life! Mercy helped awaken dreams within me that had been lost, and gave me a hope for my future.

After graduation, I've continued staying active and healthy in many aspects of life. My husband and I got married last September and just celebrated our first wedding anniversary. Almost nine months from our wedding date, we welcomed our first baby into our family, a little girl. My husband and I are currently serving as the Children's Pastors at our church and I am also serving as the Nursery Coordinator.

I am grateful for the supporters of Mercy Multiplied, because their support creates a ripple effect in generations to come. My little girl has a brighter future because of them.

SHELLY-ANNE 2017 Graduate



I heard about Mercy Multiplied through my church, Seeds of Greatness. I came to Mercy and began to find freedom in trusting the Lord.

Since graduating from Mercy, I have led two more women to Mercy. They both said that if I had not attended Mercy and shared my experience, they wouldn't have gone to Mercy. This is a true example of Nancy Alcorn's well-known quote, "Someone is on the other side of your obedience." I now continue to share my testimony of transformation at work, school, and church.

Thank you, Nancy, for being obedient. Also, I would like to extend my thanks to the Board Members and anyone who supports Mercy. Because of your obedience, I am free and able to multiply mercy.

TONYA 1996 Resident



I came to Mercy as a last resort, when even the Church had no hope for me. It was at Mercy that I began a true relationship with God rather than struggling through the routine of religion. For the first time in my life, I experienced the unconditional love of God and discovered my true identity. He called me by my name, not my diagnosis. I was literally transformed as my mind was renewed with the Word of God and I learned to live by truth rather than circumstances. As God healed my hurts, I learned to trust Him and receive His heart for me.

Now, 24 years later, I am still walking in freedom as I build on the foundation I received at Mercy. I love being a wife and mom of three boys. When I'm not homeschooling or conquering mountains of laundry, I am writing books to share my story of hope. I have been honored to travel and speak in churches and women's conferences across the country. I am passionate about helping others, especially those in the Church, find the freedom that I know through Christ. God is redeeming every part of my life and I can speak life wherever I go. I am mercy multiplied!

TENNILLE 2004 Graduate



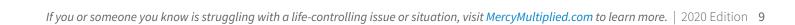
KAITLYN 2008 Graduate



Before Mercy, I was someone who looked dependable, self-sufficient, and stable, but on the inside I hated myself. I was struggling with an addiction to pornography and I was stuck in a never-ending cycle of shame. I couldn't tell anyone and I felt trapped. I didn't know how to receive God's love. I didn't know who I was, or even how to actually receive forgiveness. My past with an alcoholic father haunted me.

Today, I can truly say that I am an overcomer. I am a child of God—His daughter. I am who He says I am—nothing less. I like to say that I am an overcomer teaching others how to overcome. I now work fulltime at my church as the Office Manager and Pastor's Assistant. I also lead our inner-healing team here at the church that walks people through difficult times/ events. I have also led a youth girls' small group through *Lies Young Women Believe*, teaching them how they can claim truth for themselves. I am so thankful for the journey that God has taken me on. ■ When I came to Mercy, I was struggling with an eating disorder, self-harm, a prescription drug addiction, multiple suicide attempts, and the shame and confusion that came from being molested by a family member. It was through Mercy that God started to teach me that every lie I believed about myself, God, and life, stemmed from a past offense. While I was there, I started the process of walking in forgiveness, uprooting the lies and replacing them with the truth of God's Word.

It's been 11 years since I walked out of the doors of Mercy and started on a journey of walking out my freedom. I'm married to an awesome, Jesus-loving man. We both serve together at our church, and we have a beautiful daughter. I don't even recognize the person I was when I came to Mercy. But that's something that I want to continue to say about myself every year as God continues to transform me through walking in forgiveness, uprooting lies, replacing them with truth from God's Word, and surrendering my life to Him. I am so thankful for Mercy and the tools they gave me to walk out my freedom so that I could be a healthy wife and mother for my family!



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OUTREACH UPDATE

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Melanie Wise, Mercy's Executive Director of Outreach, has been at Mercy Multiplied for over seven years. In her current role, she is focused on getting the principles of freedom used within Mercy's residential program into the hands of men and women all over the world.

rior to working at Mercy, I served as a youth pastor in a local church. I got into pastoral ministry with a passion for reaching hurting people outside of the Church who were broken and needed Jesus. However, my young, naïve self was shocked to learn how much brokenness there was *within* the Body of Christ. Men and women who loved God and followed Jesus...but were stuck. Battling anxiety. Trapped in addiction. Struggling in relationships. They came in and out of the church doors every Sunday but were far from living an "abundant life."

What I've realized even more since that time is that no one—not even myself—is exempt from that brokenness. Every one of us experiences hurt in our lives. We all have people we need to forgive. There are lies that the enemy tempts every one of us with. Therefore, we *all* need tools to help us navigate life's journey from a place of freedom. When I started working at Mercy in 2012 and learned about the principles of freedom used within the Mercy homes, I remember thinking, "The women at Mercy are not the only people who need to be equipped with these principles; the whole Body of Christ needs them! If I'd only had these tools when I was a youth pastor!"

So you can imagine how thrilled I was when our Founder and President, Nancy Alcorn, decided to share these principles of freedom in her book, *Ditch the Baggage*. Then, in 2017, *Keys to Freedom* was created as a study version of this book and a way for people to dive deeper into the principles and apply them to their lives.

In the study, we walk people through eight weeks of exploring the 7 keys to lasting freedom:

- Committing and connecting to Christ
- Renewing your mind
- Healing life's hurts
- Choosing to forgive
- Breaking generational patterns
- Choosing freedom over oppression
- Maintaining lifelong freedom

As Nancy says, "This study is our way of taking the keys used within the four walls of our Mercy homes 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."

"This study has helped me more than any counseling or treatment I have ever had!"

OUTREACH UPDATE

Mercy has seen this transformative process work for over 36 years. It has proven successful in the lives of thousands of young women in our homes, but now also in the lives of men and women in every corner of the world. It is being used across the United States and Europe, and even in other countries like Uganda and Guatemala. Churches, pregnancy centers, prison ministries...this resource is making its way into the hands of people of all ages and all backgrounds who are experiencing new levels of freedom in their lives as a result.

"I am finding true love and spiritual connection with God for the first time in my life."

–KTF Participant

Until recent years, Mercy has been viewed as a ministry solely for women, so it has been awesome to see *Keys to Freedom* impacting the lives of **men** as well. Scott Bryditzki, Pastor of Community Development at Destiny Christian Church in Rocklin, CA, recently led a group of men through the study. He shared that after he first read the study, he anticipated that men would struggle to dig deep into their pasts and their emotions. However, he was personally inspired to dig deep in his own life and encouraged the other men to do to the same.

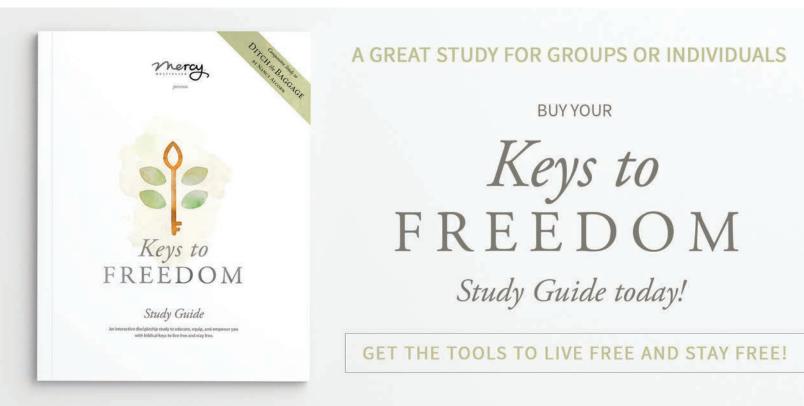
"I have been set free from depression."

-KTF Participant

After the study ended, he shared, "Several of the men said it was one of the most life-changing things they had gone through. We are now introducing this as an ongoing class. I am not sure if other churches are using this for men, but I highly encourage it."

It's testimonies like these and countless others that remind us that at the end of the day, it isn't Mercy Multiplied that heals broken hearts and sets captives free; it's **Jesus.** And since the beginning, Mercy's approach to helping people has been to teach them how to connect and receive from Him—the Ultimate Healer—so that He can do the work in their lives that **only He** can do. That's the entire foundation of *Keys to Freedom*.

We hope to see this study in the hands of every believer male, female, old, young, new Christians, and people who have been believers for 50 years. We want to see the Body of Christ healed and whole so that it can impact this broken world with a message of hope and freedom!



MAKING MERCY POSSIBLE

SPOTLIGHT ON: Scott and Michelle Luecal

Mercy Multiplied is free-of-charge to our residents and we do not accept any government funding. We rely on the generosity of our donors to help hurting young women throughout the United States. We are thankful to God for impressing Mercy Multiplied on the hearts of thousands of people around the world to give generously to the ministry.

How did you hear about Mercy Multiplied?

In the Spring of 2006, before Michelle and I were married, Michelle saw Nancy being interviewed by Joyce Meyer on one of her programs and they were talking about the new Mercy Multiplied home in St. Louis. Michelle was immediately captivated by Nancy and her story, the principles upon which Mercy was founded and still operates under today, and the evidence of the Lord's work being done every day at the St. Louis and other Mercy homes. And, when she serendipitously found that the St. Louis home was actually in Fenton and about one-tenth of a mile from her home, she went to the home and said to the first person she met, "I do not know what I can do, but I do know I am supposed to be here."

What prompted you to give to Mercy?

By the time Michelle and I were dating in the Fall of 2006, she was volunteering on weekends, teaching life-skills classes to the Mercy residents on resume writing and interviewing, and had heard several of the resident's testimonies. Michelle wanted me to become just as passionate about Mercy and its mission as she was and for that to happen, she knew that I had to hear testimonies from the residents. That





happened for me at the Run for Mercy 5K the following spring. I remember saying to Michelle that I just did not want to believe that these horrible things could happen to young women in this country and the Lord is the only path to transform their lives and restore their hope. As our wedding date approached, Michelle and I talked about how we would share through tithes and offerings the blessing that the Lord has provided to us. It was so easy to put Mercy at the top of our list.

How has your involvement grown with Mercy?

Serving on the Community Board for the St. Louis home has given me an understanding of needs the organization has for treasure, time and talent contributions, the challenges Mercy faces, and the efforts by the Mercy staff to maintain such a high level of success. Michelle taught life-skills classes for over 10 years. The opportunity to spend time with the Mercy residents was very rewarding. I really enjoy the Friends of Mercy Luncheons because it is an opportunity for the Mercy story to be shared with other Christians in an intimate and friendly setting.

What would you say to someone who who wants to support Mercy Multiplied?

My advice to someone considering supporting Mercy through their treasure, time, or talent, would be to visit one of the homes, meet the staff, hear testimonies, and read any of Nancy's books. I am confident that Mercy will grab ahold of their heart and their decision to support Mercy will be just as easy. They won't be disappointed.

"Michelle passed away in November 2018. During the 12 years that we were married, she taught me what it really means to be a Christian. Our involvement in Mercy is not just an individual experience but it is proof that the Lord still performs miracles because they happen all the time at Mercy. Seeing this evidence of the Lord's work just continues to strengthen my faith." —Scott Luecal

RAISING CAPITAL

hanks to our generous supporters who contributed to our capital campaign budget, we were able to make several upgrades this past year. These funds are raised to cover larger projects and updates needed that fall outside of the ministry's regular operating budget. As our homes and vehicles begin to age, we want to be mindful and plan for future costs that will arise. As Benjamin Franklin said, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

The bathrooms in the Nashville home were over 24 years old, which lended to ongoing maintenance issues. A lot of thought was put into the updating of the bathrooms—making sure they were safe, functional, and also beautiful. Shatterproof doors were installed in the shower area; quartz countertops that do not absorb bacteria, will not stain, and are easy to clean were selected; and a state of the art water proofing system (Schluter Water Proofing System) was chosen to prevent any mold issues.



It had been ten years since the Nashville bedrooms had been refreshed. Bedrooms received new desks, chairs, cork boards, blinds, bedding, lamps, mattresses, and the rooms were repainted. In 2018, the bedrooms in our St. Louis home received new beds, bedding, and mattresses.



The Sacramento home needed a new vehicle to transport women to doctor and outside appointments. We had a donor give \$18,300 towards the purchase of a new vehicle, but we needed an additional \$12,000 to complete the purchase. On September 14, 2019, Priscilla Shirer was in Sacramento for *Going Beyond Live* with worship by Anthony Evans. She took up an offering to help fund the balance needed to purchase the vehicle and over \$26,000 was donated!

We are so thankful for the donors who made these upgrades possible. If you or your organization would like to get involved or fund a project in 2020, please contact Rachel Bedenbaugh at rbedenbaugh@mercumultiplied.com. ■

A FEW OF OUR 2020 PROJECT NEEDS:

Monroe home:



\$30,000: New Vehicle



\$15,000: Fence Replacement

Nashville home:



\$35,000: 15 Passenger Van



Sacramento home:



\$15,000: Patio Furniture

St. Louis home:



\$25,000: Dining Room Tables and Chairs



MERCY MULTIPLIED CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF LIVES TRANSFORMED IN SACRAMENTO HOME

his past September, Mercy Multiplied celebrated the tenth anniversary of the opening of the fourth U.S. Mercy home in Sacramento, California. The event was hosted by Destiny Christian Church and featured special musical guest, Natalie Grant. You could feel the excitement and anticipation as Natalie Grant fans and Mercy supporters made their way into the church. It was a night full of hope and celebration.

"Pastors Greg and Kathy Fairrington are such dear friends of mine and are huge Mercy supporters," said Mercy Multiplied Founder and President, Nancy Alcorn. "Destiny Christian Church is the home church for our Sacramento residents, and I can't think of a better place for this celebration to happen. I am so thankful for not only their financial support, but also for the time they invest in the lives of our residents, helping them to grow in their faith and showing them what a church community looks like."

Prior to the event, a special graduate reception was held where Nancy met with some of the Mercy graduates from the Sacramento home. "These young women are my heroes and it brings me such joy to see them thriving and impacting the world around them," said Nancy.



Nancy with Greg and Kathy Fairrington



Nancy with graduates from the Sacramento home

"This event was an amazing reminder of what God has done in my life and the work I have done," adds 2017 graduate, Kailey. "Seeing so many people support and celebrate Mercy made me feel truly loved, and I am so grateful for everyone that helped make my second chance at life so beautiful!"

Natalie Grant took the stage and gave a powerful performance. She engaged the entire crowd in worship and thanked everyone for praying for her as she walked through her battle with thyroid cancer. After singing "Hurricane," Natalie spoke specifically to current residents and graduates and thanked Nancy. "I think about you, Nancy-of all you have done to empower young women to understand that storms happen," shared Grant. "The point isn't that when you have faith in Christ you won't have storms-the point is that God finds you in the middle of the storm. You help young women know that it's never too late and they are never too far to reach out and take hold of God. Thank you for all you have done for so many girls."

As the night came to a close, many hearts were moved by the mission of Mercy. Over \$80,000 was received in donations, and numerous people signed up to become monthly partners. We are so thankful for those who gave and helped us reach our fundraising goal for the night. Mercy is believing for more monthly partners from California, so that one day 100% of the costs to operate the

2015 graduate, Lili, shared, "The Mercy Multiplied celebration was nothing short of exhilarating. It was incredible to see everyone come out and support and believe in, not only the ministry, but all of us-the girls past, present,

"Seeing so many people support and celebrate Mercy made me feel truly loved and I am so grateful for everyone that helped make my second chance at life so beautiful!" -Kailey, 2017 Graduate

Sacramento home will be funded by local contributions.

The California Home Ten Year Celebration was truly a special night of giving God praise for all He has done in Sacramento since 2009. We are thankful for each and every young woman who has

come through the doors of our California home, and we believe that this is just the beginning of what God has in store for us on the West Coast!

*Special thanks to all our sponsors of this event: Marvin "Buzz" Oates Charitable Foundation. Destiny Christian Church, K-LOVE, Air1, William Jessup University, Rick and Jane Richards, Dan and Carla Jacquemain, John and Janice Rosenthal-Rock Naber Family, Crayne Family, Bridgeway Christian Church, Free Fall Stage



Grammy Nominated & Dove Award-Winning Vocalist, Natalie Grant

and future. I felt honored to see complete strangers being there

for me, whether it was directly or indirectly. To the donors, saying thank you for stepping out in faith and supporting young women will never be enough-but thank you for helping change the direction of someone's life!"

The VIP experience was a special pre-show reception where attendees enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres and were given the opportunity to have their picture taken with Nancy and Natalie Grant.

As the evening got underway, K-LOVE DJ, Monika Kelly, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the event, introduced Nancy who shared about the history of the California home and also gave honor to the late Buzz Oates who was instrumental in the building of the home. Nancy shared words from a plaque dedicated to Mr. Oates that hangs in the Sacramento home that reads:



This home would not be possible without the tremendous support of Buzz Oates, whose generous financial contribution and selfless desire to see the lives of hurting young women restored will leave a legacy that will reach future generations.





Nancy spoke at James River Church's Design Sisterhood night and is pictured with Pastor Debbie Lindell



Singer/Songwriter, Dana Glover entertained guests at Merry Mercy St. Louis and is pictured with Nancy, Mercy graduate, Sophonie, and St. Louis Community Board Member, Dr. Jerod Posey



Mike Huckabee featured Mercy Multiplied and honored Nancy as a Huck's Hero on his show, Huckabee



Dove Award-Winning Singer/Songwriter, Ellie Holcomb entertained guests at Monroe's Evening of Mercy and is pictured with Kay "Miss Kay" Robertson, and Al "big Al" Cherry who was the Master of Ceremonies



Pastor Ben Anderson with wife Erin of Christ Church Nashville with Nancy and LifePoint Church Pastor, Mike Burnette and wife Stephanie



Gabe and Rebekah Lyons with Nancy at Merry Mercy Nashville



GRAMMY nominated and D Award-Winning Singer/Songwriter, Danny Gokey at Nashville Merry Mercy



Nashville based writer, singer, and blogger, Kolby Koloff, encouraged residents and staff at our Nashville home and is pictured with Nancy



International Speaker & Author, Charlotte Gambill delivered a powerful message to Nashville residents and staff and is pictured with Nancy



rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Alveda King, encouraged the Nashville staff and residents and is pictured with Nancy



Nancy was one of the featured speakers at the Zoe Conference and is pictured with Life Church Pastor, Leslie Siebeling





Founding Point of Grace Members, Shelley Breen and Denise Jones, served as Honorary Event Co-Chairs and Emcees at Nashville Merry Mercy and are pictured with their husbands, David and Stu, and Nancy



Nancy catches up with Mercy graduates at the California Home 10 Year Celebration

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