



HANNAH'S HAVEN;

a Teen Challenge Center

"...and the Lord remembered her." -1 Samuel



A Story of Hope

My name is Andrea Barnes and I am a graduate of Hannah's Haven.

When I was little, I remember having so much joy. I danced and sang and really just felt free. As I got older, I felt the joy slowly leave me. I began to feel empty; I was paralyzed by fear, and consumed with insecurity and self hatred. I went to Christian school half my life, but never felt accepted. I was kicked out of my Christian school in 7th grade, and that is where the majority of my issues began.



The year I left private school, my uncle was murdered and a year later, my other uncle committed suicide. My dad started drinking heavy, and became extremely violent. Within two years, my life was flipped upside down, and apart from the turmoil and chaos in my life, the only comfort I could find was in cutting, bulimia, and alcohol.

Almost every year after that, my life was consumed with death and one by one, I was losing people I loved. I didn't understand and honestly, I didn't want to. The only thing that I was sure of was that there certainly wasn't a God, and if there was, I wanted nothing to do with him. When I was 17, I moved out of my parents house, and got into a physically and mentally abusive relationship, that I could not get free from for two years. By 18, my addictive behavior became more aggressive and I began shooting heroin on a daily basis. By 20, I had an uncontrollable habit that cost me over \$200 a day. My life was consumed with darkness; I was a hopeless case at best. I had been to four state rehabs, countless halfway houses, and jail. I burnt every bridge I ever had, and hurt everyone in my life who loved me.

I stood in my jail cell on October 18th, 2012, with no hope, no purpose, and no fight in me to keep going. Sitting on the concrete floor of my jail cell I cried out to God, "God, if you don't save me, I'll die. I don't want to die." That day, I was released, and Jesus personally met me on that cold October day. My dad found me walking out of jail, and offered me two choices: Teen Challenge, or to never speak to my family again. "Jesus is the only one who can save you Andrea" he said. I chose Teen Challenge. A small prayer in a moment of desperation led to an opening at Teen Challenge and my life has never been the same since!

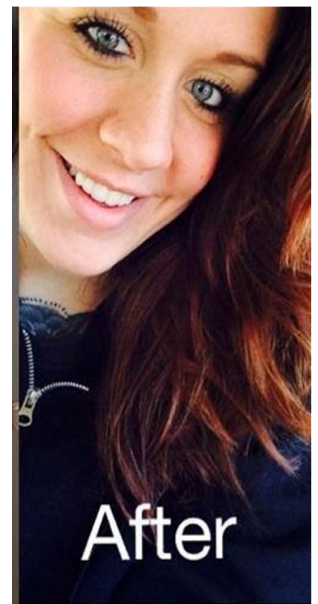
When I came to Hannah's Haven I was bitter, angry and hurting. I knew if I didn't change I was going to die. God used the staff at Hannah's Haven to speak truth to the things in my life that were killing me, and to nurture the person God created me to be. I had plans after the program to return home and be where my family was. At nine months in my program, God spoke to Miss Bonnie and told her that He had something greater for me than going back home. At first I was angry, but within days I surrendered my life and will to God and told Him "Do whatever you want with my life, all I know is I don't want to be who I was." Not even a week later the Emerging Leaders College (ELC) came to my center and their leader approached me and said "God has a call on your life and you are called to ELC!"

Today, I am in full time ministry, have more peace and joy than I have ever had in my life, and am fulfilling the call God placed on my life to put hope within reach of every addict! None of this would have been possible without God using you to support the ministry at Hannah's Haven.

I thank God everyday for Hannah's Haven, a place that I can still call home. God is healing my heart, is setting me free from addiction, is giving me my joy back, and is restoring my family.

I want to encourage you to continue to support the ministry at Hannah's Haven.

With Love, Andrea



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