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Hannah's Haven

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF WOMEN

Our Stories: Nicolette Adair Cromer

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time, we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:9

My name is Nicolette Adair Cromer, and I grew up in Myrtle Beach, SC. I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home with Christian parents who took me to church and sent me to Christian school. Unfortunately, I learned a lot about the religion of Christianity but missed the relationship part. I do believe though that many of those facts and truths I learned growing up found their way into my heart and created a solid foundation that I would later be able to fall back on.

Growing up, I went through many typical phases of wanting to be popular and wanting boys to like me. Though I lived what many would call a sheltered life. I can remember while in college, despite attending chapel every weekday, church every Sunday, and a Bible study every evening, it was all still a religion to me. I began drinking and partying on the weekends.

After graduating college, I continued to step further away from the Lord and into the world. I actually remember thinking to myself, "Right now, I am going to have fun and do what I want. I will deal with this religion stuff later." And that is what I did. I started dating a guy who introduced me to a whole new world of partying and drugs.

It's amazing how subtly my morals and standards faded and changed. In less than a year, drugs that I had never even been around became part of my everyday life. The relationship that I was in became another source of addiction. I had grown to believe I wasn't special unless men wanted and needed me. My relationship made me feel those things. Even if we would break up because one of us wanted to get clean, it never lasted very long. The other would pull them back in, creating a vicious cycle that repeated itself over and over.

During my five and a half years of addiction, I lived in tons of apartments, got fired from several jobs, lied to almost everyone that I loved, and even deceived myself into thinking it was all normal. I was a functioning addict. I was mostly able to maintain my daily life, but things were beginning to get worse and worse. The fun of my sins was long gone. I remember sitting on the floor of my bedroom crying and praying, asking God for help. I told Him I knew something needed to change in my life but I didn't know where to start.

On January 1, 2018, I woke up to a flat tire on my car and I got into a huge fight with my boyfriend over it. At that time, I had no

insurance on my car and the stickers on it were stolen. I still owed half of December's rent and all of January's rent. I had no bank account, savings or money.

My parents offered me a ride to where I was headed that day, but before I knew it, my family had surrounded me in the living room. They offered me a chance for change and I made the decision on that day to get help. God gave

me the starting point I had prayed for. The way I have pictured it in my head: I was walking down a dark and scary path, surrounded by creepy trees and thorny vines. Out of nowhere, God placed a big white door in front of me. He opened it wide and offered me another option. By walking through that doorway I was back on His path for my life.

God led me to Hannah's Haven for my recovery. After 3 months of crying, praying, learning and making amends, I thought I was good to go. And I had my family convinced of the same. I had gotten all I could out of Hannah's Haven, and it was time to move on. But my younger brother, in wisdom that could have only come from the Lord, asked me if I was okay with being a quitter. I was stopped dead in my tracks. It was like God knew the pride that still lived in me. I wasn't about to be a quitter! So I stayed.

I can't say that my year at Hannah's Haven was easy. It's like I had been using drugs for so many years to hide from myself and my own thoughts. I had to sit down, acknowledge my shortcomings, and ask for help. I learned that God doesn't work how I always expect. I learned that I am important, not because a man says so, but because God has always said so. I learned that I am valuable and special. In Nov. of 2018, I was baptized, surrounded by my family and friends. It was the most exciting thing to get to tell everyone "I am God's child, and I will follow Him the rest of my days!"

Ever since the first Sunday I was back in church, God has taught me about restoration. As God restored Peter after he denied Him, so God has restored me. I have watched God restore my relationships, my job, my finances, my joy and my faith. And He continues to restore!





5K

8am-12pm - Saturday, April 24

Family Fun Run/Walk



Rain Date May 8

Oakridge Park

6231 Lisa Drive Oakridge NC

Submit a donation of at least **\$15 per person*** at hannahshaven.net and click the Donate button, Under "Fund," choose 5K Walk/Run. Once the donation is submitted and received you will be sent a link to register.



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**If you are unable to pay or register online, please call to register at Hannah's Haven Office: 336-656-1066 or Tiffany Nettles at 336-708-8289*

PATHWAY TO RECOVERY AT HANNAH'S HAVEN

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

AFFIRMATION

FELLOWSHIP

EDUCATION

Hannah's Haven seeks to provide a **S.A.F.E.**, stable, & peaceful environment for women to establish a lifestyle free of drugs & alcohol. The ministry serves women age 18 & older, who have undergone medically supervised detoxification if needed. The program consists of: Residential Phase—a minimum of 12 months, and Non-Residential Phase—from 6-12 months. All of Hannah's Haven residents must have a commitment to their own recovery.



Your gift today can go even further in helping women on their journey to a pathway-to-recovery. Take advantage of this exciting chance to have your generosity matched by a generous donor. They are matching every gift dollar for dollar up to **\$8,000** towards finishing the new house. Give on our donate page at hannahshaven.net and select **"Match,"** or mail a check and put Match in the memo. Thank you again for your continued generosity and support!



Double Your Impact!



We have been blessed with a new **Nissan Van** - purchased with funds from the Cannon Foundation Grant, and a donated **Ford F-150 Truck**. *Praise God!*

Praise Report!

We are continuing with our In-Home fundraisers
If you are interested in having these
please call us to reserve your date today!



Hosting *an* In-Home Fundraiser

We are looking for hosts who are enthusiastic about our work and mission and would be happy to invite friends over to their home to learn more about this vital ministry. Bonnie Harris, *Founder and Director of Hannah's Haven* and a couple of program participants will attend the event and share testimonies and more on the mission and ministry. Your hands-on support makes it possible for us to continue to help women develop in spirit, mind, and body so they can become all they were created to be in Christ.

To learn more about being a host or becoming a monthly supporter,

Contact Stefanie Huttsteler: info@hannahshaven.net | 336.656.1066



Bonnie Harris

Founder and Director

I am so excited to see progress with the Phase 2 house. When I look out the window into the backyard, I see the vision that God gave me finally becoming a reality. Hannah's Haven will be able to serve 6 more women! We will help them live a life free from addiction and become all they were created to be through the power of Jesus. We are actively raising funds for this house but have had some challenges due to COVID 19 restrictions. We have a generous donor that is doing a "MATCH" donation up to \$8,000. All of the proceeds from this match will go to the phase 2 house. Please prayerfully consider making a tax-deductible donation towards this project. Feel free to contact the Hannah's Haven office at 336-656-1066 if you have any questions or would like to donate to a specific need such as construction costs, furniture or appliances.



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Prayer — Receive prayer requests in your inbox once a month. Contact Sandy Troxler to receive them: sandytroxler@aol.com

Online — HannahsHaven.NET, FB, & Instagram



GIVE

Give Online and through your smartphone, and through your bank's **Bill Pay**

Mail your donations:

Hannah's Haven, PO Box 14724, Greensboro, NC 27415



SERVE

Volunteer with Us at Hannah's Bridge

Contact Carina Cole, (336) 579-8322

Be a **Mentor** to a lady in Phase 2 program,

For more info: info@hannahshaven.net



PRAY

Pray the women will hear God's voice clearly and obey willingly

Pray God will continue to send laborers to Hannah's Haven to join with us

Pray For the builder of our Phase 2 House and that God provides resources and finances for the house.

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