

HOUSE UPDATE:

Hi, I am associated with Grace Place of Minnesota and I would like to tell you a tale of a young lady we had the pleasure of helping at Grace Place. We will call her Alex, her trouble was in gambling and addiction.

Straight out of jail she came to us, wanting to change her life but not knowing how. With God's grace and love, with Grace Place's faith, persistence, and lots of prayers, she is now living the life that she had no idea how to find just 5 months ago. She has moved out of Grace Place, and is now on her own. She went back to her home town and has a new, well-paying job and the possibilities are endless.

It is like your own child moving out. You love and miss them, but you cannot wait to see what they can do on their own. What plans God has for them. How what you have shared and taught them is utilized.

Alex will always be in our hearts. She was not always easy but she sure was worth it. God is Amazing!

(*Updates on current residents at Grace Place with pseudonyms to protect their privacy.)



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"My grace is all you need.
My power works best in weakness."

— II Corinthians 12:9

YOU Can Make A Difference!

If you've ever wondered how a monthly gift of say \$20-\$25 would make a difference, wonder no more. Those donations mean more than you can imagine!

A monthly gift of \$20 translates into \$240 over a year's time, and a \$25 gift each month leads to \$300 over 12 months; the math is simple but the impact is huge! If every home on the Grace Place mailing list gave just even \$10/month, our budget would be almost complete covered! Now THAT is HUGE!

NOW is a great time to consider a monthly gift! With your regular support, our board of directors can more easily make 2017 budgeting and vision decisions—knowing that you are adding this ministry to your stewardship commitments.

Getting started is easy. All you need to do is write "monthly" on the "For" portion of your check and we will know your intentions. If you'd rather not write and send a check each month, our office would be happy to talk you through electronic options and how to proceed. Call Sara at 320-212-7209. Why not start now? Your impact on this ministry can start immediately!

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



My name is Rick Orred, I'm the youngest of 6 kids. My parents are Wayne and Marlys Orred. I grew up in Spicer, attended NLS, graduating in 1984. After High School I attended Gustavus Adolphus College graduating with a Bachelor of Arts double major in 1988.

Shortly after that, I married my high school sweetheart Shannon Duinick and then moved to the North Texas area for 23 years. We have 4 lovely daughters Kelsey, and Clint Carter. Tia, and Jonathon Cregor. Erin a sophomore at Bethel University and Tori a high school senior at Central Minnesota Christian School. After living in Texas, the decision was made to return to Minnesota to assist with caring for my elderly parents.

For the last 22 years, I have been the President of Orred Financial Partners Inc. a Financial Planning and Investment Advisory firm currently located 776 Highway 71 NE, Suite 3, Willmar.

I have served on various boards and foundations throughout my entire career. I am an avid outdoorsman who loves to bow hunt, fish and spend time on the lake with family.

Working on the Grace Place Board is an honor and I feel privileged to serve on it. The mission of Grace Place, offers women a second chance not only at life, but an opportunity to grow and be nurtured in a safe environment and shown the love of Christ while giving them workable skills to re-enter the community. With the hopeful understanding that they grow in the fullness of all that God has for them in Life!

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Shopping with a Purpose



Holiday Fundraiser & Silent Auction

Tuesday,
November 15, 2016

5:00 - 8:00pm
Willmar Conference Center

Tickets available for purchase - \$10
Jane Vikse Real Estate in Spicer
Luminaries in Willmar or at the door

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THANK YOU

We have had lots of blessings since the rain last month; We'd like to share a few with you. First our basement flooded at Grace Place and I would like to thank, Eric, Cliff, Carson, Leo, Duane and our ladies for coming so quickly to move furniture so that it did not get ruined. Next we would like to thank Kyle Hoehne, He came and painted our basement. It looks awesome, if I may say so myself! We also would like to thank Floor to Ceiling for our beautiful new carpet and thank you to Jim & Deb Hillenbrand who's generosity made it possible. It matches the walls beautifully.

Last but not least we would like to thank the Vinje Lutheran Church, "God's work, Our Hands," for coming to our rescue and moving back all of the furniture in the basement. If that wasn't enough, they washed windows too. A big thank you and God Bless to each and every one of you. We are truly blessed here at Grace Place.

—Lori Hanning

THANK YOU

Grace Place wants to thank Caryn van Dijk and the Market Under Glass Event that was held in October, and thank you to Stacy's Nursery for hosting this huge occasion! . The event was so much fun and was a great opportunity to present the ministry of Grace Place to so many women of our community. We wish to especially thank Market Under Glass for the wonderful financial contribution that was given to support the work being done at the Grace Place Christian Residential Home!

Notes from Sara . . .

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas! No, I'm not rushing the holiday seasons, I'm talking about our upcoming festive fundraiser, Shopping With a Purpose (SWAP). Mari and our committee are working hard to bring together one of the BEST shopping opportunities in the area! SWAP will be a great place to start preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas purchases. Please put Tuesday, November 15th on your calendar and join over 300 other women in enjoying food, fun, fellowship, shopping, prizes and of course—our purpose—supporting the wonderful ministry of Grace Place!

Our theme and décor this year is The Christmas Wreath! We thought it would be interesting to share with you the history and meaning of this beautiful holiday decorating tradition. In pagan cultures, the evergreen wreaths were created to show the hope of approaching spring light, candles were later added in the Swedish culture to symbolize the power of the sun. We are all familiar with the laurel wreaths that ancient Greeks places on the athletic champions of the original Olympic Games—wreaths meant importance and success. Advent and Christmas wreaths are now a popular symbol in preparation for and to celebrate the coming of Christ, with the former being used to mark the beginning of the Christian Church's liturgical year and both serving as décor during Advent and Christmas festivities. The circular shape and use of evergreens both represent eternal life in Christ. Many of the items used to decorate the wreaths also have substance: holly represents immortality, cedar stands for strength, glass baubles replaced real apples which represented regeneration of life. Above all, the wreath and its decorations represent welcome and Christmas cheer; and the gathering of loved ones in our homes and communities!

Shopping with a Purpose

- ❁ 3rd Annual Shopping With a Purpose –Holiday Fundraiser & Silent Auction
- ❁ Held Tuesday, November 15, 2016; 5-8 pm, at the Willmar Conference Center
- ❁ Grab Bags to the FIRST 50 through the door—no early admittance.
- ❁ Over 40 vendors, shopping variety includes: clothing, jewelry, skin care, health and wellness, paint parties, photo shoots and more!
- ❁ Over 30 Silent Auction items including: Painting Party for Six • Jewelry Pampering Basket • Family Photo Shoot!
- ❁ Massages by students from Ridgewater School of Massage Therapy!
- ❁ Variety of raffles, including 25 Swag Bags, valued at over \$40 each!
- ❁ Stop and get your Christmas Shopping finished in ONE PLACE!

Do You Shop Online?

Do you use Amazon? Why not use AmazonSmile for your shopping and Grace Place will receive .05% of the purchase price! It's easy, and a fun way to make a contribution to the great work at Grace Place!

For a direct link, go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1979098>

Search for Grace Place of Minnesota or our parent 501c3 Ambassadors For Christ.

Save Your Teal's Market Receipts ... Whenever you shop at any Teal's Market, you can save your ORIGINAL receipts (no copies accepted), then turn them in to Grace Place, and help us earn a donation from Teals! What's easier than that? Save your Teals Market receipts then mail them to Grace Place, PO Box 753, Spicer, MN 56288 - or drop them in the black mailbox outside the office of Jane Vikse Real Estate, downtown Spicer.

The Healing Power of Horses



Hello, my name is Bernice Peltier and I have a fledgling horse ministry. Horses have always been a part of my life and they have helped me keep balanced. In 2007, I heard a program on Focus on the Family with Troy and Kim Meeder of Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch. They take broken and abused horses and match them with broken and abused kids and somehow they heal each other. As I listened to this, God prompted me to check it out.

As I write this, I am working on the application for non-profit status with the IRS for "Wings like Eagles." I use the horses to help tell my testimony and nuggets from God which He has taught me. An example is one of the horses does not like to be caught so I will "pursue" him quietly until he decides to surrender to being caught. This is a parallel of how Jesus pursues us for a few years to decades. He pursues us quietly until we surrender to Him. After this testimony time, I invite the participants to interact with the horses. Each horse has a handler to help the participants.

I have been working with the ladies at Grace Place since late August. I have learned from the ladies and I hope that they have heard nuggets from God through me. Please pray for the ministry of Wings like Eagles so that more individuals can be impacted by this ministry. If you would like to know more about how you can help Wings like Eagles, please contact Bernice at 320-293-7010.

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Opportunity . . . Provision!

Grace Place had an opportunity to rent out the Ninja warrior equipment. What a great provision to help us with our budget! This would not have been possible without the help of many strong individuals—we would like to heartily thank Cliff Jerabek, Kris Ryks, Eric Wieberdink, Rick Orred and John Patock, Carson Hanning, Dan Hubbard, Clint Carter, Lindsay Nelson, Oddland Trucking, and Terwisscha Construction. You guys are the best! Many hands make light work!!!

Also, please save the date for the next

Ninja Warrior — June 10 & 11, 2017
... coming back with more fun for the adults and kids!

Gracing Circle Members

—Through Sept. 30, 2016—

Hope Circle: \$100 - \$249⁹⁹

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A gift at this level would support all of the women at Grace Place for an entire month!

Legacy Circle: \$10,000 +

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