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Supporting women and families to strengthen our community



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Park Bench, our Home of Restoration will offer a new direction for women with small children.

Here are some of the stories our clients bring to us.

Tory has two small children. At first, her boyfriend Chris was great with the children when they first moved in together. But soon his patience wore thin. He became increasingly impatient and even abusive. Finally, Tory was alarmed when she witnessed Chris giving a severe spanking to one of the children while screaming profanities at him. Tory quickly moved, finding a temporary home with her grandmother in senior housing. Soon she'll need to find another place. She wants a fresh start for her children and is ready to turn her life around.

Libby and Jack have a baby girl, Lucy. They were frequent drug users but when Libby became pregnant, they both agreed to totally stop their drug use. Lucy was born with special needs. Soon Jack began using drugs again, and became very unpredictable. Jack wanted Libby to use drugs with him and became violent when she refused. After a frightening incident Libby called the police. Jack is now in jail. Libby is now looking for a healthy, safe place that she and Lucy can live and thrive.

Most of us can't imagine the hopeless feeling of having nowhere to go; no safety net; no place to land and turn back from a dangerous situation.

Every week we talk to clients with children who are in this situation. The circumstances vary, but most are well-intentioned, ambitious and hard-working young moms who are facing a life-disrupting incident. They need somewhere to go, to have the opportunity to reformulate and redirect their children's and their lives.

For seven years we have dreamed of providing a "Home of Restoration" for women at such a crossroad. We are blessed that an anonymous donor has purchased a home for us. We are working on programming and renovation and look forward to welcoming our first families.

Pregnant women and/or women with small children who have demonstrated a desire to work toward life change are invited to apply. Contact us for more information, below.

We believe Park Bench, our Home of Restoration will have life changing impact on many – our clients, neighbors and the greater community. Please pray that our home would restore many to God's good intent for their lives.

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A Word From Our Executive Director



*Sue Tomasiak
Exec. Director*

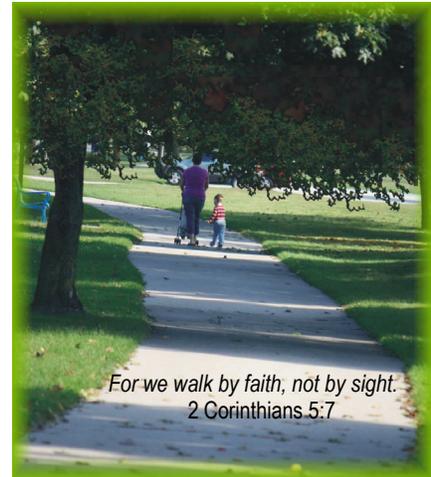
Dear co-laborers,
Whether it be a Supreme Court decision or simply the news we see each evening, it is easy for us to look at our decaying society with extreme concern. In our work we see first-hand what can happen when a society releases its embrace on core values and sadly the results are tragic. Rescuing moms, dads, and children, from the effects of abortion; reaching those whose situations seem hopeless; offering grace, love and hope to everyone; empowering clients to make positive life affirming decisions; will prayerfully renew our community with a culture of life. We, our volunteers, our staff, our donors/and or you, have chosen to advance the Kingdom of God to those who come through our doors. We don't curse the darkness we choose to bring the light which only comes from the love of God. Thank you for your support. Remember, we trust God who often works through you to help us do the work He's called us to do.



*Kris "Annie" Jacobs
Director - Earn While
You Learn Program*

Let's talk healthy relationships! After The Crossing taught their awesome curriculum to over 100 local students one 6th grade young man reported: "I learned to let your brain lead. If you're in an abusive relationship, go! I know what media does to me/us. I will NOT rush into a relationship. Keep on teaching us about this because, now, life is different. I now expect to have a good wife and kids and a job and a good house." And from a lovely young lady: "The time that I have spent learning this impacted me hugely. I now know that sex can be a dangerous choice. I know how to avoid sex and sexual activity wherever I am. I know how to say NO! I want people to know about this. Everyone needs to know this so they don't screw up their life."

The Crossing is pursuing community education and change with a long range plan for our schools and youth based organizations, including our local churches. Look for possibilities for your children as early as this Fall and encourage staff and administration to strive for the best and take advantage of what The Crossing will offer!



**Walk for Life
A Fundraiser for The Crossing
Aug. 15, 2015 9-11am
Mariner's Trail, Manitowoc**

There are a lot of ways to spend a Saturday morning – but here's one that will do a lot of good, too.

A non-athletic fun walk...this is a great opportunity for small groups, lunch bunches or study buddies to make a difference for a segment of our local community where the need is significant. Walk participants are encouraged to register in advance and to engage friends and family as sponsors and contributors.

The Crossing provides life affirming help to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. They offer free ultrasound exams at the Medical Clinic. The Earn While You Learn program teaches healthy parenting techniques and life skills which strengthen families.

As a local non-profit, The Crossing depends on the support of donors. A \$100 contribution could provide 10 families with diapers, baby wipes and clothing. A \$50 contribution keeps a door open to serve a new client needing help and guidance.

Dedicated to supporting our community, all of The Crossing's services are free and confidential. Programs are designed to promote independence rather than entitlement.

Local participation can make a difference. Pledge to walk. Ask friends and family for their support. Find out more about helping to stock The Crossing's pantry or boutique.

Contact The Crossing for more information.

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