



Jazmyne's Story



One of the more powerful stories of transformation I have encountered since becoming a House Manager at Sheepfold is a young mom who came to the Sheepfold on a Friday and was ready to exit the program by Sunday. This young lady had two young sons and called Sheepfold because she had a physical altercation with her children's father. After just two days she had packed her bags and asked to call her mother to come pick her up.

Her mother was an amazingly strong woman and a big influence in her life. Her mother asked her two questions over the phone. "Are they hurting you?" and "Do we need to call the police?" Her daughter answered no to both questions. Her mother told her "No, I will not be picking you up; you need to stay there." So, her journey to healing and maturity began at the Sheepfold.

Once Jazmyne realized she was going to be here for a while she began to work the program. She wasn't always happy about the structure of the ministry, however, she kept moving forward and doing what was required of her. Eventually, Jazmyne became an encourager for other moms who came to Sheepfold, especially to those who wanted to leave. She shared her story and how happy she was that her mother didn't come get her. She encouraged them to stay and allow God to move in their life as she had seen Him move in hers.

Jazmyne eventually received employment that required her to commute by bus. The bus trip was over an hour each way. She didn't complain. She continued to do all that was required of her. Jazmyne desired to work in the library system and actively pursued jobs in that field while working her current job. As Jazmyne surrendered her life to God, she began to see doors open for her. She received a call to interview for a library assistant in a school district. After her second interview Jazmyne called, she sounded excited. I was convinced that she was going to say she got the job. However, God had a different blessing in store for her. She applied for an apartment that day and was approved to move in the very same day. Jazmyne was in a daze and disbelief. She could not believe how God was blessing her. This woman who was ready to leave two days after arriving, who had a mother who loved her enough to say no, had submitted to Sheepfold's program. Now, her and her two beautiful boys are in their own home safe and sound.

Lillian, House Manager

Happy Easter

"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all."

Acts 4:33

Kind Gentlemen . . .

Starting life over and trying to figure out how you are going to support your family can be a very daunting task for the women that come into our program. Their work experience varies and often times they need to learn new skills in order to step into a job that will support them and their children. One of our goals here at the Sheepfold is to provide them with the tools and guidance they need to make the best decisions for their families. Recently one of our residents, Jennifer, was trying to figure out what career path she wanted to take. It has been a dream of hers to work in the fitness industry but she was unsure if now was the time to start that journey. Jennifer spoke with her House Manager about her dreams and through some connections, we were able to set up a meeting with a local gym owner for her.



Art, from Hardcore Fitness in Anaheim, was more than willing to meet with Jennifer and give a realistic perspective of what it looks like to work and make a living in the fitness industry. He really took his time explaining to her the in and outs, the time commitment, the sacrifice and the overall stress of finding and keeping clients. It was an eye opening meeting for Jennifer and it helped her to finalize her current career path. She has since decided that right now is not the time to follow her fitness dream, though it is something she may pursue later in life. For now she is going to put her children first and find a job that will give her more time with them.

We are thankful to Art and Hardcore Fitness in Anaheim for taking time to help a mother in need of guidance.

Dearest Kind Gentlemen,

I would like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to offer your kind and honest opinion of what it would take to do what you yourself do as a career.

I believe this was actually another gift that God has given to me here at the Sheepfold. My children and I have been very blessed to have so much help from Sheepfold and a new beginning—living a healthy Domestic Violence Free lifestyle.

So I would like to let you know that you can call yourself a part of that, because after all it is things like this that count the most. I wish you the best success in the future of your business.

Thank you humbly,
Jennifer

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Our moms and kids will have a safe place to call home and start a new life in Jesus Christ.

Our families feel special because someone took the time to give them a new haircut.

Our kids will feel confident in their school work.

Our kids feel special because someone spent one on one time with them.

Our moms will learn the skills they need to survive and succeed.

Words cannot express how grateful we are to all our amazing volunteers! We truly could not do what we do without YOU!

If you love working with children, have experience as a handyman, art teacher or tutor we would love to hear from you. We are also looking for individuals that would like to volunteer at our Resale Boutique. For more information please visit www.thesheepfold.org and click on Volunteer.

Sarah, Volunteer Coordinator



"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

—1 Peter 4:10

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~1 Thessalonians 5:18

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If you find yourself with some free time on the weekend of May 5th-6th, we hope you will visit one or two of the beautiful gardens on the tour. A list of gardens along with all necessary information (including maps) may be found at the Heard's Garden Tour website — www.heardsgardentour.com.

Heard's Garden Tour 2018

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Admission is Free (Donations are gladly accepted at the gardens and proceeds go to the Sheepfold.)

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