



January 2025

Redeeming Joy

One of the best-known Bible verses is John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” Typically, we understand this to mean, God loved the world, “so much.”

That idea isn't entirely wrong, but in the Hebrew “so that” means “for the purpose/ in order that / to indicate a looking to the aim or intended result.”

This is the very core of the Gospel!

God loved the world enough to come in human form “so that” (in order – for the purpose of – with the intend result or aim) that anyone who believes in Him will be saved from sin and have eternal life. This is the Good News of Christ’s redeeming joy.

Over the years one of my greatest blessings, in being involved in the ministry of the Women’s Refuge, is seeing the visible and profound difference on the faces

of those who come to saving faith in Christ as they experience his redeeming joy. As we move from Christmas to a New Year, I want to thank each of you for your continued support of the Women’s Refuge where we are blessed to offer the Good News of his “redeeming joy” to women, men, and families through counseling, Bible studies, support groups, and our residential program.

Without people like you who offer your prayers, your financial support, and your service we would not be able to share the Good News of his redeeming joy year-round.

May God bless you in this New Year.



Rebecca G. Calahan
Women’s Refuge Board President

Monthly Message from the Executive Director



Diane Ludwig
Executive Director

It has been my privilege to serve as the Executive Director for the last seven years. Seeing the hundreds of people coming through our biblical counseling center, the Christian residential program and support groups, it is truly miraculous to witness the healing of so many whom we minister to on a daily basis. I’m blessed to be a part of His mission because I’ve earned that God

has a plan and a purpose for each one of us, despite our fears and failures. I’m grateful to be walking into this new year with you, keeping God at the center of all we do at the Refuge, with His Word and by His Spirit. Thank you to all our friends, faithful supporters, and prayer partners. May God bless you abundantly in the New Year.



SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 15, 2025

TO REGISTER CONTACT:
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Save the Date

2025 Health & Wellness Forum

March 12, 2025



Community Connection

Letting Go and Trusting God

"I found myself in chaos, trapped in unhealthy relationships and lacking identity. Nearly 20 years ago, faith in Christ became my salvation. At the Women's Refuge, I faced hard truths about my past. Through counseling, I learned to trust God fully, finding hope and purpose, transforming my life profoundly. The Woman's Refuge is a caring place for women in all walks of life who are ready to get real with themselves and with God."



Pictured: Susan R.



Pictured: Judy Fitzgerald and Kat

Editor Correction



Anaissy

In our December 2024 newsletter, the image of Yamile was mistakenly included with the testimony provided by Anaissy. We regret any confusion this may have caused and sincerely apologize. Thank you for your understanding.



Yamile

Volunteering for the Salvation Army's bell ringing during Christmas is such a rewarding experience. There's something special about watching people's faces light up as they stop to donate, knowing they're helping others.

You're invited!
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MEET THE STAFF - CAMPUS TOUR - LEARN MORE
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