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**WOULD YOU BE AN
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To serve as a friend and mentor to a female resident of SAFE Family Ministries who is making the transition from an unhealthy life to a healthy, Christ-following life.

Contact us at:
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Testimonial

I remember the first morning that I had to drink so I would not be sick. I knew in my heart what this meant, but I didn't realize that it would result in my husband divorcing me and taking my two beautiful daughters with him.

I tried to forget the family torn apart by the lies I told, and the failed relationships left in my wake. I was always longing for healing to happen.

Then I found out I was pregnant; I was getting a second chance! I stayed clean for 6 months after my son was born and thought, "You got this"...but I was wrong. My world crumbled the day I was arrested for a DUI with my son in the car; I sat in jail thinking my life was over. Custody of my son was given to my mother. I prayed for God to show me a path to follow so that my life would be worth living again.

I arrived at SAFE on September 26, 2016. That first month I spent a lot of time praying, listening and opening my heart to hear God's word. God had already begun transforming my life when my mother came for her first visit. After seeing firsthand the program, the healing in the lives of the other women and the amazing transformation in my life she dropped the custody charges and my son came to live with me at SAFE.

SAFE taught me the importance of devotion time with the Lord and my son and I pray continually throughout the day. I love to serve God by caring for the homeless, greeting people in my church, volunteering at my son's daycare and sharing my testimony of hope with others. 6 months into the SAFE program I became an intern at The Salvation Army and now have a job where I can give back to my community and it feels great! Most importantly, I have been able to teach my son about God and Jesus Christ, laying the foundation for him to grow up a strong Christian man.

September has been a big month for me: on the 10th I celebrated my first year of sobriety. On the 18th I started my first day at Centralia College. On the 26th I completed the year long Transformation Program at Safe Family Ministries. My son and I now live in our own apartment close to our SAFE family and I am pursuing an Associates of Applied Science Degree with a Certificate in Chemical Dependency.

I have learned the power of Grace and Mercy. I now enjoy spending time with the Lord. I pray for others and I believe in change. I can tell you first hand that family restoration is possible! I understand the power of forgiveness. I am free of the shame that haunted me for so many years. I know I am a child of God.

Sincerely, Brenda Cooklin



Testimonial From a Volunteer

My name is Lucy and I am a volunteer house mom at Safe Family Ministries. A few years ago I was desperately seeking help for a family member consumed by the grips of alcohol addiction. After multiple stays in rehab and then jail she had lost everything. By the time she reached out to me the rest of the family had given up hope for her recovery. It is heartbreaking and exhausting to watch someone you love spiral into despair and relapse again and again. I made a promise to help, but I didn't know how. A friend at church told me about Safe Family Ministries. This sounded like the perfect solution. I filled out a volunteer packet so I could help my loved one get settled in at Safe. Unfortunately, she decided to leave just a few days later. It has been a rough road for her including another trip to rehab. I was so disappointed. I was sure that God had pointed her to Safe for help. Soon I realized that God was pointing me to Safe. Once a week I serve the ladies at Safe. I check rooms and chores, help residents find rides and schedule appointments. I help resolve conflict and snuggle little ones. I listen to stories of heartache and shed tears with the ladies. I watch them heal and blossom. I watch relationships get restored, mommas and babes reunite. At Safe there is hope and love. Hope and love not only for the residents, but also for those that walk alongside them. Serving at Safe has been such a gift to me. I am so grateful that God chose me to become a house mom at Safe!

Sincerely, Lucy





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Mike Vorse
Board of Directors, President

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From the Director

A short bio on Shirley Cunningham, our new executive director.

I come from a Christian home where both my parents served faithfully in the church for most their adult lives. They raised a family of five; four of whom have served also in various ministry settings. I'm a disabled American vet, have over 26 years in the counseling field, manage both inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services, and served 8 years as a volunteer chaplain in disaster relief, the hospital, and the fire department. I currently serve the Olympic Baptist Association as a volunteer, and I am an adult Bible study teacher and serve on the leadership team at McKenzie Road Baptist Church where I've attended for 19 years. I have raised my own four children, one foster child, various other children that came through our lives, and now I enjoy loving my 2.5 grandkids. I love cooking, baking, writing and directing children's plays.

Since being at SAFE Family Ministries I have been amazed by the number of people who volunteer and care deeply for this

ministry. Psalms 34 says that the Lord hears the cries of his people he draws near to those that are broken in spirit. The residents and families that come in here are broken and God has heard their cries and He is drawing near to them. Psalms 34 also states he places his angels around them. I believe that is what our volunteers here at SFM do as the incarnate presence of Christ helping the residents find a holistic approach back to health. One of my first goals here is to draw the volunteers closer to the vision of the ministry. I will do this by empowering the workers to follow God's calling in service and to ensure the fiscal integrity of a program designed is above reproach. The Potter has begun a good work in the lives of these residents, many volunteers and staff here; SFM is enabling all of us to continue that work. The ministry isn't just about what we can do for these ladies, but it's about seeing God work in and through those that are serving Him. I have to say I have been blessed to see the heart of the volunteers here that cares so deeply about this ministry. I look forward to serving here with all these amazing saints.

~ Shirley Cunningham