

Restoring Lives in Jesus' Name



**The best Christmas
gift there is...**

***Bryan &
Sandra***

**have joy and new life,
thanks to you!**



Help meet our \$25,000 GIVING TUESDAY Goal!

Tuesday, November 29



A Message from DANITA MCCARTNEY, PRESIDENT & CEO

The JOY Jesus Gives

As we share about the joy of Christmas and the message of hope this time of year, I am reminded of a young woman who completed our Serenity

Ministries long-term recovery program for women.

Her life had been filled with pain and trouble – her mother introduced her to drugs at a young age and they became trapped in addiction together. Tragically, one evening, she watched her mother overdose and die in front of her.

Through the court system, this young woman came to KARM. She was an atheist, but as she began healing during her time here, she discovered the peace and joy that can only be found in the Lord.

Today, she is so excited to be a child of God and she loves telling her story! She reconciled with her young son;

her life is back on track and she's a straight A student at the University of Tennessee.

It is such a joy to see this young lady and others just like her who have overcome. That's why we are so grateful for friends like YOU, and the way your support paves the way for lives to be restored in Jesus' name.

Your prayers, volunteer hours and financial gifts serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. You help make possible the life-changing work here at KARM, and I just want to thank you for the gifts of grace... love... hope... and renewal you give to people during Christmas and every day of the year.

May God bless you and your generous heart!

3 Easy Ways YOU Can Help this Christmas!

PROVIDE NOURISHING MEALS



You can make this Christmas a little easier for our neighbors who often struggle during the holidays. Your generous gift will provide nourishing meals that can help them experience God's love and lead to real life change!

Just \$1.87 provides a meal that can give someone peace, purpose and a new life in Christ!



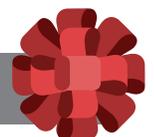
PROVIDE THE ESSENTIALS



You can offer our guests these essential items to keep them safe and comfortable during their time at KARM. Please drop off donations at **418 N. Broadway in Knoxville, seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

socks * twin sheets * underwear
toothbrushes * toothpaste

DONATE!



While you're cleaning for the holidays, remember to donate items you no longer need to the KARM Stores

location nearest you.

Thank you for blessing KARM's guests this Christmas season!



When this couple experienced the love Jesus gives, everything changed!

Bryan and his wife Sandra both grew up in troubled homes... leading them to turn down a path of addiction and heartache.

“I was molested as a young girl and that led to bad decisions and drug addiction,” Sandra shares.

Bryan went down a similar path, saying, “When my parents divorced, it bothered me pretty bad. My dad left and I turned to the streets... using alcohol and drugs at an early age.”

They met each other as kids, since Bryan was Sandra’s brother’s best friend and often came to her house. They eventually married, gaining control over their addictions until their kids were older and moved out on their own. That is when they began using drugs together and ended up homeless.

“Because of drugs, we were going to lose our home and our grandson. We had custody of him and then his mama died, so we were all he knew,” Sandra says.

The couple made the decision to leave Chattanooga and get on a bus to Knoxville – which, looking back, they now see as God leading them here. They came to KARM scared and angry... unsure

and ashamed to admit they even had a problem.

They both entered our 4-week LaunchPoint program and that’s when they began to see God working in their lives. Though neither one knew much about God before their time in our care, they developed a relationship with Him.

Sandra says, “I learned I’m not alone... we’re part of a big, loving family of God’s people.”

“Before I came to KARM I was messed up,” Bryan says. “And now I’m living my best life... I’ve learned I’m worthy of God’s love.”

Today, Bryan and Sandra both have jobs – he works at a nearby church and she works at a hotel. They have a home and still care for their grandson. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and their marriage is stronger and healthier than it has ever been.

“I’m thankful for KARM because they saved my life,” Bryan says. “I’m just going to keep moving forward.”

Sandra echoes that joy and gratitude, saying, “I’m set free!”

*“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”
-Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*

May the Lord bless you abundantly this Christmas!



As we prepare our hearts for the miracle of Christmas, we just want to thank you for being a tremendous blessing in the lives of our hurting neighbors. **This year alone, your generosity has opened the door for healing and transformation through God’s unending love.**

Just as you have given generously to KARM to help meet the needs of those we serve, may God meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. Thank you for your caring and compassion, and have a wonderful Christmas!

Hearts and lives that have been transformed with your help...



“I am so thankful to KARM because they showed me that there can be a more abundant life. They offer revival and redemption, and helped me become part of the community again. Now I have hopes and dreams that aren’t just a possibility, but a reality!”
- Breh, a former resident in our Serenity Ministries

“My biggest challenge before coming to KARM was surrendering my pride and admitting I needed help. Now I’m hopeful and grateful... I found myself! I’m training for a vocation in the culinary arts, and eventually I hope to work on a food truck.”
- Carey, a graduate of KARM’s Berea program



“I hope people will support KARM because they help so many people in so many different ways. They gave me a chance when nobody else did... They don’t care what your background is or what you have or don’t have, they’ll love you on the spot.”
- Doris, a graduate of our Abundant Life Training program

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