

November 2021

A planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. Isaiah 61:3



Shoreline to Savior Retreat

One summer weekend the Oaks' residents, their house manager, Charity, and two spiritual mentors headed to Galveston for a fellowship retreat. A donated beach house became home for the weekend.

God was in their midst in every splendid sunrise, each crashing wave, and in the magnificent sunsets. They were in awe of the wonders of God the Creator. The feeling of sand on bare feet was a reminder of freedom. The ladies sensed a renewal of God's plan for their transformation as they felt Him calling them to a deeper relationship.

As they shared Bible study, testimonies, and fellowship, the ladies forged deeper friendships. There was laughter and tears were shed. Memories made at the retreat were created for a lifetime of blessings. Each lady came away with a renewed conviction of faith and restored hope for a new future in Christ.



Appreciation to Oaks' Supporters

Volunteer teachers, counselors, mentors, and sponsors are the heart of the ministry, faithfully supporting our residents each week.

Faithful financial donors and KUMC monthly mission contributors.

Insperity and Lake Houston Rotary for a grant award to help remodel Oaks' house kitchen.

Woodland's UMC Car Donation ministry for a car donation.

Jeff Fyke, resident house electrician, who volunteers repairs to the house and is a spiritual mentor. KUMC Helping Hands ministry for installation of French drain and foundation repair.

Dale Voegele for a generous beach house donation for Galveston weekend retreat.

Kaye Trickett and Kathy Hammel, spiritual mentors, who made the Galveston retreat a reality.

Humble United City Church life group for food and fellowship dinner for our residents.

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FINDING JOY in Sobriety

Addiction recovery involves learning to find enjoyment without drugs or alcohol. A former substance abuser has a tough time envisioning how to have fun while sober especially as one struggles to regain footing from a life of hurts, abuse, trauma, and substance abuse.

Therefore, one facet of the program that Charity, house manager, has introduced to the ministry, is helping create fun times to help offset the difficult emotional work of counseling and recovery. The ladies are experiencing enjoyment and laughter in sobriety.

Our residents occasionally step out from work and the house for a fun event. In April, they attended KSBJ's Casting Crowns concert. Together they celebrated Fourth of July at the Valley Ranch Fourth Fest. In October, the ladies attended Christian artist Zach William's Rescue Story concert. A holiday event will provide a special way to celebrate Christmas.

We are proud of how our ladies have grown from a life encumbered by addiction to a life of sobriety, where they are learning to find joy in a healthy Christ-centered way.



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On **November 13**, the inaugural Ride for Righteousness will be get underway at 11:00 AM at Schott City Park in Humble. The event will kick off with a motorcycle ride for bike enthusiasts. The fun will continue with food and fellowship enjoyed by friends of the Oaks. We hope to see you at this family friendly event featuring games, face painting, silent auction, a photo booth, and a motorcycle raffle.

For more information, please contact rideforrighteousness@gmail.com.