



*A planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor.*

*Isaiah 61:3*

**June/July/August 2018**

### ***In Their Own Words***

Oaks of Righteousness residents Jayla Williams, Cynthia Hayden, and Dana Robertson recently shared their thoughts on the Oaks' program in an article published by *The Tribune* promoting the April Sola Gratia concert. Here, in their own words:

"Without them I wouldn't have made it. They have taught me skills to deal with the past behaviors in ways that I never saw before. It is a safe, comfortable place with teaching and guidance that I could not get anywhere else." - Jayla Williams, former resident

"This is the place if you really want to change your life, but you have to have the heart for it and the discipline to continue." - Cynthia Hayden, resident

"Everything - the counseling, the classes, even the money management course - is biblical and backed up by scripture. God is really moving in my life. He has big plans for us." - Dana Robertson, resident



Jayla came to the Oaks in October 2017. She stayed with us for six months, then transitioned to her own apartment in the neighborhood. She now has her son, Zander, back with her and he is happily adjusting to his new home surroundings. She stops by the house at times and stays in touch with us. She works fulltime and has acquired her own vehicle. Jayla mentions to me that she is really glad she was in our program even for a short time because she is applying the things she has learned in her life. And for that she is very grateful.

- Janet Stevenson, Resident Manager

### ***June Altar Rail Offering***

We are excited to once again be the recipient of the generosity of Kingwood United Methodist Church through its June 3 altar rail offering. But this is more than a one-day offering, as contributions can be made any time during the month of June! Last year the offering was more than enough to cover a month of the Oaks' expenses. Please pray for the people of KUMC to continue to see the critical need for the funds for the ongoing operation of the Oaks, which God's grace always provides. We thank the congregation for their sacrificial giving to this local mission activity.

### ***With Heartfelt Thanks***

The Oaks is most grateful for the support shown them by local organizations and businesses. Most recently, we were blessed by the fundraising efforts of the following:

... many thanks to the women of Sola Gratia, their director Meredith Koerner, the KUMC Strings, Foundation Brass, Dr. Sergey Kuznetsov (piano), Scott Cheairs (percussion), and all who attended the April 22 fundraiser concert

... many thanks to Cyrese & Co. for their second annual Shop for a Cause event which was held on May 10.

Again, we are most grateful, loved, and blessed!

## ***Not Just a Job - A New Life!***

After our residents complete twelve weeks of faith-based recovery classes and Bible study, they are enrolled in a job readiness program at WorkFaith Connection in Houston. For eight days, our residents are loved, encouraged, taught resume writing, and participate in mock interviews. They are built up in Christ so that they can begin to look for a job with confidence and perseverance. WorkFaith Connection is not just a job - it's a new life!



### ***My WorkFaith Connection Experience***

I learned how to fill out an application, create my resume, search for a job, and interview. I learned that networking is the best way to find a job. I am certainly more confident with my job search. The class was fun and filled with useful information. I met new friends, and we learned that with God all things are possible, no matter our background. I am grateful for WorkFaith Connection.

- Dana Robertson, resident

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The WorkFaith Connection  
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### ***Save these dates and support the Oaks!***

June  
*KUMC June Altar Rail Offering*  
supports the Oaks!

November 13  
*Fall Fundraising Dinner*  
Watch for details.

### ***To bless us with a gift:***

Post Office Box 1731  
Humble, Texas 77347

### ***Featured Ministry Need***

New flooring in three bedrooms for \$3,820  
(includes carpet removal and laminate installation)

***Thank You to all our Volunteers and Personal Donors!***