



**Indianapolis, IN 46241**

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Greetings to all,

Where has the year gone? It feels like yesterday we starting the new year and had so many plans for 2009. Many of our goals have been met. We have secured the house at 1318 S. Lynhurst. We have begun working on the yard and tearing off the old plaster. We have secured a project manager and are working on gathering the funding for this project. What an awesome way to start 2010.

The most important thing we do is working with the young people. Growing up today without basic support can cause a person to loose hope. These young people come in after having been told by so many that they are worthless, undeserving, or unwanted. They have no one to turn to and do not understand that some adults do things for no other reason than they can. Many have been used and tossed away. They do not understand kindness nor do they understand that they have worth. More than anything else these young people need a positive example. We help them to understand that they are valued and that they do matter.

Restoring Lives West never turns away a person because of what they have done in the past. We try not to put up roadblocks on the services we offer. We have worked with over 30 new young persons this last year and have continued our relationships with many from the previous year. These results tell the story of how successful we have been: We have helped over 20 persons find shelter/permanent housing. We have helped over a dozen find work. Three young people are continuing their education with one hoping to graduate with honors this year. Three of our young women have had healthy babies this year and two more are currently getting prenatal care do to referrals from Restoring Lives West. In addition, we fed many young persons here at the center and we have sent food home with them on a regular basis. Several have used the shower and a few have used the washer and dryer. We have provided bus passes and gas for many of them who need to get to appointments and have helped several get to the doctor and to get glasses. This only touches on the lives that are changed.

I try to tell you in detail about some of the young people in my newsletters. They are young people trying to change their lives. They do not always have the guidance from families to learn how to make the correct choices. Many have not learned that stealing is wrong or that sleeping with someone is different than love. Many have never heard that they can experience good things in their lives. That is what they learn when they come here.

Young people who come to Restoring Lives West learn that they have worth and that they are important. They begin to realize that there are people who will love them just the way they are and will encourage them to do the right thing. When you give to Restoring Lives West you become the encourager, the person doing the loving and the person showing a young person a better life. We at Restoring Lives become your voice. We share with the young people for you and help them to understand that they are valued.

It currently takes \$165.00 a day to be that voice. We are unsure what next year will bring with the new location but are confident that all of you will help us to help them be a success. Think for Restoring Lives West when you are considering your year end giving.

Yours in Christ,

Hope Garrett  
Executive Director

P.S. GREAT NEWS!!!! We now have a PayPal account. You can access this through our website at [www.restoringliveswest.org](http://www.restoringliveswest.org).