



PROCLAIMING LIBERTY



REDEMPTION AGAIN & AGAIN

■ *Lloyd Hoover, Executive Director*

Recently I listened to President Biden deliver the State of the Union address. He created a beautiful picture of everything going well in this great country of ours. I love my work at The Potter's House and as well as a church leader, but it would be wrong to convey the perspective that working on God's rescue team is easy and glamorous and everything always goes well. The journey of recovery requires the courage of a real man or woman to face the realities of the consequences of years of addiction; broken relationships, destroyed marriages, burnt employer relationships, criminal charges, court costs & more. The picture for recovering addicts is that not everything has gone well. However, at Potter's House they learn that redemption is not just a good story of a man and a cross of 2,000 years ago. Redemption is the picture of "out of the ashes hope will arise" for the children of God. This is the message and the experiences the Master Potter himself creates. Most of our staff on the men's program have the after glow of redemption, having been a student and now serving the other students on the leadership team.

We praise the Lord for the generous end-of-the-year response which boosted our faith in our Redeemer, bringing life into our financial deficit. We are indeed grateful to all that became part of the answer and again at our annual banquet February 27. We praise the Lord for meeting the banquet goal of \$80,000.

This is very encouraging to us as we approach a long summer of typical leaner giving. The State of the Union of the Potter's House is wonderful as we experience the ministry of 21 caring full-time and part-time staff, students that want to change, and a community that values seeing lives changed by the transforming power of Jesus Christ. We are also truly grateful for the individuals that have stepped up to fill the staffing needs at The Potter's House of Ruth women's facility.

In all of this, we trust the Lord for His grace and provision knowing that following the Redeemer never leaves us with a hopeless end.

Inheritance?

■ Joel Jakubowski, Men's Director

"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children..."

Proverbs 13:22

The "inheritance" in this scripture could be understood to extend beyond simply financial but also to the wisdom and character of Christ we pass down to those under our care. Our theme for our annual banquet this year was "Launched for Legacy". We had mentioned that legacy suggests the commencement of a purposeful journey aimed at leaving a lasting generational impact.

The Potter's House (TPH) program and its leadership are committed to receiving and passing down the principles of this inheritance and have incorporated a multi-tiered Christian development curriculum, professional Christian counseling, trauma healing sessions, financial development, family programming, and vocational preparation. As a result, we are seeing the impact of Godly inheritance being realized in our students' lives as evidenced by, over the last year, a record-breaking number of admissions, commitments to follow Jesus, baptisms, spiritual & personal breakthroughs, students enrolling in our Emerging Leaders Trainee program, and program graduates. We also understand that our leadership team are recipients of Godly inheritance and are impacted by legacy. TPH leadership is committed to our own spiritual and personal development as our staff have recently received state certifications as Recovery Specialists, are currently enrolled in biblical studies at local universities, attending trainings in the community, receiving onsite staff development, and are actively growing in their local churches.

We also understand that none of this happens without the "inheritance" we receive from you and the local community. All aspects of your support, whether prayer, volunteering, providing referrals, and/or financial giving, ultimately produce an inheritance toward legacy. With your support, we believe that all the good work the Lord is doing at, and through, The Potter's House is being done to ensure that the next generation will manage their inheritance God's way for His glory ---- for a long, long time!



Ministry Champions

■ Lanny Millette, Donor Director

We were blessed by the great outpouring of support at our spring banquet. We were all inspired by the stories of legacy that were launched through TPH programs. Over 450 ministry champions came out to enjoy food, fellowship and to generously contribute to the ongoing ministry. In the past, the banquet has raised in the neighborhood of \$60,000 and we were challenged to meet an aggressive

goal of \$80,000. We were successful and greatly appreciate all who helped it to happen.

We were also invited to consider joining the Lifeline Partners as monthly donors. Several of those in attendance took up the challenge and this vital ministry is beginning to grow. We are still looking for more monthly partners to help us create a sustainable income & meet the needs of many more men & women caught in addiction.

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House Of Ruth

The Potter's House of Ruth is currently going through a time of transition as our Director, Julie Reed, and Assistant Director, Kristina Miller, have resigned as of March 29. Currently there is a search process for new leadership. During this time, Debbie Millette is serving as Interim Director along with Board Member Sylvia Martin. We are trusting that good things will continue to come through this program. Heidi Anderson shares a bit of her story below.

■ Heidi Anderson, Intern

My name is **Heidi**, I have been a resident at the TPHOR for 15 months and recently graduated as a student in the program.

Before I came, I was a backslidden Christian living in a life of abuse, self hatred, addiction and loss. I didn't know the depth of Christ's love and the power of the Holy Spirit; this is the key to freedom. While I have been here at The Potter's House of Ruth, I have learned "He gives us beauty from our ashes" Isaiah 61:3. I have reconnected with the Lord and fallen in love with Him and fallen away from my past sins. "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:11

I am blessed beyond measure and understanding — restoration has begun — Through Christ all things are possible. Phil 4:13 Restoration has begun within my family, I have been released from a nine-year abuse-filled relationship full of bondage, and many years of a life of imprisonment and self-condemnation. I now have freedom in every broken area of my life through full surrender to Christ.

Since graduating I am an intern at The Potter's House of Ruth. I have an exciting new job working with adults with disabilities at Lighthouse Vocational. I look forward to a future living for Christ. It is a privilege giving back and coming alongside other women who need hope that can only be found in Christ. This place is a safe haven to overcome any bondage to sin as He does His work through many loving people through our surrender.



Shawn

"The Most High definitely answered my prayers to become part of a Christian community. Since being a student, graduating and being in an Emerging Leader Training position I have become a Coordinator with the Potter's House. It has transformed me into a better individual and has led me to making better decisions and a better life, through the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Perspective from the Board

Derek Bollinger has served on the Board for 4 years. He is the owner/operator of Derek Bollinger Painting.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on The Potters House board for a few reasons. First, TPH gives me the opportunity to live out my God-given purpose in giving back what has been given to me. Having a history of drug addiction in both my past and my parents, I can closely relate to those stuck in the cycle of addiction and the toll it takes on everyone. Second, TPH fulfills a very distinct need in our local community and makes a positive impact. Third, it gives me the opportunity to serve with passionate and like-minded people, to keep me grounded, and moving forward in my own spiritual walk with the Lord. Last, serving provides the opportunity to witness Gods transformative work in tangible ways daily. It is a constant reminder that God is still performing miracles and is active in this world today.

My hopes and dreams for the ministry would be for us to listen to the call of God to follow his lead to fulfill relevant needs in our community, and to remain humble and give God all the glory. I pray that we may be a bright light in this dark world and be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who he brings through our doors.

I would like to profoundly thank all the donors that contribute to The Potters House ministry. Not just financially, but through the giving of your time and service! If it were not for you, this ministry would not be available. Every one of your donations not only keeps the doors open, but is instrumental to creating an avenue for the Lord to work in students lives. In conclusion, I just want to say thank you for facilitating the opportunity for not just the students, but also for the staff as well, to follow the calling that has been placed on their hearts.

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There are also other ways to help increase support and create a viable and sustainable income. Many companies have matching gift funds for their employees. One of those was offered at the banquet. In addition, it would be wonderful if our ministry champions would consider including us in their estate planning.

Champions can also help by introducing us to new potential supporters. The next big event is the Pork Roast and Graduation on June 22. Consider inviting friends to the event and share the joy of joining with God in making a life-transforming difference in the lives of people caught in addiction.



**PORK ROAST
& STUDENT
GRADUATION**
down by the creek

SAT, JUNE 22, 2024
12:00 – 3:00 PM
Still Waters - Brownstown



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