



ShowMe

Christian Youth Home



2024 Annual Report



"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come."

- Habakkuk 2:3

The Lord continues to train me to go straight to Him when I'm discouraged (*which happens when things aren't working like I think they ought to be working*). He pointed this out to me in the book of Habakkuk recently.

As Habakkuk surveyed the international scene of barbaric godlessness, as well as the spiritual decline of his own people, he was bewildered why God didn't act. Can you relate to that feeling?

Furthermore, and even more personally, the vision He gave me a year ago to develop a Family Care Ministry and expand our school seems so far away still.

The vision should be well into the

implementation phase already - according to my estimates.

Yet, unpreventable circumstances have kept these things from launching, much to my frustration. And to both circumstances Habakkuk speaks.

So, instead of abandoning the promises or questioning the Promiser, I wait. It's for an appointed time, thus out of my control. **From the vision for Show-Me to the world-wide redemption: it will surely come!**

Bless you for continuing to invest in the mission to Rescue and Restore Young Lives as we wait patiently for His vision to become reality. We fix our eyes on Jesus and His infallible Kingdom work knowing things happen when He wants it to.

Thanks to You!

This is True Ministry!

All resources come from God's people-not government funds-and families won't be turned away because they can't pay.

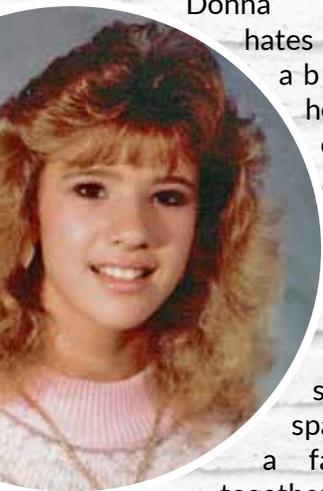


Waiting on the Father,

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Chad Puckett, Executive Director

RESCUED & RESTORED: *Donna Czerniak*



Donna Czerniak hates seeing an abandoned house. Where others see neglect and brokenness, she sees the beauty of what it could become: the safe, loving space where a family comes

together, and vibrant communities are built. All

it needs are a few heroes to step forward, roll up their sleeves, and refuse to give up. It is why she started her own real estate company: a business focused not on selling homes, but on investing in people and encouraging the unsung heroes of our community. It is why God allowed her to face and overcome a life full of unimaginable challenges.

40 Houses & Church Buses

"My childhood was full of physical and verbal abuse," admitted Donna. "You don't know how bad it is because it's all you've known." In 12 years, Donna was in and out of over 40 houses. She and her three siblings were caught in the chaotic waves of an alcoholic mother and an abusive stepfather constantly in trouble with the

police. "Neither (parent) worked, every one of us (children) was just another (welfare) paycheck for my Mom to get her booze or cigarettes," stated Donna.

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This hostile home life affected Donna in unconscious ways. She developed a stutter and could hardly speak. Her mind knew what she wanted to say; her body just could not verbalize it. Some of her teachers and peers at school thought she must be slow. The stigma left her feeling increasingly alone.

In that isolation, heroes would arise. They did not wear capes or masks. They drove old, rusty,

church buses to the trailer park and gathered supplies for craft projects. "My parents saw it as free babysitting, but to us, Sunday school, VBS, and church were our escape to a place that was safe, fun, and where you felt loved," explained Donna. "The hope of that church bus got me through the rest of the week. Being around Christ-like people I knew loved me and were really looking out for us, I knew God had me in His arms."

The comfort of being with her church family was so important that when her foster parents refused to take her to church, 11-year-old Donna and her siblings walked the nearly two-mile journey on their own. Things with her Mom continued to deteriorate. Mandatory reporters at the hospital and school saw signs of the abuse at home. Realizing the siblings need to be with each other, the Division of Family Services (DFS) reached out to Show-Me Christian Youth Home, the only facility at the time in Missouri equipped to keep a group of four children together and provide long-term care.

Finding Her Voice

In 1986, Show-Me welcomed the

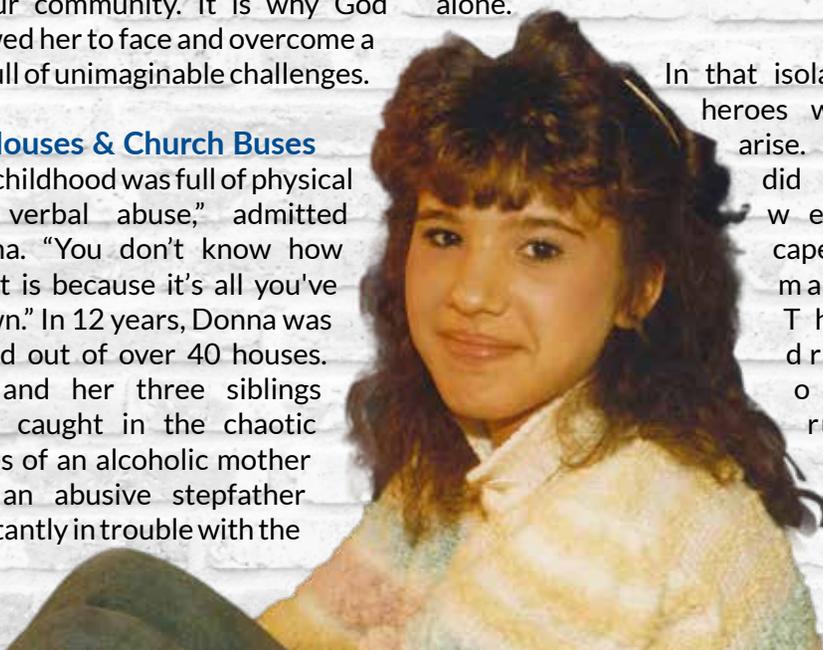
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Czerniak children: Donna (12), Laurie (14), Julie (10), and Albert (9). At first, Donna was angry. She did not understand why she could not go home and longed for her 'normal' life. No matter how awful it was, it was what she knew. "Before Show-Me, it was survival of the fittest," said Donna. "You didn't know what each day would bring. You just hoped you lived through it." By the end of her first year, Donna adjusted to her new situation and stopped trying to fight the idea of Show-Me being her home and family.

No longer constantly having to live in survival mode, Donna's trouble with speaking almost disappeared. As her stress reduced and she felt safe, her mind and body started to work together. Her grades improved. A teacher remarked on how talented of a speech student she was. She got involved with everything she could from sports to clubs.



What Makes a Happy Person?

Donna credits Show-Me as laying the foundations for who she is today. Never idle, she developed a strong work ethic. "If you see a need, do something," Donna said. "You don't wait to be told to do it." She learned how to set routines, make schedules, and adapt to the different needs and personalities of various people. Each church she visited refined her social skills and taught her how to converse with adults.

The greatest impact did not come from one person. It came from the steady stream of faces of volunteers that showed up: church groups who came to remodel an aging house, the Women's Bible Study who sent her a birthday card each year with three sticks of gum and a balloon inside, or the elderly couple who brought Christmas cookies with a red ribbon. "They always had a smile and wanted to help," recounts Donna. "I wanted that same joy. I thought maybe what makes a happy person is giving back and helping someone."

Leaning on Him

Life as an adult would be a roller coaster. Donna married her high school sweetheart, only to have him snatched away in a tragic car accident. She was blessed with four children, yet, she was forced to bury her oldest son in 2021. Each trial only strengthened Donna's relationship with God as she leaned on Him. As Donna explains, "whenever you go



through difficult times, you look to your family. I always knew that if I needed help my family would be there. It might be a different face but Show-Me was always there."

Rather than focus on the pain of experiences, Donna chose to find the beauty and blessings that could come from her testimony. "God allowed me to go through what I did so I could help others in similar situations," stated Donna. She served at Show-Me as a preschool teacher and as a relief houseparent. She taught life skill classes to teenage foster kids.

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Heroes Serving Heroes

In 2009, Donna found her calling as a real estate agent and broker. By 2012, the company she built, Exceptional Properties Realty, was one of the most successful companies in Central Missouri. She

became an affiliate of the Homes for Heroes (H4H) program. As part of the H4H network, the realtor gives up 25% of their commission and fees to give back to a local hero - emergency responder, military, healthcare worker, and teacher - or the hero's charity of choice. Through the H4H program, Donna connected people with Show-Me and shared the impact it had on her life. By 2014, her company was the #1 H4H Affiliate in Missouri.

Like the Show-Me supporters who once inspired her, Donna led local businesses and community volunteers to tackle projects for local heroes: fixing up a single Mom's house to sell after her spouse died or organizing over 100 volunteers to renovate a space for Whiteman Air Force Base to have a thrift shop. Her efforts were noticed by

the Secretary of the United States Air Force, who asked her to be part of the 2017 National Security Forum at the Air War College. The event gathers top military officials with key civilian leaders to strengthen understanding and relationships between the military and local communities.

Today, Donna enjoys a slower pace of life spending time with her grandchildren and her husband, Jeff, on their farm in Leeton, Missouri.



You Played a Vital Role

Donna knows the value of restoring the broken and abandoned because so many stepped up to restore her broken life. You don't have to be an expert to save a child, you just have to care enough to do it.

"When I think of who I am today, first it is God's grace, then it is by my community," declared Donna. "Show-Me wouldn't be able to do what it does if it wasn't for supporters - churches, civic groups, and individuals. I am a living testimony that what you did matters!"





Family Care

A new ministry to help families!

A transitional program to help single mothers and their children find the tools and resources they need to build a healthy, stable, self-sufficient, and successful future.

Coaching in the areas of:

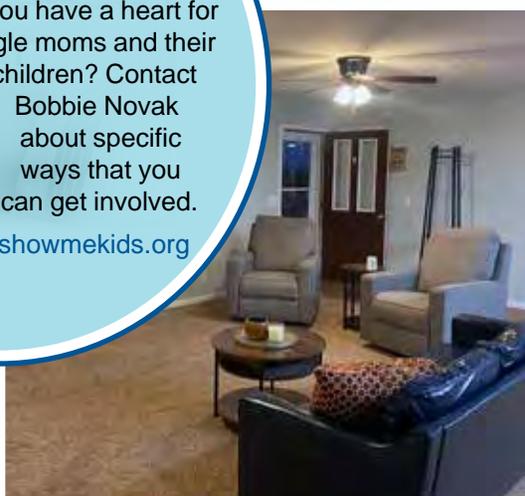
- Parenting
- Basic life skills
- Financial management
- Discipleship
- Mental health
- Coordinating resources



Share your Passion

Do you have a heart for single moms and their children? Contact Bobbie Novak about specific ways that you can get involved.

Bobbie.Novak@showmekids.org



Donate Items



Many supplies will be needed for set up, as well as perpetually, as we welcome new moms. Check the Family Care wish list for updates.

The Family Care Ministry continues to take shape! *We accomplished major remodeling of our Galt and Mayview homes over the past year to prepare them for moms and children to begin the Restoration journey - TOGETHER!* Regardless of several set-backs, the Lord leads us ahead into this exciting new ministry opportunity.

Our family care homes will provide dignified care, with mom as our primary client. Our staff will coach her in areas of parenting, financial management, discipleship, mental health, coordinating resources, etc., all while she maintains employment and saves money. We anticipate Mom and her children leaving Family Care 100% stable, self-sufficient, and on a path to a healthy future.

As renovations come to a close, and inquiries come in from moms needing this ministry, all that's missing are Family Life Coaches. Pray for some godly, courageous women to answer the call to Rescue and Restore Young FAMILIES!

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Share this 90-second video with your church, small group, or on social media.



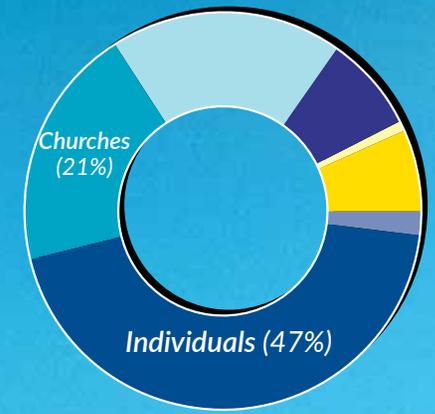
By the Numbers

Our 2023-2024 fiscal year and the impact YOUR gifts make in children's lives:

- 309** Calls for placement
- 10** New placements in the year
- 41** Children called Show-Me "home"
- 7** Children reunited with family
- 13** Alumni assisted through the Path to Purpose program
- 36** Show-Me Christian School Students
- 3** Baptisms
- 2** Graduates



Show-Me Christian Youth Home is an accredited member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). We are committed to maintain the highest levels of financial integrity by upholding the ECFA's Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship.™ (www.ecfa.org).



Income		
Individuals	\$1,319,036	47%
Churches	\$589,552	21%
Groups	\$562,439	20%
Memorials & Honoraria	\$222,752	8%
Other*	\$29,258	1%
Investments	\$196,391	—
Designated funds (LU & P2P)**	\$43,986	2%
United Way	\$9,383	—
VBS & Camps	\$15,258	1%
Family Support	\$2,883	—
Family Care	\$2,300	—
Total Income:	\$2,993,238	

Expenses		
Program & Services	\$2,108,602	81%
Administration	\$247,050	10%
Promotions	\$231,329	9%
Total Expenses:	\$2,586,981	
Net Income:	\$406,257	***

* Includes interest, misc.

** Leadership U (LU) and Path to Purpose (P2P)

*** Does not include Gift in Kind Income valued at \$82,013. This report reflects amounts for the Operating Company's fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Reviewed financial statements are available in January 2025. Detailed reports available upon request for Show-Me Christian Youth Home Operating and Facilities Company.



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