



Tiffany's Journey

Growing up in an abusive, drug dependent home, Tiffany's childhood was very chaotic. She left home at an early age with no job, high school diploma or license. Although she joined a Job Corps program to get those things, Tiffany got distracted by relationships.

After completing the Job Corps program, Tiffany moved to Lakeland with her boyfriend. The traumas from each of their childhoods led to their brake-up.

Over the next couple of years, Tiffany continued to struggle to make a good life on her own. She began to read her Bible and listen to sermons online. Her desire

for a relationship with God led her to a commitment to Christ. After trying unsuccessfully to reconnect with her mother, Tiffany became very depressed.

The pandemic led to Tiffany losing a good job that she loved. This left her to live out of her car. Although she had lost everything, she continued going to church regularly. It was this church that suggested she look into Lighthouse Ministries and ask for help. Thankfully, she took that advice.

She entered our Life Learning Recovery Program and started on her road to a new life. First, her physical needs were met - a good meal, clean clothes, hot shower, and a safe place to sleep. Then, your gifts provided the Pathways of Progress: Spiritual Growth to grow her relationship with Christ; Community to learn to serve and love others; Education to expand academic opportunities, grow in financial literacy and prepare for the work force; and Industry to invigorate a healthy work ethic.

Tiffany is now a part of the Workforce Housing program which provides the support our residents need to move into permanent housing. Tiffany works at the Lakeland Thrift Store while finishing up cosmetology school so she can begin her career in hairstyling.

Tiffany is thankful to God for the partnerships which have given her the Hope that Changed her Life!

Tiffany is thankful to donors for their partnership which has Given her Hope that Changed her Life!



IT'S ABOUT NEXT STEPS -

Thank you providing dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel!

All of our journey begins with a step. The first step is to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Another is to love our neighbor. Another is to pursue education and then answer our vocation into work life. For those we serve, it's no different. Thank you for making the Next Steps possible for the poor, the at-risk and the homeless. Thank you for bringing the homeless home.

Thank you and God Bless,

Steve Turbeville
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CEO

He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.
Proverbs 22:9

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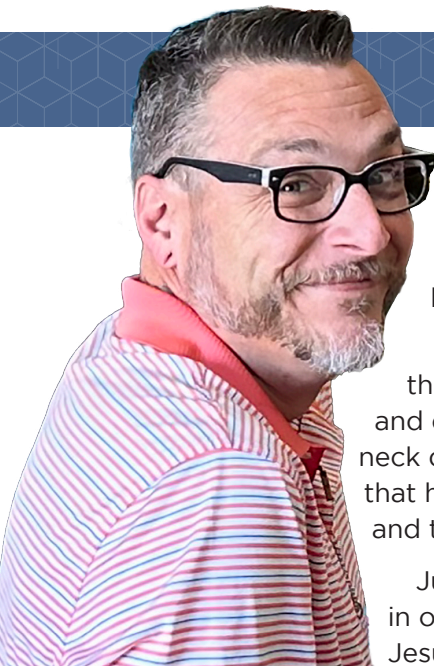
I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,
Philippians 1:3-4



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Justin's Story

Justin Yates has been around Christian influences all his life, all the while thinking that he was saved. After coming to Lighthouse Ministries, Justin now knows that he was lying to himself.

Justin has been blessed multiple times throughout his life. In 2001, he broke his neck and experienced a temporary paralysis from the neck down. At the time, he was given a 50% chance that he would walk again. After some spine fusions and therapy, he walked out of the hospital.

Justin said, "After something like that occurring in one's life, most would wise up and follow Jesus."

However, for the last 20 years he continued his addiction to meth and became the town drunk of Tampa. Along with that he suffered the added trauma of losing a child and his mother.

By God's grace, Justin began to visit Amazing Love Ministries in Tampa.

They allowed him to eat, volunteer and attend church services. It wasn't long before he was confessing his struggles and despair to the pastor.

The pastor knew who to call. Joe Vasquez, Lighthouse Ministries' Hillsborough Director of Ministry, helped Justin complete an application for residency into Lighthouse Ministries' Life Learning Recovery Program in Lakeland.

Justin has faithfully walked the Pathways to Progress of Spiritual Growth, Community, Education and Industry. He is currently working as a Resident intern.

Your compassion and generous giving make an eternal difference in the lives of women, children, and men like Justin.

Since entering the recovery program, Justin says, "My life has improved in every possible way. I'm getting to know Jesus Christ more every day. I now know without a doubt I am saved, for I have truly accepted Jesus Christ in my heart. In some way, I want to serve the Lord forever. All the glory goes to God for ever and ever."

YOUR IMPACT IN 2023



12,945
INDIVIDUALS SERVED



214,478
MEALS PROVIDED



42,093
NIGHTS OF SHELTER



140
LIFE LEARNING RESIDENTS SERVED



95
COMMUNITY HOMELESS HOUSED OR STABILIZED



198
FAITH DECISIONS



44
FORMERLY HOMELESS EMPLOYED



149
ADULT LEARNING CENTER STUDENTS LAKELAND & YBOR CITY

32 WORK LIFE GRADS
18 FAITH & FINANCES GRADS
70 FL READY TO WORK CERTIFICATES
24 ESOL GRADS
4 GED EARNED



1,112
CHILDREN SERVED



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SERVING WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION
Lakeland, FL

LIFE LEARNING RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS
Lakeland, FL

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL
Lakeland, FL

HOPE CENTERS
Lakeland, Winter Haven, Brandon, Plant City, Ybor City

THRIFT STORES
Lakeland, Winter Haven, Brandon, Plant City
COMMUNITY HOMELESS INTERVENTION
West Central Florida

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS CLUBS
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