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A Bend in the Road

We are so very thankful that God has provided us with a strong, stable staff at SSLM. **Debra Crawford** will be acting Executive Director during this transitional time. Debra has worked at Son Shine Lighthouse since October, 2013, in the position of assistant administrator. Debra is highly qualified, earning a B.S. in Education majoring in Social Work and Vocational Rehabilitation, and a minor in Psychology from Stephen F. Austin. She is also certified as a Professional Life Coach. Her position at Son Shine Lighthouse to date has included scheduling, program director, volunteer coordination, assessing prospective residents, weekly accountability sessions with residents, liaison with Child Protective Services, teaching, and public relations – all making her well prepared for this position.

How Can You Help?

- Prayer for our staff, residents, and board of directors
- **Volunteers:** office, transportation, and more
- 100 Church or Business Donors giving \$\$ on a regular basis
- 200 Monthly Donors giving \$20
- One-on-one mentors
- Meat and groceries
- Flooring for dining area
- Plumbing



Our Residents Shine



Trinity has been a star student. She graduated from the Kilgore College GED program in May with honors. Her teachers, Katie McLane and Diana Willis, did a marvelous job helping prepare her and Trinity did them proud! Trinity is presently looking for a part-time job and plans to attend Kilgore College in the fall.

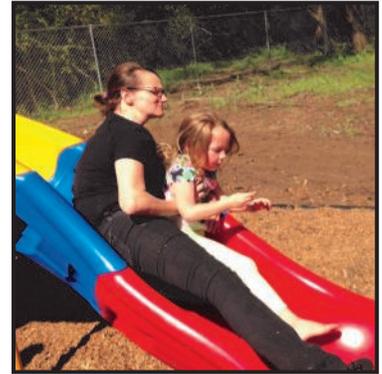


Celebrating Betty Jewel, Our latest SSLM Graduate



Betty has accomplished so many things in her time with us at Son Shine Lighthouse! Her daughter has been returned to her from Child Protective Services. Her son, Matthew, was born while she was a SSLM resident, and she has graduated from the Smith Co. Family Drug Court program. We have seen her accept Jesus, and follow Him in Baptism. Betty graduated from Christian Women's Job Corps of Rusk Co. She got her 1st job, and now has the opportunity for a more advanced job. ***She has turned into a beautiful butterfly! We're cheering as you spread your wings.***

Snap Shots



Thanks to the **McDonald's Foundation**, we now have a new playground. Presently we have 9 children in residence.



In May, our wonderful supporters at **Marvin Methodist Church** in Tyler, hosted a fundraiser for SSLM. Supporters like these are invaluable to us. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



The mission of Son Shine Lighthouse Ministries is to provide a safe, spiritually-enriched transitional home where women and their children are offered a new beginning through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our girls annual art show was once again held at Mo Jo's Coffee Shop in Henderson. Under the direction of volunteer, **Katie McLane**. Katie's **Healing through Art** program is thriving. Our girls' talent is amazing. This summer they are concentrating on pottery.

Healing Through ART



Special Thanks to Our Faithful Churches, Individual and Business Donors and to our community foundations.

Special Thanks



CWJC of Rusk County



Katie McLane



"Healing through Art"



A Word From Our Board of Directors

Dear Son Shine Lighthouse Ministries Family, Friends, Volunteers and Supporters,

As we all continue serving the Lord through Son Shine Lighthouse Ministries, which celebrated its second year anniversary in May, we have so much for which we are thankful!

Upon the resignation of Ginger Lento, Debra Crawford, assumed the interim Executive Director position, effective, July first. Debra has served as the Son Shine Lighthouse Program Coordinator since October 2013. We feel blessed to have had Debra in this capacity, not only for the contributions she has already made to this ministry, but also for the preparation God has given her for her present responsibilities. In the first days of this ministry, Debra worked as a volunteer, and her dedication to the girls of Son Shine Lighthouse and its mission statement have continually been evident. We are especially thankful for the continuity and stability she is providing the ladies and their children during this transition.

We are working to ensure that the purposes and services of the Son Shine Lighthouse Ministries will continue without any interruption. We covet your prayers as we transition into our next phase of this ministry.

Ginger served with us for our first two years and we wish her well as she moves on to her new position.

We thank you all for your continued support and prayers, and ask that you keep the ladies and all the members of our Son Shine Lighthouse staff and family lifted in prayer. We know the Lord has wonderful things in store, and many more blessings ahead, as He promises us a future and a hope!

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors of SSLM

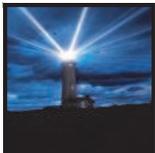
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