# MERRY CHRISTMAS! FROM DIGNITY HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE!





## Sending You Good Tidings Of Comfort & Joy

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen was written in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. From the beginning of mankind, struggles have been with us, but we have hope through Jesus Christ.

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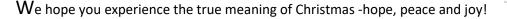
#### WE APPRECIATE YOU !

Thank you for the support and blessing us through prayer and giving financially!

2020 has been a challenging year. Isolation is difficult for women who are survivors of sexual exploitation, trauma and abuse. We have seen the women diving into their recovery and taking this time to heal and learn new skills.

As God Promises, our hope for the women that come through Dignity House (DH) is that they find the joy they had from their youth. It is our prayer that they find restoration and His wholeness. Many women desperately need more access to transitional housing to get the support they need to be successful. God has shown us that DH represents hope, and a future for women in recovery. We are grateful to God for the privilege to work among these precious women and see them grow in faith, strength and leave empowered to build a new independent life.

Please pray with us for His guidance and wisdom during this pandemic and for continued funds. We continue to trust in Him. *"For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory."* Romans 11:36







## WOMEN OF DIGNITY HOUSE

Before coming into DH I was lost, broken, angry and alone. Since entering DH I've learnt sometimes the simplest things mean the most. Gratitude and joy have helped me connect at a deeper level with the Creator, and has had an impact in helping me build stronger relationships with my children and others. I often feel more positive emotions and have begun to take better care of my mental and physical health. I now find joy in the littlest of things, my beautiful fish named Miracle, my plants, and the beauty of the night sky. I look up in awe of creation. The beautiful trees and how they lovingly hold up the sky. There are blessings and miracles all around us. Thank you to DH my vision has been made clearer.

## **VOICES OF SURVIVORS**

I moved to Winnipeg from a small town. I was introduced to the club scene and to various drugs. I had a new boyfriend and life seemed fun, but eventually my life unravelled. This boyfriend became very abusive physically and emotionally. The violence increased. I often wanted to die, and I felt hopeless. I became pregnant. After suffering a violent beating and punches to the stomach, I went into labor a month early. As I held my baby in my arms, I remembered what it felt like to be happy and to experience real love again. Back at home, I finally got the courage to leave after I was choked, strangled and given two black eyes. I so badly wanted him to suffer and know how it felt. To escape the memories, I found myself back into addiction. Over the years, I lost everything, my job, home and my family. It took a few tries in treatment and the work of God, to finally turn a corner.

One day I received a message that my son's dad was in the hospital and may not survive. The DH Outreach Coordinator offered to take me to visit him. I was shocked to find him barely conscious. He had been beaten and left for dead. His eyes were swollen shut and he was covered in bruises. I gained the courage to share my resentments I held toward him and that I was glad he now experienced a beating. As I spoke, I felt the Holy Spirit come over me and my heart softened. I said, I didn't want him to die because he was my son's dad and I forgave him. The DH Outreach Coordinator offered to pray for him and a tear rolled down his cheek. I was shocked and amazed that the prayer touched his cold heart. I felt indescribable peace and a huge burden lifted with the words: *"I forgive you." It was a miracle!* Ezekiel 36:26 says: *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a tender, responsive heart."* 

I am so grateful that God guided me to Dignity House. DH has been supportive and are there to help in my recovery and adjusting slowly back into normal life. I thank God today that I no longer struggle with addiction and I now have hope and true joy in my life.







## **RISE UP**

This Christmas season, will you *RISE UP* and donate to help care for the women of Dignity House.

Your generosity will provide the essential needs such as a loving home, food and many resources. Whether your gift is \$25 or \$100, it will make an impact in changing lives.

Thank you!

#### DONATE NOW

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