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the DREAMHOUSE

A Capital Area Dream Center Ministry

Dinka

From the first time we met Dinka, we could sense that she carried something special. Officially the resident that has stayed the longest, she is drawing close to her one year mark in November and we have experienced what that “special” is all about. If you recall in our August newsletter, Dinka had discovered her deep love for children through her position at the daycare. As she discerns what is next, she continues to feel called to work with children in some capacity. And that “feeling” carries confirmation with it! Dinka took it upon herself to take an eight year old girl under her wing to spend time with her, help her with her homework and just make her feel special. “I see myself in her. I just want her to be able to be a kid.” Dinka said. As she saw other kids in need of this special attention, she soon found herself convincing her friends to jump on board and spend time with other kids on the street. Before she knew it, she had moms contacting her asking if she would match their kids with a friend! So there is no doubt that she has a call on her life to impact the world around her! She is determined to continue living each day, trusting that her story will continue to unfold and she will know just what the next chapter is leading her.

Ka’rizma

“I felt like she was talking right to me,” Ka’rizma said while walking out from church. “And I was there saying in my head, okay God, if you want me in the medical field, I’ll do it.” After much perseverance in the waiting, Ka’rizma is hopeful to be starting a job at Commonwealth Senior Living Center as a Resident Care Assistant. She feels this will give her a great first experience pointing her in the direction of nursing. She attended a one day training last month to earn her Direct Care certificate and is discerning if starting a nursing program could be a good next step. She continues to learn perseverance as she faces obstacles to obtaining her ID to begin the job. **Pray for breakthrough!**



Update on the Reset:

Despite all the activity, we are determined to continue in what the Lord began as we seek His heart for the reestablishment of the Dream House. We greatly anticipate fully operating in the new structure and support, but we rest in His perfect timing and trust the process. We are looking to make the Dream House a more holistic experience where the girls can grow and heal; body, soul, mind and spirit. Through exciting connections, we feel God really taking us to a new level of excellence.

We would like to thank our board members: Debbie Schlusser, Nancy Bauman, Debra Nock, Jinada Rochelle, Sarah Marroquin, Jim Hare, and Maryanne Olley, for their participation in our Board Retreat this month. They allowed us to process through the details of where we are going and offered insight and ideas. We are continually blessed by the big hearts behind this ministry.

Anyéa

As we continue to seek God during our reset, He has confirmed many times that He is calling us to minister to more than just the residents who will be living at the Dream House. Over the last couple months, we have reconnected with several of the youth we worked with at our previous ministry, Center for Champions. One of those being Anyea. When Anyea was 16, she was one of four teens selected to go on a trip with us to the Dream Center in LA. Now, almost 20, and a mother of an 18 month old, she reconnected with us and we instantly felt led to intervene in the negative situation. She gave her daughter the middle name Dream (and refers to her as Dream). Why? "I call her Dream because that trip was so impactful and I never want to forget it. She is also my reminder to keep going after my dreams." And now, here she is living at the Dream House with her daughter Dream! Anyea is working hard at Commonwealth Senior Living Center. It is a lot to juggle being a young mom and working a full time job, but with some help she is doing it! We feel honored to be able to give her the tools she needs, while encouraging her that, with one step at a time, her dreams will come true!



Shannon and Dream
(Mommy was at an appt.)

Transportation Help:

A big goal for Ka'rizma and Anyea is to get their driver's license and purchase their first car. But in the meantime, we need help getting them to and from work. Nancy Bauman, our amazing transportation coordinator, has been lining up rides to make the transition easier and to lighten the load on us. We are so grateful! If you are interested in being on this transportation list, please contact Nancy at volunteer@cadcdreamhouse.org. Another big need is brave ladies willing to take the girls out to practice driving. If you have experience teaching a teenager to drive and are still alive to tell about it, we would greatly appreciate you considering this. This will be an ongoing need as most of the girls who come to live at the Dream House will be pursuing their license. If you are interested, please contact Anthony at anthony@cadcdreamhouse.org

Exciting Announcement:

When God clearly instructed us to enter into the reset time, little did we know that He had plans beyond what we imagined. God has grown our "family" in different ways over the last year and a half and now we discovered in August that God wanted to add a sweet little gift...to our side of the house! We will be welcoming a "Shelly Baby" in April 2022!! Stay tuned for the next newsletter to find out if it's a little sister or little brother :)

Save the Date! ~November 12th, 2021 @ 6:30 pm~

Our 2nd Annual Fundraising Event is coming up! Matt Fore will be returning with an all new show! If you saw Matt last year, you know it will be a blast! Tickets are \$20 and that includes drinks and desserts from the PA Bakery! All proceeds benefit The Dream House!

You can get tickets on our website (www.cadcdreamhouse.org) or by calling Anthony. (717-598-4033)

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