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HOUSE OF RUTH

Here for Life

For God So Loves

by Kristen Price

I am a child of God, a pastor's wife, mother to a nine year old daughter, resident of Sedona, and the new Assistant Director at the House of Ruth.

Since we are preparing to celebrate the 30th anniversary here at the House of Ruth, it seemed only fitting to be able to share my personal **TESTIMONY**. It was at the House of Ruth that I attended my first bible study, learned about Jesus, and found my home church.

Back in 2010, I was a recently divorced single mother. It was an incredibly tough time, as my daughter and I transitioned to being on our own. In all of that confusion, I tried to find comfort in another relationship, and ended up pregnant. My family encouraged me to have an abortion because it would be too difficult to be a single mother with two children. I called a clinic to make the appointment and then hung up and wept. In the following

moments, I knew that **NEW LIFE** inside of me could not be terminated. I don't know how or where or when I had ever heard of the House of Ruth before that moment, but God led me there the very next day. It was here, where I began to feel some peace. It was so nice to come in and have people to love on you and your child, to really care, and to pray with you. I wasn't familiar with all this love and attention, but I absolutely loved it! I was intrigued by this love and signed up for my first bible study; and that's where God got me! It was **JOHN 3:16**, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life," that spoke to my mother's heart, and I could

no longer deny that I needed **God** in my life. I began searching for a church with my daughter and we found our home church, ironically, just down the street from the House of Ruth. My first day at our church, July 2011, I balled and wept, and found my snotty, mascara running self at the altar to accept Jesus into my life.

I wish I could say that all brightened up and life got easier from that moment, but it didn't. At 19 weeks, I lost the baby I was carrying. It was devastating, but God had placed an amazing support system around me. My pastor, my Dr., and social worker were all with me at the hospital to pray with me. For months to come, the ladies at House of Ruth, prayed and comforted me, as I continued with classes there.

I CONTINUED TO PURSUE GOD AND HE KEPT ON LOVING ON ME! The first ministry he led me to serve in was Cleansing Stream. I went thru this program 3 times before becoming an intercessor, praying and covering retreat participants as they walked through God's healing and deliverance. This ministry is where God lit a fire in me and I began looking for more places to serve! He then led me to a ministry called Young Lives, where we modeled the unconditional love of Christ to encourage teen moms to become the women and mothers God created them to be. I volunteered in childcare for a year and a half, bringing my daughter with me, loving on babies each meeting. God shaped and truly **HEALED** my heart from my miscarriage in that ministry, showing me that all children are a gift from Him, and every one of them is a blessing and truly unique. In the spring of 2014, and just newly married, I became the Young Lives Coordinator. This was a bit terrifying for

me. I love babies and can talk and play with them all day, but to share the love of God and His word with teen moms – WOW! He even had me at a camp for a whole week alongside 6 teen moms and 6 babies in one room! I was blessed to serve in that ministry for 2 years.

In 2016 and 2017, I dealt with some very difficult health issues, but I am grateful for the healing and **REVELATION** God showed me in that time. As I got healthy, my stepfather was diagnosed with cancer. He passed in May of 2017 and life got really hard again. A lot of hurt and pain began to weigh my heart down, but God stepped in to take off that burden. He led my husband and I to an incredible Grief Share group and an amazing 2=1 Marriage Class. It was there we found the healing only God could give us. Shortly after, along came Stephanie Richey, Director at House of Ruth, to meet me for coffee with a job offer. And here I am now, full circle from a client at the House of Ruth to Assistant Director in just under 7 years! I do have to say I am **HUMBLED** daily as I come into the doors of this God loving place, and I am incredibly grateful to be part of the team here.

Who knew, as I first came through the front door here years ago, Broken, of the world, and completely a mess; that I would return, having keys to enter the door, healed and ready to serve God daily? **HE DID!**

John 3:16 is my ever present reminder of my beginnings with my relationship with God here at the House of Ruth and the continued promise of His **LOVE** for us. I am eternally grateful for the love that was first shown to me at the House of Ruth so many years ago, and I pray that love will continue to be shared with our clients for many more years to come.



In Christ Jesus, you are all children of God
through faith. Galatians 3:26



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AND A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

Lead me Lord

MISSION STATEMENT:

House of Ruth Pregnancy Care Center is a Christian ministry dedicated to serving women and to protecting the lives of unborn children. Our goal is to demonstrate the love of Christ by assisting with emotional, spiritual, and physical needs, enabling women to make healthy, life affirming choices throughout pregnancy, delivery and beyond.



From the Director by Stephanie Richey

One lesson that seemingly sticks with an individual is that when you come from a humble starting place, all accomplishments seem that much sweeter. Case in point, the House of Ruth. This year marks the 30th year that the House of Ruth has served the Verde Valley and thousands of people from every demographic. It stands to reason that back in 1986, when the founder Kathy Larson and her family moved to the Verde Valley, she had no idea that an organization that she would be instrumental in starting, would reach so many. Two years later, after much prayer and petition, the House of Ruth opened a two-room office and operated only two days a week. As word got out that this ministry was doing

lifesaving work, the hours grew, as did the locations. Today, the House of Ruth still stands as a beacon to the community, forever fighting for the unborn and their parents in practical and spiritual ways. The House of Ruth has some exciting ideas for the future, as well as some new services that are being offered such as massage for the mamas by a Licensed Massage Therapist. One new event that is coming up is called Tacos and Tours. This will be a fun time of fellowship and food, and the opportunity to meet the Board members and take a tour of the facilities. Come show your support for this vital ministry and see what the future holds!



Thank you to all participating churches, businesses, and those in our community who took part in supporting us.



Upcoming Events



September 27-28 House of Ruth

Donations are being accepted
All proceeds to benefit House of Ruth

You can drop off the things you no longer need at House of Ruth! We take clothing, furniture, or any household items that are in good condition.



DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR

House of Ruth qualifies to receive Arizona Charitable Tax Credits

A married couple filing jointly can make a contribution to House of Ruth and receive dollar-for-dollar tax credit (up to \$800 per year) against their Arizona state income tax. A single taxpayer can receive up to \$400 credit

- Contributors may **also** take the Private School Tax Credit, as well as the Public School Extracurricular Activities Tax Credit.



October 26th

Open House Fiesta

Come join us for **TACOS N TOURS**. We will be giving tours of our facilities here at the House of Ruth from 2-7pm and serving fresh tacos from 5-7pm



November 10th

How great would it be to have a new person to walk alongside you this year?

Our goal is 200 walkers!

We **encourage** you to invite another person to join you this year to honor our **30th anniversary**.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR SO MANY BLESSINGS

What's been happening from January thru July....

We are *celebrating*  of service

Our  served **638** *clients*

We provided **70** *pregnancy*  tests and **11** *ultrasounds* 



We taught **633** *classes* in English and Spanish

We shared **584** *devotionals* with clients 

Thank you for your continued support!



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Nehemiah 8:10*