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Dear Refuge Partner,

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

Healing from abuse can be intimidating, painful, and lonely. But for 20-year-old Maria, the hopes for a brighter future came the day she arrived at the Women's Refuge.

“I just wanted to run away from my depression, anxiety, and shame,” says Maria when asked to recount her story and humble beginnings. At the Refuge, she learned to persevere and look forward. “If I look back, I can easily become stuck in a pit of self-condemnation. Here, I have learned, it is in Jesus where I find strength.”

Not only has Maria received healing from sexual abuse, but she has been set free from the harm of a broken childhood. Every day she grows a little closer to God and becomes more independent. Maria recently got her driver's license and even purchased a car. How exciting is that!

“I have been taught how to view relationships, trials, and decision-making through the Word of God, prayer, and godly counsel. I am so grateful God has placed in my life people who invested financially in my healing and future for these two years, allowing me to focus on the program and experience His provision,” she said.

Like Maria, many women need hope and lifelong healing from traumatic life experiences. They can start over with a new understanding of God's plan for their lives. Last year, more than \$15,000 was awarded in scholarships to those who could not afford monthly program fees.

Right now, we need your help to continue providing scholarship opportunities to residents in need. Would you please consider sponsoring a \$375 two-week program scholarship or \$750 for a month of residential services? Whether you donate \$25, \$50, or \$100, every dollar given is an investment in a person's future.

We thank you in advance for partnering with us today to help women find true freedom and victory in Christ.

May God lead you,

Diane Ludwig
Executive Director

