



## WOMEN'S REFUGE OF VERO BEACH

*God is our refuge and strength, an  
ever-present help in trouble. Ps 46:1*

### GOD'S GARDEN

August 2022

Roses are my favorite flowers. Wherever Roy (my precious husband) and I were in the world, Roy either bought me roses or, if we were in one place long enough, he planted a rose bush for me. I still get emails from people, everywhere we served the Lord around the world, telling me that "the rose bush Roy planted for you, back in \_\_\_\_, is still blooming."

We have been involved with the Women's Refuge from the very beginning when my best friend, Donna Robart, came to visit us on her way to Romania to open a ministry for women with broken hearts and lives in Romania. God had a better plan for Donna. He used our friendship to place her in Vero Beach to fulfill her call from the Lord. The Lord sent Ted Robart to be her husband in 1996 and they opened the Women's Refuge of Vero Beach in 1997.

The Lord moved Roy and I to Vero Beach in 2000 to join she and Ted in this ministry as a full-time volunteer Biblical counselor, mentor, teacher, and encourager to the many emotionally wounded women the Lord sent to the Refuge over the years.

To me, these beautiful women the Lord entrusted to us over the last 25 years at the Women's Refuge came in many different ages, many different nationalities, many different races with many different emotional and spiritual woundedness which the Lord ministered to through this ministry. We found the Lord

wanted to minister, not only to the women, but to their families as well.

As I reflect over these past 25 years ministering to women here at the Refuge, the Lord God has healed and redeemed the lives of hundreds and hundreds of beautiful women for His heavenly garden. Many women, marriages, and families have been healed and redeemed for His glory. We have just been His servants in this ministry.

You have been the nourishment the Lord used to provide the ground, the water, the soil, safety, food, finances, and everything needed for His garden to grow and flourish. You and us together answered the call to help and minister to His people. Let us continue to provide and serve Him through the ministry of the Women's Refuge of Refuge Beach for the next 25 years.

*"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:7-9.*



*Barbara Gardner*  
Biblical Counselor

### *Prayer* from our founder Donna Lee Robart

Jonathan Edwards wrote, "Holiness is a most beautiful and lovely thing. We drink in strange notions of holiness from our childhood as if it were a melancholy, morose, sour, and unpleasant thing; but there is nothing in it but what is sweet and ravishingly lovely."

*"Lord, search us and know our hearts, try us and see if*

*there be any wickedness in us, and lead us in Your way everlasting." Psalm 139: 23-24.*

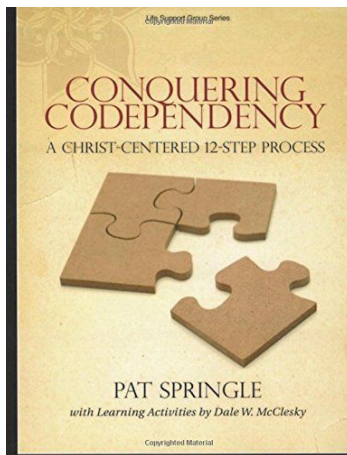
True holiness is a matter of the heart. We know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself.

Therefore, we can love and trust You with the help of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name. Amen

# Feeling Overwhelmed?

## CONQUERING CODEPENDENCY

**SUPPORT GROUP:** This class is for women who are tired of adjusting their behavior to meet the needs and expectations of others; for women who seem to sacrifice their own needs while focusing on meeting the needs of others; for women who are exhausted from trying to manage the lives of others. The Conquering Codependency Christ-centered group will help you begin the process toward recovering from codependency, through Christ to restore you to spiritual and emotional health.



**12 wk Class • \$50 class (+ \$19 cost of book) 3-5 PM 9/6/22 — 11/15/2022**

# Meet Kara, Program graduate

During my stay at the Refuge I have received so much. I am growing in my understanding of what it means to be “in Christ” and to experience the power of His love. I found truths in scripture that help me find purpose, guidance, and wisdom for every situation of life. I’m on a journey and I praise God that He has forgiven me and He will bring me through each and every circumstance. I have been reconciled to God.

-Kara



*Thinking about...* from Executive Director, Diane Ludwig

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.” Proverbs 3:5-7*



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# GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 24, 2022

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