

October

NEWSLETTER

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength

The God of the Harvest

A Season of Sowing and Reaping

Growing up in (British) Guyana, one of the traditions my siblings and I enjoyed as children was the celebration of Harvest time. October 31st was the day that we vied with other families to bring our biggest and best fruit or vegetable to church as our first fruit offering. October reminds me of the natural rhythm God has set for sowing and harvesting: *"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest...will never cease"*. (Genesis 8:22)

Growing anything isn't always easy. You can plant good seeds and still face drought, storms, and diseases. Much of the harvest depends on things beyond our control.

Life is similar. We make plans, then face losses: a spouse; a child; a job; a home. Sometimes life's "diseases:" trauma; addiction; fear; and shame tear through what we built.

The God Who Restores What Was Lost

God is the God of the harvest and the God who restores. He rebuilds from the "bad seeds" we planted, and heals damage from storms we never saw coming. Redemption transforms

consequences. God rescues. *"I will restore to you the years that the locusts have eaten"* (Joel 2:25).

Real Stories of Renewal at the Refuge

At the Refuge, women come carrying years of pain and brokenness. Slowly, God restores:

- Years that felt wasted
- Relationships that seemed beyond repair
- Addictions that felt impossible to break
- Identities buried under hurt

Here women discover, sometimes for the first time, whose they are in Christ. Loved. Redeemed. Seen.

A Harvest of Hope

As October rolls on, we celebrate more than pumpkins and falling leaves. We celebrate the harvest in the hearts of the women we serve. God is still redeeming. God is still bringing in a harvest of restored lives. We're grateful to witness it.



Corinne Ralph
Board Member

Founded in 1997, the Women's Refuge is a sanctuary where people can start over with a new understanding of God's plan for their lives. If you need help starting over or getting unstuck call us today at 772-770-4424, or visit our website at womensrefugevb.org

Message from the Executive Director



Diane A. Ludwig
Executive Director

Almost every week we get emails and phone calls from those in need of deep healing from life's storms. Some show up at our door. Everyday stresses of life can sometimes roll off our back, or they can mount up incrementally so there is the breaking point that finally undoes us. They need hope and restoration. Restoration is bringing something back to its original or even improved condition after it has been

damaged or broken. With God's Word we are able to start sowing into these lives torn by circumstances and loss. It's a beautiful thing to see lives yielding to His truth and being transformed and blossoming despite the difficulties they face, knowing God is their Redeemer.

"...to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness..."

Isaiah 61:3

TESTIMONIAL



I came to the Women's Refuge broken, desperate for help, and with a lot of questions. Once here, I found the answers to my questions. I had found a safe place to heal. I was broken because of my

divorce. The counselors helped me to open my eyes, as well as to forgive myself and to forgive my husband.

Once here, I came to understand that I can't live my life trying to control the people around me. I learned that I have a beautiful relationship with God and He loves me unconditionally. Jesus died for the forgiveness of my sins, and He is in my life: MY REAL LIFE.

I had a close relationship with God in these two weeks and felt like it was only God and I. He hugged me and He told me that I am His treasure, that I have to believe in Him, that I have to put everything in His hands, but more than that, He let me put Him in my broken heart. I am going home with my heart full of love for Him, and I will continue believing that He is my Savior.

For two beautiful weeks I ran from my house and I almost ran from the Woman's Refuge, but God had a purpose and for Him I was here.

I know that life is not easy, and I will have challenges, but I will continue following Him and remembering that my faith has to be only in Him.

Thank you to every single woman who works at the Woman's Refuge. You are in my heart. Your work in Jesus' name is paying off in our healing. This is not the ending. This is the start, my real start living in Jesus Christ.
- Maritza R., two week resident

ON-GOING GROUPS MONDAYS

WOMEN SEEKING TRUTH

Free (Plus Cost of Book)

Time: 7-8:30 PM

FRIDAYS

BIBLE STUDY

All invited - Men and Women

Time: 8:30-9:30 AM

Women's Refuge Resale Shop

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9th Annual Women's Refuge Christmas Banquet

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026

5:00 - 8:00 pm



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