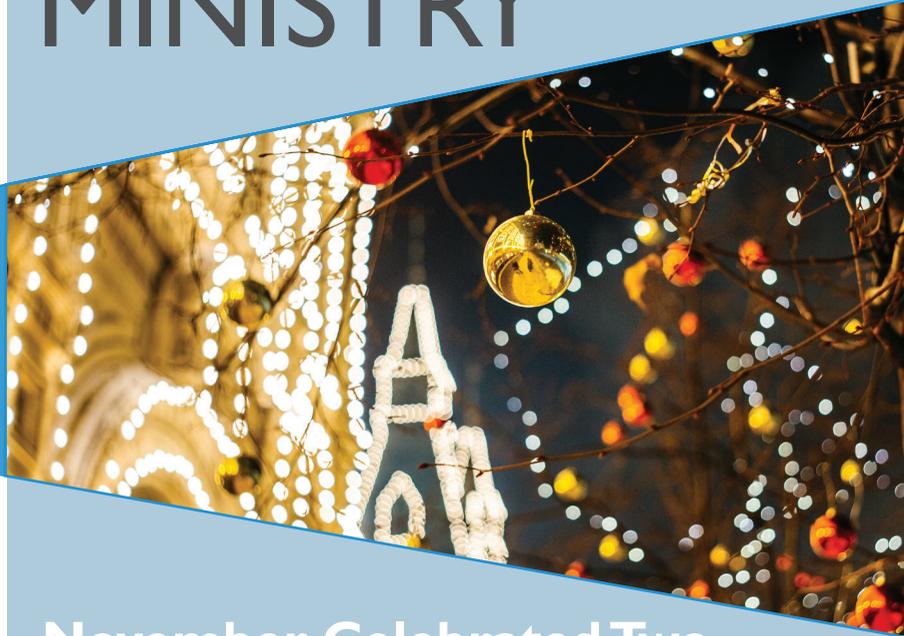




# MISSIONS & MINISTRY



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## November Celebrated Two R|H Grand Openings

**Y**ears in the making, November saw the Grand Opening of two Restoration House (R|H) dreams.

The much-anticipated Home for Minor Victims of human trafficking, now called the Mabee House, had its grand

opening on November 6th. The home, operated in partnership with the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, will house up to seven girls, usually between the ages of 12 to 17. With only 600 beds nationwide for minor survivors, this home is a significant resource in the fight to restore those victimized.



Staff from Restoration House, Missouri Baptist Children's Home, BR-KC Association along with R|H Board Members, donors and volunteers all crowded into the beautiful newly-renovated home. After a few words from Geoffrey Arbuckle, R|H President, Dr. Rodney Hammer, Chairman of the RH Board, Russell Martin, President of MBCH and Chuck Phillips, MBCH

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Campus Director, everyone moved outside for the official ribbon cutting and a few photo ops.

The downstairs of the home, which includes a special

education center, was dedicated by R|H Board Member, Becky Moyer. The education center was named Jody's Place after the parents and grandparents of Pam Henry. See the article below for more details.

A second dream realized was the Grand Opening of Rehope Market & Café on Saturday, November 16th. Restoration House and BR-KC renovated the former R|H administrative office space and turned it into a thriving café and coffee house with specialty merchandise, including some made by human trafficking survivors. Rehope Market & Café is non-profit and revenues and donations received there go to support Restoration House.

Rehope Market & Café is located at 808 W. Main Street, Greenwood, MO 64034 and is open



Monday through Saturday from 6am to 6pm. The coffee proudly served there is a Kansas City favorite, The Roasterie!



Baristas Jenna and Paige help a customer

To learn more visit [restorationhousekc.com](http://restorationhousekc.com) and [rehopemarket.com](http://rehopemarket.com)

## The Legacy of Jody's Place

by Becky Moyer, R|H Board Member (edited for content and length)

Our pastor often says, "You were created on purpose and for a great purpose". We know this is true of every girl who enters the doors of the Mabee House. Having a place they feel safe and loved as they study and live together will make a significant difference in them gaining the confidence and knowledge to fulfill that purpose. The beautiful, engaging education space that will benefit these wonderful girls is largely due to the generosity of Pam Henry, who prefers to humbly give to efforts she feels passionate about without being recognized. Pam, a member at **Oakwood Baptist**, was a lifelong music educator who spent her career enabling others to shine while she worked in the background paving the way. So it comes as no surprise that this is true of her benevolence as well. However, Pam made an

exception in this case in order to honor her family.

Pam's parents and grandparents left a legacy of service and missions. Pam's paternal grandfather was an executive who succeeded professionally and managed money well. Pam's maternal grandparents worked hard, lived simply, and saved. They invested well and taught Pam's mom to continue this legacy. Two of the men were deacons in their churches, all of the women were active in the Woman's Missionary Union.

Pam shared that all of them would be appalled and angered that a home such as this is even needed. Most of them were not even aware of the pervasive sexual exploitation of children and adults as it was not talked about while they were living. Only Pam's mom, Joan, became aware of this tragedy and it broke her heart. Prior to her death, Joan was very supportive

of the ministry of Restoration House and the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. Joan was also a lifelong educator who invested well the money inherited from their parents. Those are some of the reasons why Pam, who also lives her faith in an authentic and missional way, was led to give generously to the education center.

Joan was nicknamed Jody by her in-laws. It is in tribute to the seed money they provided that the education center will be known as Jody's Place.

Thank you Pam for choosing to invest in the lives of these precious children.



Becky Moyer (Left) helps Pam Henry hang the dedication plaque

# Restoration House Update

by Geoffrey Arbuckle, President (edited for length)

First, greetings to all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. It is a privilege to be able to write this note of thanks and gratitude for all that you have done, continue to do, and will do moving forward, in support of our faith-based mission to heal and restore women and girl survivors of human sex trafficking.

Next, I humbly announce that Restoration House of Greater Kansas City is expanding! The Lord has provided a vision to expand our footprints throughout the community, but more importantly, to expand our capacity to heal and restore survivors. He has provided the initial necessary resources for R|H to open our home for minor girl survivors and Rehope Market & Café (see previous article).

God has also enabled us to begin development of R|H Farms in Cass County. The farm, formerly a church, has a home, offices, an events and donation center with chapel, gardens, a boutique for the women in the program, and a gym for wellness that also includes a micro enterprise work area. With an initial capacity for six women survivors but planned construction and further renovations to increase capacity to a nation-leading 33-40 women by the first quarter of 2021! Ultimately, this farm footprint will be expanded to create a 3-year restoration community with a capacity for 300 women and 100 girl survivors!



Some highlights of God's provision upon these Restoration House projects and programs:

- A Communications company ran \$10,000+ worth of FREE fiber internet to the RH farm property.
- Climate Control company installed 2 new HVAC units totaling more than \$25,000 for FREE.
- Many volunteers helped renovate the houses, excavate the grounds at the Home for Minors and at R|H Farm, provide building materials and other needs, made significant in-kind donations and gave countless hours alongside staff, partners and contractors.



God has called us to lead, and we are doing so, in His name. As we work toward the fulfillment of His vision, we will need every hand and every heart that He calls to our mission. I always say, this mission isn't threatened by the depths of people's pockets; it is threatened by the depths of people's hearts. God will provide the resources to see His vision come to fruition through those He calls. This requires our faith and our prayers. I would ask that all of you be in prayer daily toward all involved staying out of His way, allowing only Him to receive the glory, that His mission would be realized.

news & events

## DECEMBER

December 24-31 -Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

## JANUARY



January 1 - Office Closed for the New Year Holiday

January 9 - Revitalization Cohort Church at Three Trails

January 20 - Office Closed for Martin Luther King Holiday

January 25 -R|H Hope Now Freedom Gala @ Olathe Embassy Suites see back page for more details

Proverbs 31:8 says —

*Speak up for those who have no voice, for the justice of all who are dispossessed.*

So, my note to you, and my prayer request is, that we would speak up for these survivors; that we would lend them our voices in calling others to their healing and restoration; that we would tell the world what the Lord has called us to do through R|H. We will glorify Him in all that we do and in all that we speak in this fight. BR-KC is an immeasurable blessing upon R|H, our staff, our volunteers and most importantly our residents. Thank you again.



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Merry Christmas  
from the  
BR-KC Staff

*Celebrating*  
THE BIRTH OF  
*Christ*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

January 25, 2020

5:30-6:30pm VIP Social  
7-9pm Gala Dinner & Live Auction  
9:30-11pm After Hours

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
10401 S. Ridgeview Road  
Olathe, KS 66061

For ticket and sponsorship  
information, visit  
[https://restorationhousekc.com/  
events/freedom-gala/](https://restorationhousekc.com/events/freedom-gala/)

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7pm—9pm

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