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Margie House exists to provide housing, food and support for women who desire to end their struggle with issues such as addiction, homelessness and/or abuse.

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The Goal of the program is to help women to attain physical, mental and spiritual health and see them become productive, caring members of society who give back to others in need.

## CELEBRATION—Sunday, June 7th, 6 PM

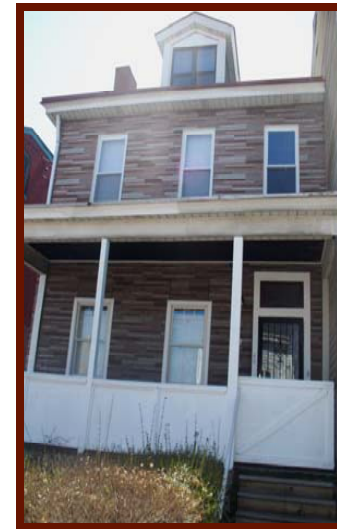


Join us and the Margie House graduates to celebrate all that God has done. We will give praise to God for the ways in which he has provided for this home. Service followed by a time of fellowship. Invite others who may be interested to see the impact Margie House is having.

**Sunday, June 7th, 6 PM**  
**Pittsburgh City Outreach Church**  
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#### PRACTICAL NEEDS

- Good, sturdy, dining Room set
- Toiletries—cosmetics, Detergent, Toilet paper, Toothpaste etc.
- If you have something that could be donated feel free to inquire whether Margie's House has a use for it!
- Encouraging cards for the women

## REDEMPTION: TESTIFYING TO LIFE WHERE THERE WAS ONCE DESTRUCTION!



### ***I'm Redeemed! My past is behind me, I am totally restored!***

*Julia Geyer, Margie House Coordinator*

As the new Margie House Coordinator, Julia Geyer is in a position she would never have envisioned just two years ago. Today, Julia is a living epistle and testimony to the redemptive power of God. Daily, she is mentoring women, sharing the reality of true freedom with those who are experiencing the hurts, habits and hang-ups that a life without Christ brings. Julia knows first-hand the challenges these women face; she speaks from a place of true empathy that was developed from her own life experiences.

At the tender age of 10 years old Julia was dealing

with a mother who had mental health issues and a father who was an alcoholic. She grew up in church but the family had many distractions. When her father committed suicide, it ripped her family apart. Her mother's mental health declined and she faced bi-polar disorder. Her mother provided for the family, but was often absent due to her own pain and brokenness. As a result, Julia never felt loved or nurtured. When her mother tried to take her own life, Julia felt worthless.

At the point her father died her older sister started using drugs, drinking and bringing

men home. This introduced a drug lifestyle to Julia as well. She first experimented with marijuana at age 10. It made her feel good; made her laugh; helped her forget about the turmoil of her life.

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## *God brings "gifts" together to see victory in lives*

God has intertwined the gifts and talents of brothers and sisters from around Pittsburgh. It is amazing to watch God as He opens doors and begins to make things happen!

Margie's house started out praying for pastoral leadership

for the home when Pittsburgh City Outreach (PCO) and Pastor Brian and Angie Bolt joined forces with the Board. The women in the home are now active in the church at PCO.

The expertise and adminis-

trative qualities that The Network of Hope bring to the operations of the home are nothing short of awesome. We praise God for His timing and divine appointments. We are grateful to His work in all of our lives!

JULIA'S TESTIMONY—God's Redeeming Love

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She continued using drugs and at age 15 she was smoking marijuana regularly, drinking, dating and lost her virginity.

At age 16, Julia entered an abusive relationship with a drug dealer. She thought how he treated her was an expression of his love and she justified his abuse. Together they had two children. To completely numb her emotional pain, Julia began abusing prescription medications, followed shortly by heroin. Us-



ing drugs was her daily motivation to do anything.

Even in this setting of pain and numbness, God was reaching out to Julia. Something inside her was saying, "I don't belong here. I'm not supposed to be here. I'm better than this." And there were others, who she believes God placed in her path, who spoke into her life, telling her, "You have potential!"

Still, it was hard to make

the right choices and her addiction controlled her life to the point that she lost everyone, including her children; sold everything, including her body, to get the drugs and soon found herself homeless, in a shelter. This is when she met Pastor Brian Bolt (Pittsburgh City Outreach church) and Lily (women's home graduate). Lily had a similar background and shared about Margie House and how God was making a difference in her life. She

invited Julia to join her at the home.

Julia was not ready and returned to her drug use, which eventually caused her to contract Hepatitis C. This was a breaking point. Julia wanted to die and contemplated suicide.

Looking back at these "bottoms," she realizes God was calling out to her, saying, "Come on! I have something better for you!" Through

God's intervention, Julia located the phone number Lily had given her and called for help.

From the first moment Julia entered Margie House, she sensed the presence of God and thought, "This is what I've been missing my whole life." The people at Margie House and the church told Julia that God had a plan for her life; they believed in her; they loved her. It was as if God was wrapping his big

arms around her and saying, "You're worth it!"

In 2008, Julia became the second Margie House graduate. One of the major lessons she has learned through her time in the home is to stand still. Her whole life she ran from everything, everyone. In the home, she had a safe place of love and support in which to slow down, settle. This is when God started to work. He redeemed her, loved her, confirmed her worth. He

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

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JULIA'S TESTIMONY—Taking Back What the Enemy has Stolen!

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began to reveal the plans he had for her, plans of hope and a future. God gave her visions of helping other women just like her.

Recently, this vision has become a reality, as Julia has transitioned to become the new Margie House Coordinator. She joyfully and enthusiastically embraces her role and pours herself into reaching others with the freedom she now lives. She boldly speaks into women's lives with the

truth of God's word and leads them by example in worship and service to him and his church.

Today, Julia is experiencing the power of God's restoration. She has been able to rebuild a relationship with both her mother and sister. They too are experiencing the work of God in their own lives. Julia's children were adopted by two loving families (one of which is her sister) and she sees them often.

Julia loves to shout, "God is amazing! God is amazing," and "I'm redeemed, I feel it....I'm never going back...my past is behind me and I feel totally restored! He bought me!" God is restoring her sense of innocence and purity. She firmly believes we can step into the enemy's camp and, "TAKE BACK WHAT HE HAS STOLEN!" She plans to continue to do just that by allowing God to lead her as she leads others to freedom in Christ!

PRAYER REQUESTS
For God's divine appointments
Women to be still and allow God to transform their lives
Board members

HOME RESOURCES—Beth Moore Bible Study

The women in the home are starting the Beth Moore Bible Study Breaking Free: Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life. The Beth Moore studies feature a 60 minute DVD for the group, and then each participant of the study spends approximately 5 hours of independent study with a workbook and their Bible, before coming back together for the next video session. This particular in-depth study is based on Isaiah 61:1-4 and draws parallels between the captive Israelites and today's believers. We feel this is an excellent tool to familiarize the women with independent Bible Study.

MARGIE'S SISTER—Jeanne' Bereznicki



Jeanne' Bereznicki Margie's sister

I believe my involvement as President of the Board of Directors for The Margie House is two-fold. One, the Lord's direction in my life, and two, "Margie" Williams was my blood sister as well as my "blood-bought" sister.

Margie was instantly ushered to Heaven in March 2001 while walking in South Park with her friend Denise Golling.

They were hit by a careening car and five people went to eternity: the elderly driver, his wife, another man who was walking, Denise and Margie.

Margie was very involved in nurturing teen single moms to love their babies by touch and voice. She was very compassionate regarding the less fortunate. It was Margie's desire to have a facility in Pittsburgh to

help women ex-offenders ever since her sister-in-law, Diane Lodi, asked, "When are you going to have a facility in Pittsburgh?"

Through Prayer, dedicated volunteers and generous contributions, The Margie House became a reality. I look forward expectantly to what God has in store for this ministry.