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Love Finally Found...a previous client story

I spent the first 16 years of my life in multiple abusive environments. The first was in my immediate family, then in my extended family, and then in many different foster homes. Just after my 16th birthday I ran away for good. I knew I could take better care of my self than anyone who acted like they had my best interest at heart. I had multiple relationships that all left me empty and broken. I had no reason to even believe that there was a God let alone one that cared for me. So I turned to destructive habits and dysfunctional people to try and fill the void that was screaming out from deep within.

I finally married with hopes that this man might love me like I'd always craved. Only three months after our honeymoon he exploded in a fit of rage and broke almost every bone in my face. I wanted to run but was terrified that he would find me and take away our newborn daughter. So I spent the next 13 years doing anything I could to make my husband happy and my three daughters safe.

That is where I am afraid I would still be if it weren't for a good friend who told me about Cookie's Retreat Center. When I first arrived I was so sure that they would find a reason to hate me and

my girls like everyone else in my life and would send us away. But they only cared for us and showed us the unconditional love of a God I knew nothing about. I am a successful "graduate" of this program and I can truly say that they saved my life and the lives of my sweet girls. We have met a God who really loves me with the love I have been craving all my life. My girls are now attending an Adventist school and we are enjoying a whole new life full of safety and peace in our new home.

UpComing Events

July 22nd

Golf Scramble

2pm SHOTGUN START

Indian Canyon

4304 W. West Dr.

Spokane, WA

November 17th

Benefit Auction

6pm @ The Ridpath Hotel

515 W. Sprague Ave.

Spokane, WA

To make reservations or questions concerning any of our upcoming events,

contact

Gina Salazar

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For I know the plans I have for you...Executive Director Kim Bryan

Isn't it comforting to remind ourselves of our loving Father's promises? This verse in Jeremiah is one of my favorites and has seen me through personal challenges, as well as ones in the operation of our ministry here at Cookie's Retreat Center. I have also shared it with clients many times when they are fearful of the future and know we are all claiming it as we experience some transitions at the Center.

Having faith in an ever-faithful Father makes changes exciting because we know we are living out His plans for us. For me personally this means I will be moving this summer with my family to Oregon to pursue other ministry options. For Teresa Soule that means she will be moving into the girls dorm of UCA as head dean for the 2007-2008 school year.

For Cookie's Retreat Center, that means we are following **God's** plans in finding the women **He** has in mind for our center.

Your prayers are coveted as we seek to make this a smooth transition for everyone, especially the clients.

"And those whose faith has made them good in God's sight must live by faith, trusting Him in everything. Otherwise, if they shrink back, God will have no pleasure in them."

Hebrews 10:38

Here is your chance to see your money double right before your eyes!

Yes, that is right! We have been given a wonderful opportunity to watch the gifts we receive in the next 90 days double! This challenge grant is extra exciting because it is a **“Pass-it On Challenge Grant”**. Six funders will not only get the chance to see their money double as soon as they give it. They will also get to pass on a challenge amount to encourage others to double their gift. What a win-win plan!

See the diagram for explanation of this. We ask you to prayerfully consider where you might be able to fit into this blessed opportunity. As you can see, we are looking for three people who can give a one-time gift of \$15,000 each and three who can give \$6,200 each. Besides these generous gifts we are looking for sponsors who would be willing to join our faithful monthly family with gifts of \$25, \$50 or \$100 gifts.

As you see from our mailbag notes it is now easier than ever to set up an automatic payment to Cookie's Retreat Center and then relax and know that your blessings will continue to touch lives for eternity every month.

Cookie's Retreat Center wants you to be a part of one or more of our upcoming events!



**GET
CONNECTED**

Visit our website at www.ppmin.org under the **“Event Calendar”** for information on how to *Become a Sponsor* or to register for any of our upcoming events.

Speaking Engagements

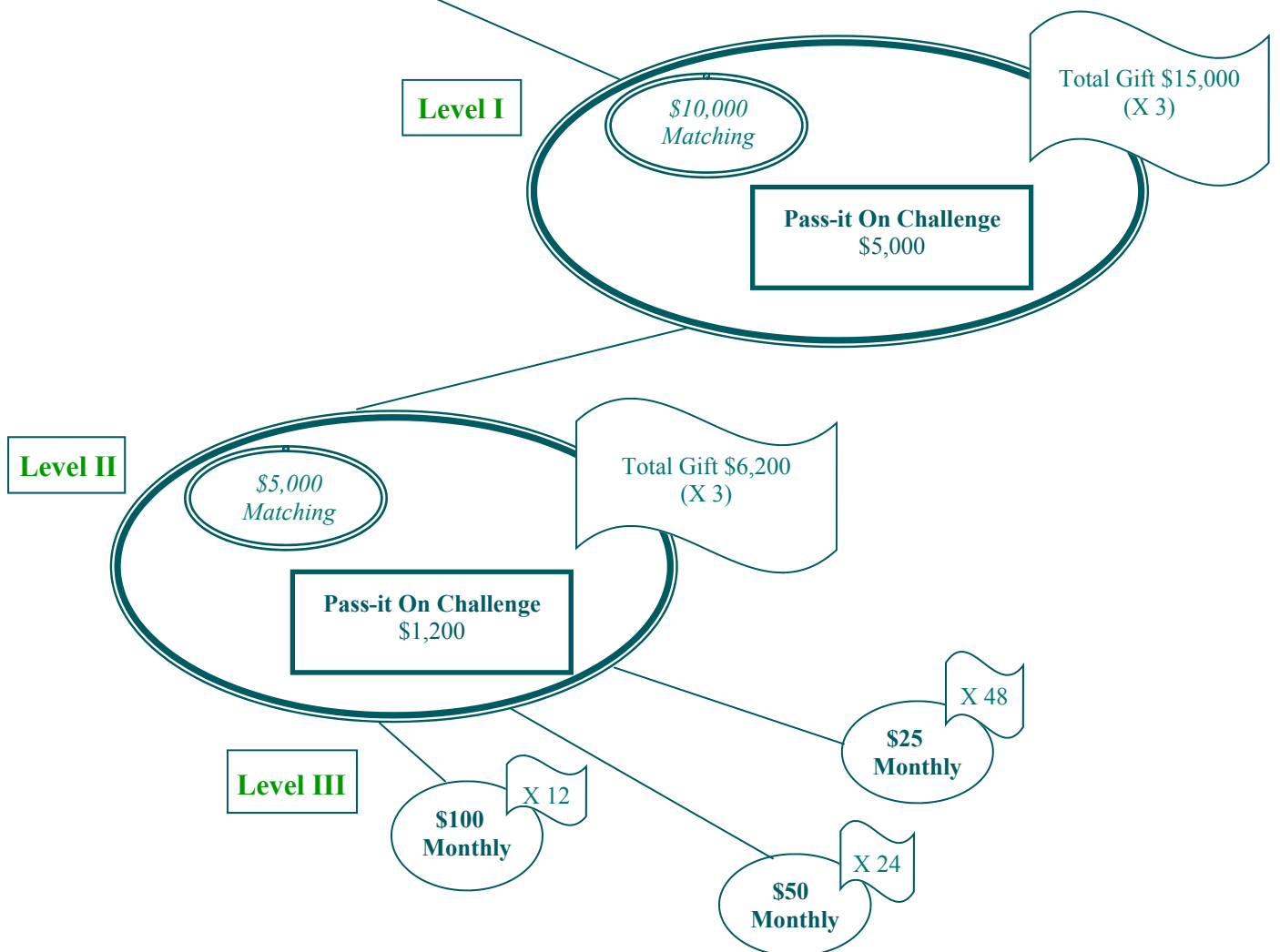
Our Executive Director, Kim Bryan, will be available for a limited number of speaking engagements throughout the year. She will be happy to present during the Sermon Time, Mission Time, at special events, etc. Kim speaks on many topics including:

Her personal testimony of abuse and recovery, the Captivating Beauty of a Woman, Priorities; God's Way, Forgiveness, the most powerful healing tool and many more.

In addition, this year Kim Bryan has a **limited number of engagements available** in which she is accompanied by a previous client sharing her powerful testimony through words and song.

For more information on the availability of these, please call (509) 998-7956.

COOKIE'S RETREAT CENTER
June 2007
Pass-it On Challenge Grant
\$30,000
Goal: An additional \$63,600
in one-time gifts
&
\$3,600 new monthly gifts
with 84 new regular monthly supporters



What are the effects of domestic violence or abuse? HELPGUIDE.ORG

The adverse effects of domestic violence or abuse can be very long-lasting. People who have been abused by a spouse or intimate partner often suffer from:

- Depression
- Anxiety attacks
- Low self-esteem
- Lack of trust in others
- Feelings of abandonment
- Anger
- Sensitivity to rejection
- Chronic health problems
- Sleeping problems
- Inability to work
- Poor relationships
- Substance abuse

Statistics say:

3-4 million women are beaten by their husbands or boyfriends every year
Of the 3-4 million women, **4000** women and children are **beaten to death**

In addition to these problems, physical abuse may result in serious injury or death if the victim does not leave the relationship.

There are 1,500 shelters for battered women in the United States. There are 3,800 animal shelters.

Schneider, 1990

The effects of domestic violence on children... HELPGUIDE.ORG

Children who witness domestic violence may develop serious emotional, behavioral, developmental, or academic problems. As children, they may become violent themselves, or withdraw. Some act out at home or school; others try to be the perfect child. Children from violent homes may become depressed and have low self-esteem.

As they develop, children and teens who grow up with domestic violence in the household are more likely to:

- Exhibit violent and aggressive behavior.
- Attempt suicide.
- Use and abuse drugs.
- Commit crimes, especially sexual assault.
- Become abusers in their own relationships later in life.

A tea to remember... Gina Salazar

Thank you to all the ladies that attended our *First Annual Elegant Tea Party* and for making it a success. With your help Cookie's Retreat Center was able to raise over **\$2,600**. We seated 30 ladies and had a waiting list of five. It was an evening filled with elegance and laughter.

Look for **more information** on our next tea party on-line at www.pppmin.org under the "events calendar".

Cookie's would like to give a special recognition to all the people that dedicated their time and money in putting this event together and the businesses that donated items for the silent auction that was held during the tea.



Debbie Hayes
Dan Hayes
Shawn Hayes & friend
Allen Hayes & friend
Teresa Soule`

John Soule`
Carol Bryan
Donna King
June Fanning
Sandra Haskins
Judy Haskins

Sherry Livingston
Jan Cusick
Kathy Craft
Debra Rupp
Sandi Werts

Foxy Horse and Hound
The Chocolate Apothecary
The Kitchen Engine
Ferrantes



Silent Auction baskets



Kathy Craft
(winner of one of our door prizes)
and granddaughter Brittni Bryan



The ladies were greeted at the door by our butler Shawn Hayes

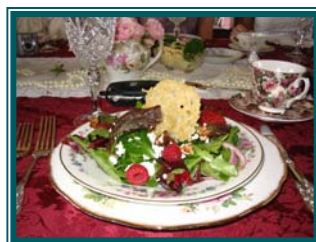


Our chauffeur, June Fanning, is enjoying a Victorian style photo session with her family and friends

Join us next year for an evening of ...



Elegance....



gourmet food....



and the perfect tea....

Summer 2007 Wish List

House Items:

New Pillows
Christian CD's/Music
New writing journals
Disposable cameras
Phone cards
(1)New Vacuum cleaner
Extension for duster

Ladies: NEW

Feminine hygiene items
Hair products
Shaving razors

Office Supplies:

(15) 3-ring 1-1/2 inch binders
(4)97/94 color/blk ink cartridges
for an Hp printer

Outdoor supplies:

Wheelbarrow
(2)Rakes
Shovels
(3)Hoses
Flowers

Children:

Diapers (all sizes) & wipes
New Art supplies: construction
paper, sketch books, tempera
paints & brushes, modeling clay,
etc...
NEW stuffed animals

Gift Certificates:

Wal-Mart
Safeway
ABC store
Christian Supply store
Lowe's Hardware
Costco
Michael's craft store
Office Depot
Staples

Cookie's Retreat Center is no
longer excepting donations of
used clothing, but **any gift
certificates that can be used
for new clothing will be
greatly appreciated.**

From Our Mailbag:

You recently sent a note regarding sending us the newsletter via e-mail. Please do just that. I also have you set up with our bill pay feature at our bank, so checks will come to you each month. Thank you for your ministry in this very important area. I know you literally save lives with the retreat. May God continue to bless.
In Him

Rene' & John Maloon



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