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Offering hope and new beginnings to young adults who want to be free from addictions by providing mentoring, discipling and transition assistance.

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Art Show Wrap Up

On June 27th, MtSM had its very first Inmate Art Show. This event took a year to plan and execute; but was well worth all the hard work.

The Art Show was inspired by all of the art I have received over the last few years. I would randomly get letters with the envelopes decorated with beautiful designs. For Christmas one year, I received a beautiful picture of whales jumping out of the water; and another time an inmate sent me the most detailed pictures of birds I have ever seen. I was constantly amazed at the talent of these inmates. Their artistry truly is a gift from God, and I knew it needed to be celebrated.

This project could not have happened without the many hands that helped bring it all together. There were many people who played a part and I want to say thank you to each and every one of you.

Johnny and Jodi Arellano helped write letters and contact inmates about donating art to our cause. It was amazing to me how generous the inmates were about being a part of this project. MtSM had inmate friends who were not

themselves artists, but who went and solicited art on our behalf. In our early planning stage, we anticipated having 24 pieces; we ended up with 73! Isn't that amazing?

Mary McEathron, our MtSM Board Event Planner, really came through with the displaying of each piece. As the art started coming in, even I, a very non-artistic person, knew that somehow each of these pieces needed to be displayed in a way that would highlight the talent. Mary pulled this off beautifully. She has an eye for detail and a flair for decorating that is unsurpassed.

Diane Stiles, a local Skagit County artist and friend of MtSM, agreed to help with the displaying of the art and donated material to us. She came early the day of the art show bearing grids and other necessary items to display the art and help make the room attractive and elegant.

Shar Dyer, our MtSM Secretary came through once again with the refreshments and the displaying of the edibles. Everything was set up so decoratively and appealing. Sherri Tibbles, a member of our Transitional Housing team, donated her time and own artist's ability

with the baking of delightful and magnificent desserts.

Gaye Rodriguey helped with hanging up posters all over Coupeville, helping to get the word out about the event. She baked goodies for the evening and was one of the cheerful faces who greeted people at the door and registered the bidders.

I cannot put into words what it meant to have my daughter, Samantha, be a part of the evening. It was the first MtSM event she was able to attend. She also was one of the cheerful faces who greeted and registered our guests that evening. My heart was so full to have her there. I am so grateful for what God is doing in her life.

We were privileged to have the musical talent of John Aydelotte. His music gave the evening a sense of sophistication that really added to the atmosphere of the evening.

Wendy Patterson, and our MtSM Treasurer, Mary Bame, were two people who were constantly there asking, "What can I do to help?" It didn't matter what it was, they did it.

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Sandi Hiles, our MtSM Book-keeper and Duane and Shari Remmenga, also members of our Transitional Housing Team, assisted Mary in helping the check-out portion of our evening to flow smoothly.

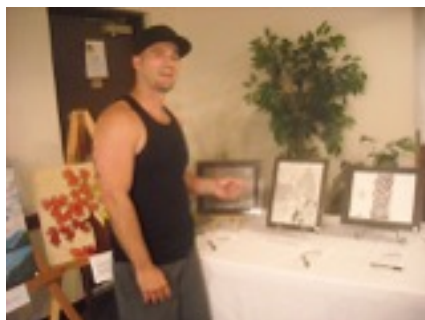
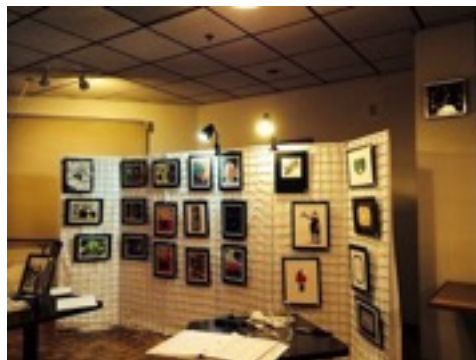
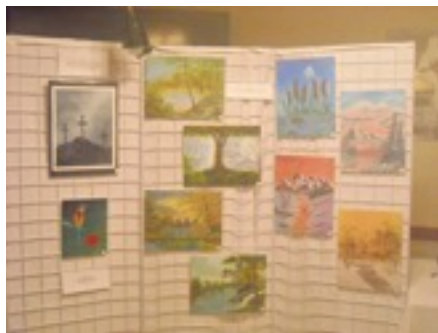
Due to all of these amazing people and to every one of the extraordinary, incredible supporters who came out that evening, we raised just over \$2000 toward our Transitional Housing Project. It is a wonderful start.

Some of the other blessings that came out of that evening were being able to meet some family members of one of our local participating artists. Reno’s mom, dad, and son joined us that evening. What a wonderful delight to meet them.

A Newspaper article highlighting Johnny and Jodi Arellano, and mentioning MtSM was published. Since it was our very first time being in the public eye, it felt really good.

Last, but certainly not least, are the relationships that were established due to the project. I have been blessed by meeting so many wonderful new inmates that I would have never otherwise met. I am continuously amazed at the kindness and compassion of the people I meet in this ministry. I am honored that God has allowed me the opportunity to be a part of the lives of these incredible people, His children, that He is so full of love for and so passionate about. I am grateful.

Here are a few pictures from that amazing, fun-filled evening.



Transitional Housing Update

It has been a while since I have updated you on our progress for housing. We had a bump in the road this past spring. We sent "Letters of Intent" to two separate foundations, one in April, and the other at the end of May. We have not heard back from the first foundation; but we did receive a reply from the second. Sadly, it was not the reply we were hoping for.

Here is a quote from them:

"We have reviewed your project with respect to Trust interest, and we are sorry to inform you that your project is not eligible for further consideration. Unfortunately, we must deny permission to submit a full grant application.

Please note that this is not intended as a judgment on the merits of your organization or project. Rather, it is a reflection of your project's fit with the Trust's current funding priorities. Regretfully, Trust funds are limited, and thus we must focus those investments on areas consistent with Trust grant making history and current strategies."

Our Transitional Team has been on "pause" this summer, but will meet again in September to make decisions on where to go from here. I believe with my whole heart that the vision for housing comes

from God. I know it is HIS plan for this ministry. I just don't have all the details for funding; but I trust HE does. Would you pray for us as we continue to step out in faith. We want to be in union with HIS vision, HIS plan and HIS purpose.

This morning, I was looking at my journal from the conference we attended in May. On the first evening of the conference, we broke into groups of three and prayed for each other. I was with two women whom I had never met before. They knew nothing of me and I knew nothing about them. One lady,

Becky, said to me, "He has given you the vision. It will be done in His power and His strength."

I believe this is about our housing project. It was the same day we had sent out our first Letter of Intent. Coincidence? I don't think so.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

~ Christina

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Our second ever

MtSM BBQ

Everyone is Invited

Supporters, Prayer Partners and Participants.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

at

**Deception Pass State Park
North Beach Shelter**

MtSM will supply the burgers, hot dogs and water.

If you are able, please bring a salad, drink (non-alcoholic), chips, other side dish or dessert.

Please **RSVP** to Christina so we can make sure to have enough food.

360-929-2959



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MtSM would like to thank Mary Lou Childs, Maureen Gallagher Jensen and the volunteer staff at New Life Quality Resale for their support of our ministry over the last year.

We are sad to announce that they have made the decision to close the shop due to lack of donations, soft sales and difficulty finding volunteers.

We are grateful that they chose us to be one of their partners and we appreciate all the hard work and effort they have put into this venture.

God bless you all.

Mighty to Save Ministries is blessed to have received support from the sale of designated donations.

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Finances — MtSM is funded solely by private contributions.

Your ongoing support helps in funding the purchase of

Bibles, teaching materials, travel, meetings, volunteer

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