



Champa House



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Dear Living Water Christian Retreats,

I cannot thank you enough for the blessing you gave to Champa House by hosting a Living Water Grief Retreat. Champa House is a long-term transitional housing facility for single mothers with children. We exist to help women break free from negative life patterns and move toward a living, active relationship with Jesus Christ. Many of the women that come to Champa House are burdened by deep loss and grief—grief over abuse, addictions, lost relationships, lost hopes and dreams for what life “should have been.” More often than not, the pain from these losses hinders the women from moving towards freedom and breaking free from the destructive patterns that have held them captive for so long.

The Grief Retreat was truly a time of release, healing and breaking free. It was incredible to watch women—which I had never seen open up—engage the process of naming their grief and then lay it down. It was beautiful to see and feel the Holy Spirit pursue these precious women and begin to heal their broken hearts. Debra and Debbie were instruments in the Lord’s hands as they gently ministered to each of the women while they walked through the process of releasing their grief.

At the end of the retreat we all went outside and released balloons that symbolized the losses and griefs we were letting go of. I will never forget watching those balloons float away and eventually disappear. I will never forget the rapturous smile of one of the participants after she watched her balloons float away. And I will never forget what she said, with her big smile, afterwards, “That was wonderful!” And it was. Wonderful. A blessed weekend filled with the wondrous healing work of Christ. On behalf of all of the women who participated and all of the staff who serve the Champa House women, thank you. Thank you beyond any words that we could ever say. May the Lord bless your ministry as you continue to serve Him and the many women you encounter.

Sincerely,

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