CLAY & OAK MINISTRIES

# QUARTLERY NEWSLETTER

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## Calm Before The Storm

What a summer it has been, friends! Our staff thought this summer would be full of the wonderful chaos of serving multiple women, as last summer was, but instead, we find ourselves in another season of building. The Lord has brought more resources, new staff members, housing grants and the gift of time. There's a strong sense that this is the calm before the storm of work that will come as we open the doors to a long term home in January.

We are still operating out of our safe-house townhome. We're thankful for this cozy space while we search for our first permanent property! Our last resident was an 18yo who had aged out of the foster care system. She had been in over 40 homes throughout her childhood... can you imagine? Our hearts are with her and we long to be able to give more women the stability and consistency they may have never experienced before.

## Join Us In Prayer

- For our Gather & Grow Event 10/11 (more on page 3)
- For our board and Executive Director as they finalize programming
- For Kim, who has taken a new position at the Institute for Survivor Care
- For a permanent property for Clay & Oak to call home
- For our upcoming resident who is coming to us next month for transitional living and an internship
- For Bethany as she goes through onboarding and finds her feet
- For fundraising as we approach the end of the year
- For our past residents A, H, A, A, K, E

## Welcome to the team, Bethany!

We're thrilled to welcome Bethany Henry to the team as our new Program Support Specialist! Bethany brings a wealth of experience from working with other nonprofit ministries and a deep passion for seeing daughters walk confidently in their true identity. Her sharp insight, genuine heart, and contagious enthusiasm have already brought a fresh energy to our work. We're so grateful to have her alongside us as we continue building safe spaces for restoration and hope!

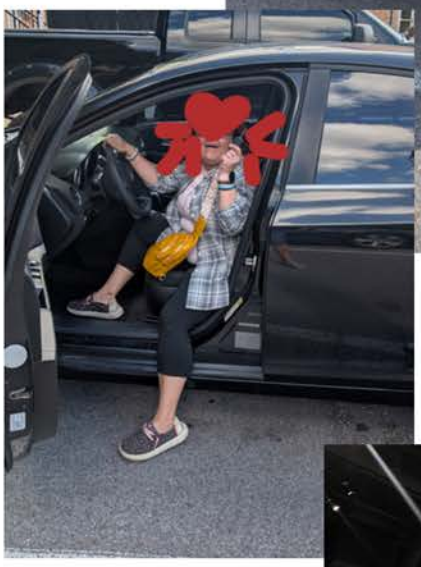
# Around the Oak House

## A Gift Of Freedom

Last month, we had the joy of helping a mom and her daughter receive a car of their own. It's a life-changing gift that brings newfound freedom and independence. Reliable transportation means so much more than getting from place to place; it opens doors to opportunity, stability, and connection. Watching this mama's smiles and gratitude reminded us once again how every act of generosity helps restore dignity and hope. Thank you to our community for gifting Clay & Oak this car to make this donation possible!

## Abolition Summit 2025

In August our team had the privilege of attending the Abolition Summit in Colorado, a powerful gathering that unites Christ-centered mission partners from across the nation in the fight against sex trafficking. It was an incredible time of connection, learning, and encouragement. Bethany and Sarah even squeezed in a little fun, grabbing some In-N-Out Burger (because when you're out west, it's a must!). We came home refreshed, inspired, and reminded that we're not alone in this fight!

## The Search Continues

Our search for a permanent home for Clay & Oak is still underway! Over the past few months, we've put offers in on two different properties, but neither was accepted. While waiting can be challenging, we trust that the right space is still ahead. Our Board and Property Committee continue to lead this effort with wisdom and faith, and we're confident in the Lord's timing. Thank you for praying with us and believing for this place of restoration and hope.