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### Dear Friends.

### "But for the grace of God, go I..."

Judi's story touches the heart: parents forced to make a difficult choice for the future of their daughter. Facing the reality of their personal limitations to provide for her well-being and healthy adulthood, they mercifully chose to place her in the loving arms of a Show-Me family.

I haven't had to make that choice, for me or for my children. But, change a few details in my personal life and circumstances and, well, God help me...



My passion for this mission flows from a heart that understands that <u>no family</u> has complete immunity from crisis and circumstances beyond their control. If any number of misfortunes removed my ability to care for my children myself, I would want a choice.

Specifically, *I would want a Christ-centered option determined to help my children* overcome the hardships they've faced and give them the best possible future, saturated in the love of Jesus.

<u>Judi is "More than a Story!</u>" *She is a real-life, vulnerable child turned amazing adult.* Judi could have been a "statistic". She's not – thanks to the intervention of Show-Me Christian Youth Home! Like many other young people, she found at Show-Me the pivot-point of her story and now as a healthy adult is writing superior chapters in her community. Our world is a better place because Judi is a part of it!

Thank you for your investments to make happy endings to stories that, but for the grace of God, could be our own. *Thank you for being a vital part of the Show-Me story!* 

Blessed to Bless,

Chad Puckett, Director

### Rescue and Restore

Show-Me's methods of restoration offer more than simply a house in which kids live temporarily as they grow up. For 50 years, children continue to find a safe, stable, loving home and family with layers of support geared toward their current and future success.

With the guidance of professionals, Show-Me creates a customized environment for each child to thrive, all provided from a Christian worldview.

### **Home and Family**

- Traditional family setting with 6-8 siblings led by a set of trained houseparents
- Family structure teaches respect for authority and provides healthy role models
- Children contribute to the needs of the family, find a security in belonging, and develop empathy and responsibility

### Counseling

- Licensed Professional Counselors tend to each child's emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs.
- A safe place to process through overwhelming feelings and events
- Works alongside houseparents to help families address new coping methods

### **A Community of Support**

- Not just any "village to raise a child" but an engaged, Christ-centered neighborhood
- Constant and consistent atmosphere of love and encouragement
- Volunteers and church communities enhance an environment of support

### The Show-Me

Students (Grades 1st-12th) are taught using an individualized, self-paced academic option based on the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) program.

• 8:1 student/teacher ratio creates a supportive social & academic environment





### **Christian School**

- Nationally accredited coursework led by professionally trained teachers
- Athletics, Art, Music,
   4-H, and other enrichment opportunities



### What happens after the kids leave Show-Me?

Children don't "age-out" of the Show-Me program - they "ageinto" healthy adults. We believe that helping them reach the age of 18 isn't enough. Other interventions must he available if these young lives are to thrive into adulthood and become contributing members of society. That's why Show-Me developed signature programs to prepare our young people for successful adult life.

# PATH TO PURP SE

Path to Purpose serves as a bridge to adulthood by providing the necessary resources they need to keep moving forward when they meet the inevitable obstacles along the way. Life skills are taught through mentors, job coaching, and hands-on applications to complement their formal education.







Leadership U
is a signature
program of
Show-Me
Christian
Youth Home,
Leadership
U instills in

our young people character and direction as they learn to lead like Jesus. Each week students apply the principles of service, knowledge, confidence and wisdom as they work with our horses and get hands-on experience.



- Ability for siblings to stay together
- Higher levels of safety & accountability
- 24-hour emergency support
- · Onsite counseling
- · Reduced operating costs
- Specialized education programs
- Shared resources
- More learning & recreational opportunities
- Increased volunteer involvement





Mayview, MO
Knob Noster Unit
Knob Noster, MO
Main Campus
La Monte, MO

Drysdale Home Barnett, MO

Emerald Ranch Goodman, MO







## The Future of Show-Me

Phase 1:			
1	Drinking Water System		
2	Waste Water System		
3	New House		
Phase 2:			
4	Office Building		
5	School Building Renovation		
6	Volunteer Lodging		
Phase 3:			
7	New House		
8	New House		
9	Duplex		
	(Teardown existing		
	home to rebuild)		









# More Than A Story: Judi Cranford Trailblazing a Path to Purpose for others to find the same success

Most of the children who have called Show-Me "home" would refer to Judi Crawford as family. That's because Judi has been part of Show-Me longer than any other child, having arrived when she was only 15 months.

Born to parents unable to care for her, Judi was taken from her home and placed in foster care when she was four months old. A year later, after hearing about Show-Me, her biological parents requested that Judi, along with her two brothers, and sister, be moved there. Their request was granted

Growing Up at Show-Me



She grew up the daughter of Gale and Karen Culler, living in their household her entire childhood. Life at Show-Me was exciting and busy. She traveled promotions, sang at churches,

watched multitudes of sports games, and met countless supporters and volunteers as they came to campus. "If you could imagine, growing up and everywhere you turn, you get good advice, that is what it is like growing up here," Judi joked.

When she was nine, Judi made the decision to be baptized. She had seen Christ's love lived out in so many lives around her. "I witnessed what it means for God's people to be his hands and feet," she stated. "By traveling to churches, I met the people who made my home possible. By watching my parents work from early in the morning until late at night, I saw how they kept Show-Me running. By spending time with the other house parents and staff, I saw the light of Jesus pouring out of their hearts."

Although certain legalities prevented her from ever being able to be formally adopted, Judi legally changed her name to Culler at the age of 18. "My biological parents gave me my life, but mom and dad taught me how to live," said Judi.



### Passing the Blessing Forward

She received her associates' degree from Central Christian College of the Bible and Bachelors in Public Relations from Central Missouri State University. Wanting to ensure that other kids could have the same opportunities she did, Judi returned to serve at Show-Me.

Over the next 15 years, she invested her talents as a houseparent, Public Relations Coordinator, and directing the children's musical and puppet programs. Judi wrote and directed all the VBS videos including "Cowboy and Mr. Blaine." She edited newsletters, designed brochures, organized large gatherings.



In 2004, she married Jacob Crawford starting the next chapter of her life as proud wife and mother of three boys: Wyatt, Westin, and Wade. She continues to be an active part of her church and community.

Blazing a Path to Purpose

In 2011, Judi utilized her first-hand knowledge of the challenges that Show-Me's young adults face as they step into adulthood to help launch the Path to Purpose program, which she currently oversees. Her experiences growing up at Show-Me help her to relate well to the young people she guides. They know that "Mrs. Judi" can understand what they are feeling.

Judi is part counselor, part teacher, and part mentor. Her classes range from career advice to essential life skills: computer skills, the Dave Ramsey Financial Course, basic home repair, cooking, and driver's education. She navigates the teens through the financial aid and tax process. She works with supporters and businesses to equip graduates of the program with reliable

transportation and equipment for their transition to the work force or continued education.

Her work does not end once they officially become adults at 18 years of age. Judi regularly checks up on Show-Me alumni to see how they are doing or if they need any help. Former children have access to the food, clothing, and furniture barns at the main campus.

Judi's finds a way to use her talents to help others. Each year, she takes senior pictures for all our graduating high schoolers. She has been known to help plan baby showers, photograph weddings, or design invitations for her "Show-Me" siblings.

Judi not only overcame the challenges of her past, she is equipping the next generation to find the same success. She is passing on the blessing she once received. "Jesus' love and protection has covered me throughout my entire life," explained Judi. "I am grateful for each and every one of Show-Me's supporters for being a part of my life."



## By the Numbers

Our fiscal Year 2017 and the Impact YOUR gifts make

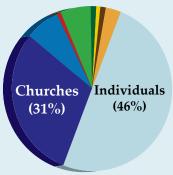
- 206 Calls for placement
  - 64 Children called Show-Me "home"
    - **7** Baptisms
  - **12** New placements in the year
    - 8 Children reunited with family
    - 4 Graduates
  - 36 Attended Show-Me Christian School

Income			
Individuals	\$867,476	46%	
Churches	\$582,592	31%	
Groups	\$154,896	8%	
VBS & Camps	\$18,462	1%	
Memorials & Honoraria	\$107,919	6%	
Wills & Estates	\$164	< 1%	
Family Support	\$18,387	1%	
United Way	\$9,870	1%	
Other*	\$123,793	7%	
Total Income:	\$1,883,559		

Expenses				
Program & Services	\$1,491,980	77%		
Administration	\$220,651	11%		
Promotions	\$230,621	12%		
Total Expenses:	\$1,943,252			









- Includes Path to Purpose, Sale of Livestock, Interest, etc.
- \*\* Does not include Gift in Kind Income valued at \$193,283. This report reflects amounts for the Operating Campany's fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Reviewed financial statements are available in January 2018. Detailed reports available upon request for Show-Me Christian Youth Home Operating or Facilities Company.

## Join the Cause

You have the power to change the course of generations.

- □ **Pray** Prayer for our children, families, and staff is our most important resource.
- □ Advocate Let your passion and faith in ALL children be heard. Tell others about how Show-Me may be able to help them or how they may be able to help Show-Me.
- Network Open doors for others to make an impact.
- □ **Volunteer** Share your time and talent.
- ☐ **Give** Invest in future generations:
  - · Cash/ Check/ Credit Card
  - Donated professional services or goods
  - Appreciated Assets or securities
  - In-kind gifts (vehicles, land, grain/livestock)

### Thanks to You!

· We are funded by YOU!

Like the Church of Acts, the legacy of Show-Me is the witness of caring individuals coming together to share their resources – food, time, abilities, and money – to help God's children.

Every child has an Opportunity!

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Your support ensures that NO child or family is ever turned away because they cannot afford the services of Show-Me.



Show Me Christian Youth Home is an accreditated member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). We are committed to maintain the highest levels of financial integrity by upholding the ECFA's Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship. TM (www.ecfa.org)..







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