**The Heart of the Matter**

We thought from time to time you might enjoy hearing from a former resident of Lifeline Family Center! This feature is featuring Gelisia Galarza. She and Jason will always be part of our Lifeline Family. They lived with us from October 2012 to January 2014. Some of you will remember Gelisia as “Gigi.” Enjoy! Ms. Kathy

Hello, My name is Gelisia Galarza. I am now twenty-eight years old and have an incredible, beautiful, funny, and amazing little 5 year old boy! Yes, I said five years old, named Jason. I can’t believe how time flies by! I wanted to take the time to thank Lifeline Family Center for SAVING my life along with my baby boy! My experience at Lifeline Family Center was nothing short of a miracle! Lifeline Family Center not only prepared me for motherhood, but most importantly saved my life. Before Lifeline, I was homeless, pregnant with nowhere to go. While I was there, I was taught valuable life skills that later became essential to raising my beautiful son. I learned how to properly care for my baby boy, along with how to discover my sons specific love language. I was provided medical care and a stable, beautiful, home. It was my home. I had the most amazing house parents that worked day in and day out with so much love, compassion and a true passion for serving all of the girls that where there. My most favorite memories are our devotional times every morning with Ms. Kathy, Ms. Mary, and Mr. Kevin. All three of them instilled Biblical wisdom and life skills that I will never forget.

Lifeline not only saved my life, it saved my beautiful baby boy’s life from what could have been death from a very abusive relationship with his father. I am so incredibly grateful for everything I learned and most importantly incorporated into my everyday lifestyle. I am the successful, Godly woman I am today because of Lifeline Family Center, the house parents that never gave up on me, and a mother figure that took me in when I was holding on for dear life, Ms. Kathy. I am forever grateful! Today, you can find me leading worship at my amazing church, teaching my Pre-K class of 25 adorable children, enjoying awesome adventures with my son, and pursuing my degree in Early Childhood Education! God has radically changed me into the woman I never thought I had the courage to be. Lifeline Family Center was the foundation for the life God has blessed me with now! My son and I would not be here if it wasn’t for the generous donors that selflessly gave to help provide for my son and me. Being there has changed my entire life! As Mr. Kevin (house parent) would always say to me “God will getcha.” and He (the sky way)! That statement couldn’t have been more true! You all haven’t seen anything yet! There are more miracles to come! Thank you all for all that you do to support pro-life and the incredible mission God has ordained for Lifeline Family Center! You all played such a vital part in my success story, and for that I am forever grateful.

**What’s Happening**

I am absolutely honored to be asked to step into the shoes left by Katherine and Ashleigh. The first task given to me is LifeWalk 2018. I am amazed at how successful it has been in the past. The trials we had to overcome last year (anyone remember Irma?), are just stepping stones to launch us into what will be the best year ever for LifeWalk! We have returned to our original day, the first Saturday of December and that just so happens to be the 1st.

Already we are brimming with excitement as those of you who have answered the call to be Ambassadors for your church have replied with a supportive shout—YES! I love the passion you have shown and I’m excited to meet our Ambassadors. Coming from a background of working for church ministries, Lifeline Family Center is a glimpse of what Heaven will be like… so many diverse people coming together for a cause, regardless of denomination, background, status it doesn’t matter, we are all on the same team—LIFE! And LifeWalk is an incredible opportunity to show our community what Heaven looks like! When it comes to Team Life, this is a vital year to make our voices heard. This year our goal is to raise $50,000. We had just over 36 churches or organizations participate last year. Let’s make that goal 50! How are we going to do that? Well, do you belong to a gym? Book club? Bible study? Get creative! My goal is to pack out Jaycee Park with 400 participants to a gym? Book club? Bible study? Get creative! My goal is to pack out Jaycee Park with 400 participants. Our staff has the privilege of following each of you on your Facebook pages when they leave Lifeline. Occasionally we will get a surprise visit or phone call. Most of you are not in that loop, and we want to keep you informed! None of what we do would be possible without the grace of God and your faithful support. So enjoy learning what Gelisia and Jason have been up to since 2014!

Bethany invites you to start thinking about LifeWalk, on December 1. If your church family has not yet joined our pro-life family for this fun, lifesaving event, please think about becoming a Lifeline Ambassador to encourage your pastor to come on board!

As always, we covet your prayers. Trying to untangle the emotionally damaged lives of our young moms is a work of the Holy Spirit. We are only tools. Sometimes when we let our flesh get in the way, we can despair at how dysfunctional our society has become. But each time one of our moms surrenders her life to Jesus we can sense the celebration in the heavens! And once again we rejoice at saving two lives at a time… a mom and a baby… for here and eternity!

G perspectives, our outreach office. We have welcomed new residents to our family. That is always exciting because that means we will get to celebrate the lives of more babies! Every one of them is unique. The celebration of birth never gets old. Our most recent new family member for you to keep in your prayers is Kataria. Her baby is due October 1.

In mixing the “old” with the new, you have a treat in store! From time to time a former Lifeline Mom will give you an update on her life in “Heart of the Matter.” Gelisia Galarza is the first member of our Lifeline Family to launch this. Our staff has the privilege of following each of you on your Facebook pages when they leave Lifeline. Occasionally we will get a surprise visit or phone call. Most of you are not in that loop, and we want to keep you informed! None of what we do would be possible without the grace of God and your faithful support. So enjoy learning what Gelisia and Jason have been up to since 2014!

**Wishlist**

- Similac Sensitive
- Stress balls
- Ziploc Bag (quart)
- Adult coloring books
- Playing cards
- Black hair dye
- Journals
- Hair Gel
- Sudoku puzzle books
- Adult nail clippers
- Ladies Razors

**God bless you for caring!**

For Truth and Life,

Kathy Miller
President/Founder

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**A Few Words From Our President**

Things are hopping at Lifeline Family Center! We have welcomed Bethany Freer on board as our new Marketing/Public Relations Coordinator and Graphic Artist. She has big shoes to fill, but we know that she is capable! It was bittersweet watching Katherina Gonzalez, our Lifeline Family Center “graduate turned employee,” leave. Her husband received a promotion that has taken their family to Texas. But the story doesn’t end there…Katherina has been hired as the Center Coordinator for a crisis pregnancy center in Texas! She has already introduced them to some of Lifeline’s programs. Katherina will also be leading them in their first LifeWalk based on what she learned at Lifeline Family Center. I feel like we have sent out a home missionary! We also had to say goodbye to Ashleigh Cheveliar. Ashleigh has headed back to Virginia to get married in September! We wish her well, but will miss her bubbly personality. She has promised to come back to Emcee our Benefit Dinner. We are going to hold her to that!

New applications continue to flow into our Outreach Office. I wish we could take everyone, but a very long time ago the Lord taught me about boundaries…some situations need more mental health focus than we are capable of providing. Still, we continue to welcome new residents to our family. That is always exciting because that means we will get to celebrate the lives of more babies! Every one of them is unique. The celebration of birth never gets old. Our most recent new family member for you to keep in your prayers is Kataria. Her baby is due October 1.

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Challenge continued

So, here’s my challenge to you:

If you were a participant in the previous years, pray about increasing your goal. If it was $100, set it at $150 and pray for God to give you the creative ideas how to ask for more sponsors.

Does your church have an ambassador yet? Pray about stepping into that position and rallying your church members to sponsor a team of their people.

If you were an ambassador, ask God to enlarge your tent pegs, aka Team Members, and set a goal to increase your team size, or even multiply the teams.

Do you have high school or college students? This can count as community service hours! If your high schooler is part of a Christian club or service club at their school or just has a group of friends from the same school, they could be a team.

Let’s get the word out that we are TEAM LIFE and we ARE going to make our voices heard! I’m here to answer questions and work out ideas: shoot me an email bethany@lifelinefamily.org and let’s keep the ball rolling for #TEAMLIFE.

P.S. Be sure to LIKE us on Facebook - @lifelinefamilycenter

Outreach Ministries

“With a strong arm and an outstretched arm,
For His loving kindness is everlasting.”
Psalm 136:12 (NASB)

An outstretched arm, reaching to others showing love and kindness…this is LifeLine Family Center’s Outreach Ministry. We let people know we are here for them if they need help. We are part of outposts in the community where we set up tables with LifeLine Family Center information. These outposts include Lehigh Acres, Pine Manor and Suncoast Community Centers, to name a few. Sometimes the people who come to us need diapers, formula or baby clothes. Thanks to generous donations, we are able to give them these things. We also go to the colleges in Lee County. FGCU, Nova and Keiser are the ones that welcome us most frequently. Our information table is set up for students and professors alike, to see who LifeLine Family Center is and how we help women and families in our community. We provide free pregnancy testing, and free non-medical ultrasounds.

RUC stands for Relationships Under Construction, and it is an abstinence training class for Middle and High school students. We make learning about abstinence and STD’s interesting by doing inter-active demonstrations that the students themselves participate in. When they have hands-on training, they absorb the information better. They learn that it is God’s plan for sex to be within a commitment of marriage. Condoms also are false security against pregnancy and STD’s.

Choose Life Adoption Option is something that women don’t always know about. We acquire funds from the Choose Life license plates. When someone buys the Choose Life license plate, twenty dollars of the fee goes towards this program. This is a win/win situation for someone who does not meet the criteria for coming to our Home, and is considering an abortion. If she will choose adoption instead of abortion we can pay for her rent, utilities, bus pass and food until she gives birth. She is given a list of adoption agencies to choose from, and she will continue counseling with our Outreach Ministry Coordinator twice a month.

Another ministry of LifeLine Family Center’s Outreach office is Healing Hearts. This is a program that helps to counsel women who have gone through the pain of having an abortion. They realize that God loves and forgives them, and they can forgive themselves. Sometimes it can take years before a woman can talk about this, but when she is ready, Healing Hearts can help. We don’t judge anyone, we just try to help the women to heal.

Showing the love of God is not only through words, but by actions. We care about people and want to help them whenever possible. That’s why we are here... to love God by loving people. Working in Outreach helps me to do this as a part of my daily life. I feel so blessed to serve our Almighty God.

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