All in the Family

“...So it was one of THOSE mornings...the kind where you sit down to breakfast with strangers and end up making some good friends...the kind where you get to see our co-founder Steve doing what he loves most - holding a precious baby...the kind where you feel comfortable enough in a group to share some of your innermost feelings...and if all that wasn’t enough, it was the kind of morning where you get to see a very deserving mom-to-be surprised with a new car! Mornings like that don’t happen all the time at St. Raymond’s, but they DO happen, and for that we are humbled and grateful! What a blessing it was to join our Columbia and Jefferson City houses together today in fellowship!”

St. Raymond’s Society Missouri campuses are starting this quarter with a bang as we develop our collaborative program efforts. The opportunity to build bonds that will last a lifetime is why we call St. Raymond’s – a family. To further strengthen our mission, vision and core values - St. Raymond’s launched collaborative efforts with both the Columbia and Jefferson City programs this October! Staff and Residents started this quarter by spending time traveling to each other’s community to get a glimpse at “SRS” programs throughout the state. Fellowship over breakfast and sharing the 12-Week Bible Studies Series ALPHA was not only pure FUN, but relaxing, helpful and restoring as residents and staff took time to reflect, explore spiritual truths and have good old-fashion “lady-talk” on Friday mornings.

A Legacy Changed – A letter from a former client:

Hi Mike. You may not remember me, but I remember you. I know you and your organization have helped so many people throughout the years, so no worries if you don’t. You helped me and my family (which was just myself and the oldest two kids at that time) when I was pregnant with my third child - the littlest boy in the picture sitting on my lap. His name is Cedric. He is four years old now and doing very well. I have since gotten married (to the father of my older two kids) and we had a fourth child. We went through a step-parent adoption last year for Cedric as well, which was great for everyone. We live out in the Washington DC area now and I work as an organ transplant coordinator. It’s great work and I’m so glad to be doing it. Anyways, thank you to you and your organization for believing that I would be a good chance to take - for believing that I was a good investment. I was incredibly down on my luck at that time and it was such a difficult situation. I couldn’t see my way out of it at the time and we met because I was even considering an abortion. You helped me see there was possibly a way through the situation. And I’m very grateful for that. My family is grateful for that. I hope you are well and that you keep doing the work you are doing.
The My RIDICULOUSLY AMAZING Life© program is a research based approach that was custom designed for use in transitional environments. It is specifically designed for St. Raymond's Society clients to use with the assistance of her Client Success Coach.

This program has the potential to dramatically transform the client's life. It meets her precisely where she is and guides her towards self-sufficiency. Over time, this program will alter her way of thinking, her way of acting, and her way of being. The healthy habits she will develop will stay with her and serve her well, long after her residency ends.

The foundation of the My RIDICULOUSLY AMAZING Life© Program is Professional Christian Life Coaching. This approach is the quickest way to build trust and transparency between people. It facilitates personal awareness and growth specifically in the areas of the Seven Core Competencies of Self-Sufficiency.

1. Personal Finance/Budgeting
2. Education/Job Training
3. Employment
4. Life Skills
   4.1 Time Management/Self Discipline
   4.2 Health & Wellness
   4.3 Healthy Relationships
   4.4 Spiritual Well-being
   4.5 Household Skills
5. Parenting Skills/Childcare
6. Transportation
7. Housing

This simplistic approach effectively guides the resident through the process of determining her goals and generating an intentional, achievable action plan. It invites her to discover what she wants her life to look like, to feel like and to be. Moreover, it's her roadmap to get her there.

There's a reason it's called "My RIDICULOUSLY AMAZING Life©" –
This curriculum is ridiculously amazing! And the results are astounding!

R.I.P. to paying interest, late fees, low credit scores, impulse buying and over-spending! HELLO to the path to a debt free lifestyle!

What happens when a girl utilizes her "My RIDICULOUSLY AMAZING Life©" Program and her Certified Success Coach??

Faith moved into your Rolla St. Ray’s House just a few months ago. She immediately began working her plan and her plan is working! Here are some of her goals she has already accomplished on her road to self-sufficiency:

⇒ “cut” the credit out of her life & discards cut-up credit cards into the card graveyard jar
⇒ Graduated from Cosmetology College
⇒ Secured a full time job utilizing her training and skills
⇒ Paid off two outstanding debts with only one debt remaining
⇒ Earned a $300 savings match by depositing $300 into savings
⇒ Delivered and successfully nurses her precious baby boy
⇒ Dedicated her sweet baby, Noah to Jesus Christ our Lord
⇒ Continues parenting classes, healthy eating, and regular exercise
⇒ Attends church, bible study and reads devotional regularly

If you are the kind of person who likes to give a “hand up” rather than a “hand out” then one boy, Xander and two girls, Arabella and Taytum. Arriving 12 weeks early, they were extremely tiny but remarkable healthy! Xander was 2lb 8oz and the other child was certainly NOT on her list of “things to do”!

The ultrasound technician and nurse comforted that there were three babies and they were extremely excited to see my triplets but I couldn't stop crying at all! The doctors tried to talk to me about it, but all I could think about was how...
TWO TIMES THE BLESSINGS  TWO TIMES THE LOVE

When Janey first visited our local pregnancy center in January, a single mother of a rambunctious four year old and technically homeless (sleeping on someone’s couch) having another child was certainly NOT on her list of “things to do”!

Shortly after, she made a trip to the ER of our local hospital, where an ultrasound scan revealed that Janey was carrying triplets. Her reaction to the shocking news was understandable, “The ultrasound technician and nurse confirmed that there were three babies and they were extremely excited to see my triplets but I couldn’t stop crying at all! The doctors tried to talk to me about it, but all I could think about was how my life was going downhill quickly!” Janey felt afraid and alone. She had no idea how she was going to navigate through this extremely difficult situation.

The thought of having triplets would be difficult for anyone to get their head around. But for a single, homeless mother—it can feel devastating!

This is where St. Raymond’s Society enters the story. And this is precisely why your St. Raymond’s Society exists; to meet these mothers right where they are, to give them whatever they need, to walk the road toward self-sufficiency with them so that they can say yes to LIFE—for themselves and their babies!

In a collaborative team effort, your pregnancy center and St. Ray’s committed to assist Janey and her at risk family as long as they may need us. She moved into your St. Ray’s House and immediately began focusing on building her ability to provide for the needs of her rapidly growing family.

EXCITING TRIPLET UPDATE and a huge thank you for all the Friends of St. Raymond’s that have been praying for this courageous young mother’s success! On June 30th, at only 28 weeks gestation, Janey welcomed her three precious babies: one boy, Xander and two girls, Arabella and Taytum. Arriving 12 weeks early, they were extremely tiny but remarkable healthy! Xander was 2lb 8oz and the girls were both 2lb 3oz. After nearly three months stay in NICU, the TRIPLETS ARE FINALLY HOME at your St. Ray’s House! ! !

As you can imagine, Janey needs extra hands to help with the babies. If you would like to lend a hand or text Sandi at (573) 368-9453.

Zuleima wept as her Success Coach handed her this simple gift—a printer generated image in a white frame. She knew what it represented. And it represented EVERYTHING she had ever dreamed of! She knew God had heard her pleas and her prayers had been answered. She was going to go to college to become an x-ray technician.

Because of generous donors, like you, your St. Raymond’s Society was able to cover the costs of Zuleima’s first semester of college, purchase a laptop computer, back pack and books. Because of generous donors, like you, this mother is another step up the road to self-sufficiency for her and her daughter’s future! THANK YOU!

If you are the kind of person who likes to give a “hand up” rather than a “hand out” then St. Raymond’s Society is the perfect fit for your giving.

Mail your check today: St. Raymond’s Society, P O Box 14, Rolla, MO 65402
The SRS Family keeps growing!

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