

Beacon Housing



"Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord."

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Dear Friends,

The holidays are coming and I want to wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a joyful 2019 filled with good health!

I also want to thank you sincerely for your faithful support of Beacon Housing. Indeed, the holiday season is great time to reflect on the productive year we've had. We now have a full house at Casa —8 moms and 14 children from ages 1 to 16. It is a busy, cheerful household. The moms are deeply grateful for the opportunity to improve their lives through our program based on counseling and education. Some moms are first time victims of domestic violence and some grew up in households where addiction and abuse existed from the time they were little children. One mom in the program said she started drinking alcohol when she was 9 years old! Today, she is a happy, healthy mom who forgave her mother *and* is studying to become a paralegal because she wants to help women whose childhood was marred by drugs and abuse. She says, *"Casa de Alegria has been wonderful for my children and for me!"* Another mom tells us, *"A Case Manager at the Homeless Shelter told me that Casa de Alegria offers secure housing where I can go to school and qualify for a job that supports your family. It's a blessing! This is surely where I am meant to be!"*

Christmas is a special time of year for us. At Casa, the families enjoy a special dinner on the night they decorate the tree. We ask the moms for clues so each child will have a special present from Santa on Christmas morning. And at Garfield, the K-6 Homework Club children look forward to their Christmas party, new backpack, and surprise gift.

Once again, thank you for helping Beacon's work to help those in difficult situations. Your gift goes a long way to spread God's goodness and help make the holiday season a little brighter for our families. May you and your family have a festive Christmas and a wonderful New Year, too!

Joy and peace in Christ,



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Co-Founder / Chair of the Board