

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$500 Grant to Redeeming Grace Ministries.

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The Community Foundation of East Alabama has recently awarded a \$500 grant to Redeeming Grace Ministries, a non-profit organization that works with and advocates for women transitioning out of correctional facilities or rehabilitation programs. This grant will be used, as stated by the organization, to purchase a computer for their newest staff member; technology necessary to achieve their organizational goals and support those they seek to serve.

Redeeming Grace Ministries is a residential home for women transitioning out of a correctional facility or rehabilitation program. Redeeming Grace Ministries' purpose can be found clearly in their mission statement, Redeeming Grace Ministries exists to train and equip people to live a life of everlasting recovery through Jesus Christ. Their program has been designed to assist their residents in finding a livable wage job, developing a healthy support system, learning life skills, discovering hobbies, furthering their education, and connection with God; all of which they believe are the foundation to living a life of everlasting recovery.

Lara Potts, Founder and Executive Director, explains, "We believe that the Lord has called us to teach women, in a hands-on way, how to live transformed lives that only Jesus makes possible! We are committed to helping women who often feel forgotten and set aside. We treat them with dignity and share with them the love and hospitality of Christ. Recovery is more than an individual pursuit. We need the community, local churches, and private donors to partner with us." Pots continued, "We are grateful for the support of the East Alabama Community Foundation! This generous donation will allow us to purchase a computer for our newest staff member. Having up to date technology is so important to running our organization efficiently and effectively."

The Community Foundation of East Alabama works to promote philanthropy by connecting people who care with causes that matter, to serve the charitable purposes of our donors and meet the charitable needs of our community. We seek to find those special organizations that are working on the ground to better our communities. Our reach includes Lee, Russell, Tallapoosa, Macon, and Chambers counties. The Community Foundation provides grants and support to a wide range of organizations and initiatives in the area, with a particular focus on education, health, and community development. Redeeming Grace Ministries is certainly an organization that deserves not only the commitment of the Community Foundation but East Alabama as a whole.

Barbara Patton of the Community Foundation of East Alabama said, "We at the Community Foundation of East Alabama look forward to witnessing the continued work, great work, that is being done by Redeeming Grace Ministries, and hope that others in the community will show their support for such an important organization." This \$500 grant from the Community Foundation of East Alabama will help Redeeming Grace Ministries continue to support those women that are transitioning out of correctional facilities and rehabilitation programs. It will undoubtably aid in the effort to provide these women with the best chance of living a life of everlasting recovery.

To learn more about the Community Foundation of East Alabama, please visit <u>www.cfeastalabama.org</u> or Redeeming Grace Ministries' website redeeminggrace.faith.

