



Presbyterian Women Synod of the Trinity 2022 Mission Project

Welcome Home SIS is a non-profit (501c3) Christ-centered organization located in the **Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, Byersville, Ohio** that acts as a safety net for women post-incarceration. We provide a safe space and a stable living environment--a sanctuary that initiates, promotes, and continually nurtures the healing process. We strive to empower women to break the cycle of trauma, addiction, and incarceration to become the women God intended.

She is clothed in strength and dignity; She laughs without fear of the future. Proverbs 31:25

SAFEHOUSE EXPANSION

Our transitional housing and reentry program is the **first and only one in the state** to focus on the gender-specific needs of women post-incarceration. **Women are the fastest-growing prison population** and are being incarcerated at twice the rate of men. **More than 80% of incarcerated women are mothers.** Our program allows her to reunite with her children. Family reunification has a direct effect on not only the mother but her children. **Children with incarcerated mothers are 5-6 times more likely to become incarcerated themselves, continuing the cycle of generational trauma.** The housing expansion will allow us to serve **FOUR TIMES MORE women and children** who would otherwise be homeless

*"Last year, we turned away two women because we didn't have the room. Unfortunately, both of these women are back in prison. One, because she was sleeping in a building she thought was vacant- she was there because she had no where else to go. We know, that statistically speaking **without a safe, stable living environment these women will reoffend**; but this also tells we can prevent it. I don't ever want to turn another woman away just because we don't have the room. We can do better than that. We have to do better than that. Is it our fault these women went back to prison? Of course not. Could we have prevented it? Absolutely. I say this because **not a single woman in our program has gone back to prison, not one.**"* Angela Regan, Executive Director.

Please give generously to this worthwhile mission project

PW Synod has changed the collection deadline for Mission Projects to **December 1, 2022.** **Redstone PW will request that you bring your donation to the Fall Gathering on Nov.5, 2022 at Fort Burd PC., Brownsville** or mail them to Sue Blank, Treasurer, 4068 Bushy Run Rd., Jeannette, PA 15644. Make checks payable to Redstone PW, write Synod Mission on memo line.

The 2021 SYNOD MISSION PROJECT was the Prison Ministry of Rev. Stanley Chimesya in Malawi, Africa for funds to purchase a sturdy vehicle to aid him in transportation for his prison ministry. He has already purchased his vehicle and has recently received an award and promotion from the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) for his work with the prisons. Local PW's in Redstone donated **\$992** and the total collected in the Synod was **\$13,523.12.**