

## Titus 2 Homes: A Christ Centered Home Helping Women in Need.

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In 1997, God woke me in the middle of the night with the vision for Titus 2:4 "...to train up women to love their husbands and their children..."

As a single parent since 1992, I experienced the opportunities available for single parent households and knew first-hand what was needed. I started praying for a farm or similar place where we could share with other single parents. It would be a get-away of sorts, even if just for an afternoon or for longer if needed. That was the start of Titus 2 Homes.

By February 2008, several interested people met and formed the first working board to help guide and direct the vision and implement the ideas.

God helped with so many miracles. We gained strength of purpose and worked toward our goals and have had a lot of help along the way.

The former "Carmelite House" east of Alexandria has been donated to us. A new roof currently in progress marks the beginning a major renovation. Soon we'll have a "company vehicle" when we receive a 2003 Ford "Expedition" that is being donated also.

We recently received our 501(c)(3) certificate as of June 1, 2009. That designation opens up more new possibilities to fulfill our needs.

First and foremost, we need continuing prayers! Without them we would not be as far as we are.

Our renovation project will transform the old house which was built in 1900 up to code and safety features necessary to be used as a safe haven. It has to have the wiring and plumbing updated along with installing new windows and insulation. We're still in need of financing for those items and can always use volunteer help.

We have dubbed this project "Extreme Home Makeover, Alexandria Style". It's an adventure and we're confident on our path and will continue to make progress with God as our project manager, architect, construction supervisor, and spiritual guide.

The logo for Titus Homes features the word "Titus" in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, the word "Homes" is written in a smaller, simpler font. A decorative horizontal line with a slight curve underlines the word "Homes".