



St. Marguerite d'Youville Home Krystal Rushing, Director

Catie came to us at the beginning of the year expecting to give birth to her first child, Aubrey Rose, in June. If you attended our annual banquet you witnessed Aubrey's father Alek, propose to Catie in front of everyone. Of course, she said YES!

Without having family support, she was in desperate need of our help. She was enrolled in Intensive Outpatient Rehab for substance abuse that we are proud to say she has completed. While working on her recovery, she also worked on completing her GED. With the help of our volunteer tutor, Mrs. Polly, and her amazing teacher, Juliana, Catie was able to pass the standardized test to receive her GED.

Before the wedding, Catie completed a marriage prep class, Theology of the Body, and by the grace of God, she was baptized. Deacon Reggie Bollich baptized and married Catie at St. Jules Catholic Church. After the wedding, Catie moved out with her husband. He is joining the military to serve our wonderful country and provide for his new family.



Catie & Alek's Wedding

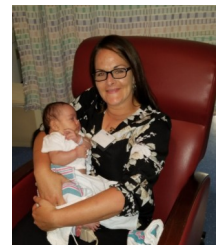
Kymerly was in a dysfunctional relationship which ended when her boyfriend was incarcerated. Now, pregnant, homeless, and having an active warrant for her arrest she felt scared and hopeless. After arriving at our home, she was informed that she would have to turn herself in. After spending a night in jail, she was released to us on probation. She feels a great sense of relief not having to hide anymore.

After learning more about Kymerly and her past, we encouraged her to enroll in Intensive Outpatient Rehab program to work on staying sober. There she also attends weekly parenting classes. She has two wonderful children and working towards becoming the best mother possible.

We are proud to announce she chose to have an open adoption! She wants her baby girl to have the best opportunities in life, therefore, she has chosen a wonderful Louisiana couple to be blessed with the opportunity to raise her daughter. She is due to give birth in June.

April came to us with her three year old daughter. She will give birth to her second daughter in September. She also had an active warrant and had to turn her-self in. We were able to get her out the same day and a court date was set in June. In the mean-time, April is working her GED and enrolling her daughter into the Lafayette Parish School system. She is also in parenting classes learning how to be a better mother. We are proud of the hard work and effort she is doing to better herself..

Abby was referred to us by Dept. of Children & Family Services (DCFS). She suffers with an addiction. She delivered a beautiful boy who has been in NICU. In desperate need of help, she was admitted into Inpatient Rehab which she has completed. Now, she is enrolled in Intensive Outpatient Rehab, attends NA/AA meetings and in parenting classes. We are proud of her hard work and effort to better herself. Please keep her beautiful son to be released soon from NICU **in your prayers**



Jameshia moved in a couple weeks ago with her two year old son. She recently delivered a healthy baby boy. Once she recovers, she will continue attending school to complete her GED.

Justice stole our hearts! She first came to us pregnant for a baby girl with Turner's syndrome. As a mother with a special needs child, I immediately felt a bond with her. During an ultrasound, it was discovered that the baby's heart stopped. April 12th, Justice delivered her Baby Lyric (who died at 25 weeks); **Lyrick Faith who already had her angel wings**. **Deacon Reggie Bollich came to the hospital to baptize the baby. Bundles of Joy** donated a beautiful gown and blanket for the baby. **Maddie's Footprints**, and our amazing donors helped Deacon Reggie put on a beautiful burial ceremony at Green Lawn Memorial. **Thank you Chad Hardy** for taking the time to cook red beans and rice for everyone. It is so difficult losing a child, but it's even more difficult of having to find the funds to bury your baby. As a mother who has lost a child, words can't express the gratitude that I feel for all who came together to make sure this baby had a beautiful resting place.



Krystal, Justice, Belinda & Baby Lyric

Lyrick Faith was laid to rest close to my daughter, Gracey Claire.

Currently, Justice is enrolled in counseling, Intensive Outpatient Rehab, parenting classes, and GED. She is in the process of getting visitation with her other two children.

Ruth has made us all very proud. Her story is a true testimony of God's work at the DesOrmeaux Foundation. She is still working as a dental assistant and active in maintaining her sobriety. She is excited that she no longer has to ride the city bus because a vehicle was donated to her by a supporter. She is working on her last goal before leaving our Foundation, which is to develop a relationship with her little boy in Lake Charles. Please keep Ruth in your prayers.



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