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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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A Home for the Holidays: A Peace Promise Special Edition

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"It's not that I don't have somewhere to go to eat on holidays, it's that I don't have anywhere to stay. To lay around, pick at leftovers, watch movies, and hang out. That's what makes holidays hard."

"I've never had a birthday party, only 'his' version of 'presents.'"

"My dad left when I was seven, my mom said he cheated, and now he is in Florida on life support, so he doesn't know what happened to us girls."

These are just a sampling of some of the statements shared with our team over the last few months.

As most of us have been prepared our homes with decorations, aromas of homemade meals filling the air, and presents appearing beautifully wrapped under trees, we remembered the loss many we serve feel during this season. The Peace Promise team has been intentionally combatting the very real feelings of loss of family for many of our survivors over the past few months. I would like to personally share from my camera roll some memories that we have been able to create this season to bring the holidays back "home" for our ladies.

Please enjoy our family photos from this magical season of intentionally creating positive memories with those we love so dearly.



Thank you for partnering with us in 2025. May 2026 be a year of peace, new stories, and growth for our survivors - made possible because of this community. Thank you!



On November 25, we kicked off on holiday celebrations with a surprise birthday party for our dear K. K was turning 18 and shared with us that she had never had a birthday party. Nikki and Donna went into big sister mode ensuring that every detail was planned out. Balloons, presents, favorite foods (Raising Cane's chicken, my deviled eggs, and her all time favorite - french fries!) She was honored in a way she has never experienced and everyone was thrilled to be part of her celebration.



Nikki "crowning" our birthday girl. So much power in this photo of one of our strongest thrivers crowning one of our youngest on her 18th



Thanksgiving Day came with smells of food filling our space at my church as our chosen family converged for the meal, each bringing their delicious additions. Nikki and Donna laughed, ate, and enjoyed the time of fellowship with their chosen family.



After the meal, we had our own plans for the evening. A small real Christmas tree was waiting in the loft of Good Ground, our home. Nikki and Donna bravely fought the pine needles and lit up the space for all who come to share in the Christmas joy. We watched favorite Christmas movies and began the project of making custom stockings. As I sat behind my sewing machine listening to their laughter as they wrestled the tree, my heart overflowed at the innocence in the day. A few days later, Donna would look at me and say "I truly feel innocent for the first time in my life."

The following Tuesday was a snow day, keeping many at home, but the courts open so we were present. We had two cases that day with three sisters to support, and we knew ahead of time emotions would be high. What we were not prepared for was the very unassuming man who walked right up to me and proudly stated: "I am their father, their real father." The man they had been led to believe had abandoned them and was in another state was standing there, never having left the area. He had tried to find his children but their mother had concealed their whereabouts for over 10 years. He was granted visits with his children, but they were naturally nervous about the man that is just re-entering their lives. So, our "home" in the loft at Good Ground became the safe space for a family reunion that day.



Later that evening, we continued our Christmas theme, and the family visited for the first time in over a decade while we made Christmas ornaments to add to our tree and more custom stockings for survivors. I sat in awe, sewing away at the pieces of fabric each girl handed me for their project as a family asked questions about what transpired in the missing decade of their lives. I just kept thinking, "how does a random Tuesday become a family reunion?" The answer is easy: only God. Only God can bring a father back after all these years to show his daughters their true value and His love.

Cookies! Is Christmas really Christmas without cookies?!
Becca planned our cookie decorating night, and it was a hit. We found out at least one of our girls has some pretty good decorating skills. We also found out that some prefer just to eat them as they decorate. Donna also had a visit with her son at the same time and they worked on a Gingerbread house together. We think they did a great job!



A few days later we were anxiously awaiting the arrival of our friend Y's two beautiful little ones to share Christmas presents their Momma carefully picked out for them. Chick-fil-A onlookers got a ringside seat as squeals of joy from dinosaurs and little purses were opened.

On a cold Saturday we again made our way to the loft to have a family Christmas celebration with the reunified family in the space the three girls have determined is safe to build relationship in. As the lucky "extra" family member, I was able to enjoy some homemade Spanish food that was amazing. The highlight of the day was watching the girls hug their father goodbye with confidence that he loves them and will see them soon.



A team of volunteers packed up 50 gift stockings and cookie boxes for our larger community of survivors. We are so grateful each year to be able to extend our reach to survivors we may not walk with daily but pray for consistently. We also used our stocking scraps to make ornament size stockings to thank volunteers for their role in our successes this year. Each was made with pieces of the larger stocking, each one unique with rough edges, yet soft and open at the top of love to flow in, just like our survivors.

We celebrated Christmas “Adam” – which Becca shared with us is the day before Christmas Eve since Adam came first. I made us a big Christmas dinner with some special requests from our girls for favorite holiday foods. We all went to Becca’s and had a family meal then presents and love before heading out to look at Christmas lights together. It was a magical night, and one they will remember for a lifetime.



Nikki and Donna again joined Becca and I on Christmas Day. Becca’s husband was working and everyone knows Jason is always good to see smiles on our girls faces, so we headed back to Becca’s for leftovers and more Christmas fun before heading to the Exchange Christmas with my church crew. The girls wanted Christmas PJs and Christmas sweaters for the day so that’s exactly what we did.

Finally, as we closed out 2025 and welcomed 2026, we are happy to report that the survivors we love so dearly were all happily tucked away in their homes, safe, loved and cared for by this community. Cheers to 2026!

**244 S 17th Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011**



VISIT US

Monday	7am-3pm
Tuesday	7am-3pm
Wednesday	7am-3pm
Thursday	7am-3pm
Friday	7am-3pm
Saturday	8am-3pm



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A huge thank you to our friends at Community Aid for awarding Peace promise the Relief Grant for \$4,000 to help fund our program and client emergency support funds to strengthen our ability to support survivor outreach programs in 2026.

Thank You!



We're
Hiring!

Good Ground is looking to hire baristas for Saturdays! We are looking for 4-5 individuals who:

- Are available to work 3/4 Saturdays per month
- Have strong communication and teamwork skills
- Are excited about food service and/or coffee
- Have barista experience (preferred, but not required)

If you are interested in applying, please send a resume to rachel@peacepromise.org.



Volunteer Corner

Drivers Needed



Our Direct Care Team is looking for a few individuals who would be willing to volunteer as part of our list of drivers to assist as needs arise.

For more information, email
volunteer@peacepromise.org

There are many ways to
get involved with Peace
Promise!

Volunteers Needed at Good Ground Coffee!



We have some openings to help cover volunteer shifts at Good Ground Coffee. If any of these time slots might work for you, please contact Rachel Ferrence at goodgroundcoffee@peacepromise.org to learn more about the process of how to get involved.

Current Needs

Mondays - 7-10am (occasionally 1-4pm)

Tuesdays - 1-4pm

Wednesdays - 7-10am

Thursdays - 2-4pm

Fridays - 7-10am, 1-4pm

Saturdays - all days and all combinations, but most often 8-11am, 11am-2pm, 1-4pm (Saturdays are typically a once per month commitment)

*other dates as needs arise



Retail Locations:

Good Ground Coffee
244 S 17th Street
Camp Hill

Locals Market
200 N U.S. 15
Dillsburg

Longnecker's True Value
127 Doe Run Road
Manheim

Messiah Lifeways
100 Mount Allen Road
Mechanicsburg

Roots Salon
3804 Gettysburg Road
Camp Hill

Route 174 Roadside Market
849 Boiling Springs Road.
Mechanicsburg

Smucker Gardens
1677 US-209
Millersburg



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Don't forget that you can book Peace Promise for speaking engagements. We can speak on topics such as the sex industry, trafficking, and pornography, among other topics. We would love to speak to your church, group, or school. As you fill your calendar this year, consider connecting with us. We would love to share our mission with you!

For more information, email us at admin@peacepromise.org

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Save the Dates

Jan 8 - Training @ Hamilton Health Center for new staff for Healthy Starts, WIC and Hamilton Health residents (private event)

Reminder that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month! That's a great time to book us to come speak to your group in January!

Follow us on social media to stay up to date on additional events as they are added.