



## ***Brandi***

*Was there ever a time you felt lonely, depressed, and forgotten? Maybe a decision you made alienated your family and friends. Imagine yourself in a situation where actions you took placed you in prison. At some point you seek help to get your life back on track. You decide to do whatever it takes to turn your life around. Because of that you end up getting help from a Christian Organization and not only gain the Holy Spirit within you, but also surpass all goals you could have ever imagined for yourself.*

This is the story of Brandi. Brandi contacted our Panama City Rescue Mission Women's Shelter in May before her release from prison. Brandi was serving time for various things. She heard about our success with our Recovery Program and called to see if we had a spot for her. Although we no longer have a "Drug and Alcohol" Recovery Program, Brandi agreed she would like to try our new "Life Transformation Program".

When Brandi arrived, we immediately began assisting her in obtaining Food Stamps, Social Security Cards, and a Florida ID. Brandi began cleaning in-house. When it became obvious that she was an extremely hard worker, we partnered with Career Source and brought Brandi on staff as a COVID cleaner for our facility. After learning she had studied hard while in prison and obtained her Certification in Microsoft Office, we then promoted her to Production Assistant. In that role, Brandi would format and print on our massive Production Printer, our monthly outgoing letters and success stories. As time went on, we observed Brandi's Leadership Qualities in the house. She has now been promoted to Shelter Manager while overseeing the Production Team in our monthly mailouts.

Brandi has immersed herself in the Word of God and recently accepted Jesus Christ into her Life. She has reconnected with her parents and her young son after many years of strife and separation. Brandi sees what the Lord has done in her life and is a remarkable witness to the Women in our house of how great God is.

At the PCRM, sharing the good news of the Gospel is the most important thing we do. As a result, Brandi completed her Life Transformation Program and is now the Shelter Manager for our Women's and Children's Gateway Campus.

Since 1973, the Panama City Rescue Mission has been committed to Christ-centered rescue, recovery, and restoration in an effort to break the destructive cycle of poverty and homelessness.