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Honoring Christ by Serving the
Needs of Children and Families

Fifty Years At Sheridan House, It Has Been a True Privilege!

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A construction project at the old property in Hollywood

As of this April, I have had the incredible privilege of serving at Sheridan House for fifty years. It has been an encouragement to see God work and provide miracles. Our ministry has been dedicated to helping families through our residential boys' homes, single mom ministry, our counseling centers and our marriage and parenting resources. I didn't come up with all these ministries at Sheridan House, God did it ALL.

Back in 1974 there were only four of us on staff. Even though I was the director, I was also the one who picked up things like groceries and other donations. Every Monday morning, I drove to Publix to pick up free groceries that were desperately needed for our boys' residential program. One day I received a call from a single mom asking if we had any extra

groceries that we could give to her family. I was hesitant to give her some of our food because there was not much, but I did it anyway. The next day, another mom came asking for groceries as well. The next week, we had five single moms coming for food.

In the early 1990's, I was

helping a mom shop in our pantry. When we were finished, we drove over and a cart of food

drove out to our parking lot and asked her "Where is your

car?" She said she didn't have one and that a friend had dropped

her off and would be back in a few minutes. As we were waiting, she asked if we ever had cars donated. I told her, "No, but if we ever do, we will make sure you get one." That very afternoon, would you believe that a car was donated and at that moment our ministry to single moms officially began! It was obvious that God wanted us to do a Single Mom Ministry and today we serve

Dr. Barnes receives an award for his service



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Bob's lovely wife Rosemary has been teaching a ladies Bible study since 1987, and it's still going strong at Sheridan House 37 years later!

hundreds of moms monthly by providing training classes, food donations, clothing, housewares, financial support and on-campus transitional housing.

In 2004, we had the privilege of seeing God give us the Sheridan House Family Values license plate. At first, the Florida Legislature voted and denied us our license plate. It was very disappointing. A

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few weeks after the vote, a congresswoman by the name of Sherry called me and started asking me questions about the ministry and the community we were serving.

After only a few minutes on the phone, she told me not to worry because she was going to make our plate happen. I was speechless. She then asked, "Do you want to know why I am going to help you?" She said, "First of all my first name Sherry is actually short for Sheridan. Yes, my real first name is Sheridan. Plus, I'm a single mom. I know I am supposed to do this. Today we have 3,818 tags on the road. Each year, we receive



\$25 per tag ... do the math! How do you do these things Lord? This tag is just one example of the goodness of God.

Brian Vann, (left) current director of Sheridan House residential program, with others at the food pantry in the early 1990's



For 50 years I have had the privilege of seeing God do many miracles. Thank you for joining in this journey as we look to Him to do many more!

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