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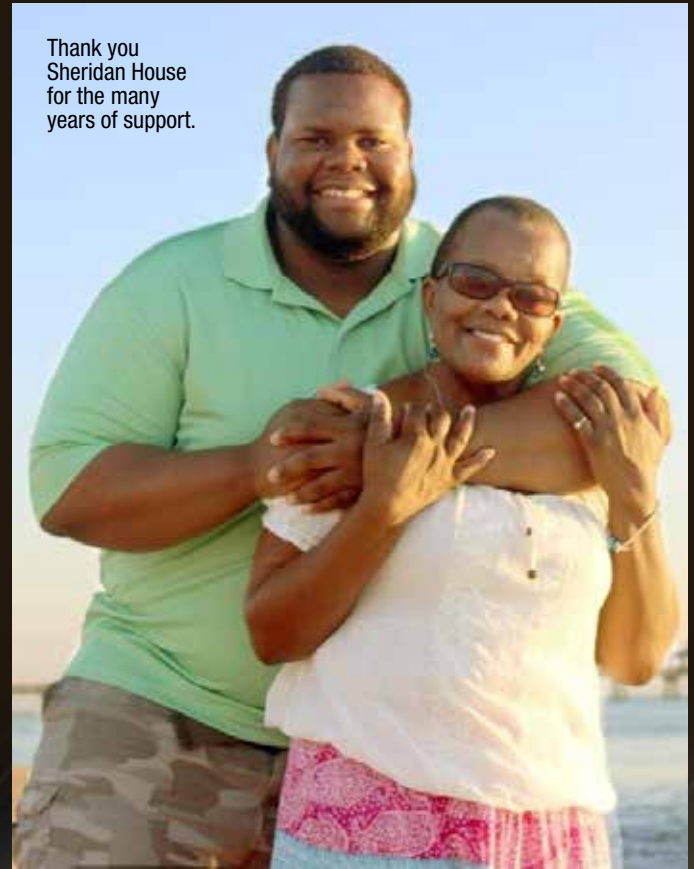
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Honoring Christ by Serving the
Needs of Children and Families

A life changed through the Single Mom Ministry... Please take a minute to read Sam's story.

In the year 2000, my mom and I left Jamaica and came to the United States. I remember how eager I was to come to America, feeling a sense of anticipation for the future as it's almost every Jamaican's dream to have the resources to come to America. Of course, I was still anxious about missing the only home I ever knew.

Back in Jamaica, I was very successful academically, earning A's on every exam—even the ones I thought I would surely fail. However, the same could not be said about my experience with my studies in America. I always struggled in reading and math but excelled in science and social studies. Something that I consistently received acknowledgment for was my excellent behavior. It was important that I always maintained a great attitude, despite being raised solely by my mother. I was embarrassed that my father was out of the picture, and I made a point to hide the fact that I came from a single parent household. My mother constantly reminded me to consider, "What would Jesus do? You may not have an earthly father, but you certainly have a Heavenly Father." This message always stuck with me and shaped me into who I am today.



Thank you
Sheridan House
for the many
years of support.

**He pointed right at me and said,
"Young man, if you catch this
football, it's yours to keep!"**

My mom did an amazing job raising me even though she was struggling as a single mother. Everything changed in 2010 when we met Dr. Bob Barnes at Calvary Chapel, heard his testimony, and were told about the wonderful ministries that Sheridan House offered. This ministry inspired me in many ways, particularly through the testimonies of Godly men who turned their lives around and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Sheridan House supported my mother and I for more than a decade with many resources, making it possible for us to live comfortably. We were so blessed with turkeys at Thanksgiving and toys at Christmas as well as Dr. Barnes' sense of humor. His wife Rosemary was a huge blessing to my mom as she was able to attend some of her Bible studies. Sheridan House gave us more than just physical resources. We were welcomed into a community where we were accepted and loved. It gave us HOPE!

We still remember and talk about a Christmas Toy Shoppe we attended back in 2011. Dr. Barnes was hanging around in front of the main building and he had a football in his hands. He pointed right at me and said, "Young man, if you catch this football, it's yours to keep!" Dr. Barnes threw the football and I caught it! As silly as it sounds, this is still one of my best memories from Sheridan House. Dr. Barnes joked around with me and even autographed the ball. As a grown man now, I still have that football.

One evening last month, my mother told me about a license plate program offered by Sheridan House and I thought this would be a perfect way to give thanks and continually support an organization that has always been there for us. Thank you, Sheridan House, for making such a difference in our lives! We look forward to giving back to the next generation.

God Bless you,

Sam



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