## FREEDOM HOUSE

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This years Graduation Banquet is going to be a lot of fun. We are all geared up with great ideas that all center around the fruit of the Spirit. We have all known most of the bad fruit at different parts of our lives; "sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties and other sins like these." Gal 5:19-21. We can even get really good at covering up some of this "bad fruit". But the Lord examines the heart and there is no covering things up from the Lord. We have to change our hearts. The Bible goes on to say that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Through the renewing of our minds and developing a realtionship with Jesus, we begin to see the bad fruit replaced by His fruit..."love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal 5:22-23) It's a process. This year we have 27 graduates of the residential program and 4 graduates of the staff training program. It really is a huge accomplishment, worthy of celebrating. Each day we see victories through Jesus. We count it a huge victory when someone learns to replace an outbrust of anger with patience or jealousy with goodness or lustful pleasures with self-control. Thank you Holy Spirit.

We are super proud of what the Lord is doing at Freedom House and in the lives of the people He sends here. We pray that you can come out on March 21<sup>st</sup> and help us honor the Lord and the graduates of this past year.



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4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Graduation Banquet
Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>
6:00 pm @ Open Door Church Worship Center

(behind the house)
Tickets are just \$20

A night of celebrating What the Lord Has Done!!

If you would like to sponsor a resident or staff member, please mark "sponsor" on the memo portion of your check

Please RSVP\* to Susan Smith @314-640-0019 Or Dezirae Starcher @573-609-1175



\*We want to encourage everyone to come out to this celebration. We urge you to get your reservation in early. The past 2 years we have been at capacity and we need to plan accordingly for this year's event. We want to make sure that we have enough room and food to accommodate all those who plan to attend.





My name is Trey Hollins. I'm 24 years old rom Poplar Bluff, Missouri. I had a good childhood. I was raised by a single parent, my mom. My dad came around from time to time, but he had 8 other kids and I always felt like he just didn't have time for me, his oldest son. I started working when I was 16 years old. I complained about it until one day my mom told me that there was a time that she had to pick up trash just to provide for me and my sister. Hearing that changed my whole perspective about having to work at such a young age. My grandma has always been my best friend. When she passed away, things really went downhill for me. I didn't know Jesus at the time so I felt like I

would never see her again. I know now that one day I will get to see her again, praise the Lord! When I was 14 years old, I started partying with older kids. I was introduced to weed, and it seemed to take away anything I was struggling with. This is just where Satan wanted me, believing a lie at a very young age. Everything seemed fun at first, later down the road it turned into a nightmare. It escalated from weed to Xanax and pain meds. There were countless times that my own mother didn't even know if I was alive in her own house. She was scared and didn't know how to help me. I ended up on heroin, doing things I never thought I would do. I spent most of 2018 in rehabs trying to help myself, but it just wasn't working. A friend of my mother's said, "you don't have to live like that no more Trey. You're depending on man to help you with your issues and they will fail you every time." He also said, "I know Jesus and He will never let you down." I found out about Freedom House, but I was hesitant to come because I knew down deep that once I came, I would never be the same, but that is exactly what I needed. I entered Freedom House in May and it is honestly the hardest thing I have done in my life but also the best thing I could have done. I'm surrounded by people who genuinely love one another and that are all striving for the same goal ad that is to know Jesus more. Every day I am getting a heart change and a whole new perspective on life. Jesus has closed doors that I never want open again and He has opened doors that I never thought could be opened. Freedom House is honestly the best education that any human being could ask for. Not only do we learn how to have eternal life, we get a personal relationship with Jesus. We learn to trust Him and to put Him first in everything. I am forever changed and grateful.

If you would like your church or business ad in our Graduation Book this year, please contact Dezirae or send in your payment with a copy of your ad. You can also just place an ad of encouragement to the graduates. We appreciate your help in making this a successful fundraiser!



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