

A Capital Area Dream Center Ministry

Dinka

Perseverance, honesty, forgiveness, commitment, vulnerability. These are some of the reasons that we were able to celebrate Dinka's one year mark at the Dream House. Over the past year, we had the privilege of watching Dinka grow in many ways and discover her passion for children. She has begun a job as a TSS (Therapuetic Staff Support) and is pursuing a certification as a Behavior Technician. This month, she is moving into her very own apartment! She was extremely blessed by the response from our Dream House family who gifted her with many items for her apartment. The Dream House will continue to be a resource for Dinka as we hope to stay connected and witness her steps forward. We invite you to take a moment right now to declare God's promises over Dinka.

"May the Lord bless Dinka and keep her. May the Lord make His face shine upon her and be gracious to her. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon Dinka, and give her peace." Numbers 6:24-26

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Ka'rizma

Her smile could not have gotten any bigger. "I'm just so excited." Ka'rizma told the man behind the counter at Penndot as she fiddled around with her paperwork. He chuckled, getting a kick out of her enthusiasm. To him, he was just processing another ID of probably hundreds he had processed in the past. To him, it was no big deal. But to Ka'rizma, it was as if Christmas came early. He did not know about the interruptions in her life that drew this process out. The obstacles she faced with obtaining her birth certificate only to then think that it got lost in the mail. He didn't know about the phone calls with no responses or the hold-ups with employment that it created. This moment was big. We prayed. She waited. She learned patience and perseverance. And now, she held that card in her hand. "So many problems stemmed from not having this card," Ka'rizma told her friend as she held it up for her to see over the facetime call. But now...now it will open doors, more doors than she realizes because of what she learned from the process. And isn't that really what it is all about? Through the challenges of life, God creates opportunities for us to grow in who He created us to be as we discover our true identity in Him.

Anyéa

Even a small donation can make a huge difference. It was just a \$25 donation that was used to purchase a tool that brought clarity to Anyea's life. As she held her new hourly planner in her hands, she was excited to open it up and start writing. She loved the idea of goal setting and list making but just needed the right tool to organize it all. And now she had it! Less than 24 hours later, she excitedly opened it back up to show me all that she had filled out for the month ahead. As you support the Dream House, know that every dollar has the potential to bring hope and direction to a girl's life. You ARE making a difference!



Boys Win!

Well, it looks like the boys won! Taylor and Logan are excited to share that the gift God is giving our family in April is wrapped in blue paper:) Baby boy is looking healthy and growing bigger each day!



Excitedly Looking Ahead

The new year is bound to bring big things for the Dream House! January will be devoted to reconnecting with our referral sources and making them aware that we are again ready to take applications! We are excited to launch our new program and are expecting God to continue to guide us in establishing a home that will bring Hope and New Life. We are still in need of volunteers to join our team. We need: Life Skill Mentors, Grocery Shopping Assistants, Driving Instructors, and people to help with transportation. If you have a couple of hours to give each week (or even every other) and are interested in volunteering, please contact Shannon at shannon@cadcdreamhouse.org.

Abby

"Are you back?" Abby was questioned by multiple people she saw at church. No, Abby isn't back at the Dream House for good but the Dream House has become one of her roots. So when she has a long college break, the Dream House is one of the places she comes to go "home." We are blessed to be a part of the family God has given her. We enjoyed reconnecting with her, just as a family does: Making her all her favorite dinners, family worship, making cookies, watching movies, going to Starbucks and of course, playing and laughing with two of the cutest kids!

We Need a Car!

We have come to the realization that we could greatly benefit from having a car dedicated to the needs of the ministry. If anyone has any thoughts on a possible way we could obtain a car at a good price (or maybe donated?), please contact Anthony at anthony@cadcdreamhouse.org.



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