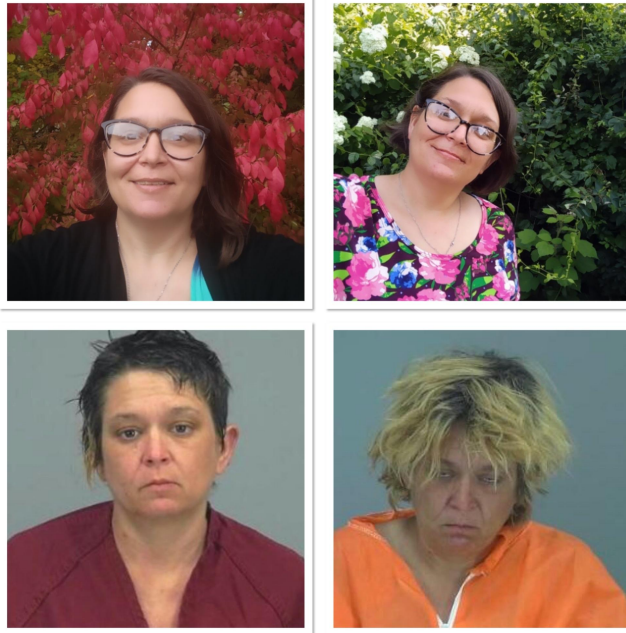


# ARE YOU READY FOR A SUCCESS STORY?!!



“Hi my name is Mellisa Sanders. I'm about to turn 43 years old and I was formally known as inmate number 335678. I did 15 months in Perryville prison in Goodyear Arizona. Most of my life I have lived lost and broken. There are a lot of ways you could label me. A survivor of domestic violence. Sexually abused as a child. I was in the US Navy. A product of a broken home. A meth addict. A fentanyl addict. Extremely reliant and addicted to marijuana and wax products. An alcoholic. But that all change when I met Jesus Christ during my prison sentence. I do not regret being in prison but it is one of the most difficult times of my life.

Especially when I was released 25 days early with no notice. But there was an angel who helped me out and she was with PROJECT SAFE START. With no notice at all she canceled her plans for her meeting that she had and came and picked me up. The 18 month rehab that I was supposed to go to denying me at the gate and I was left with nowhere to go and only PSS to help me. But praise God they were there for me!

PSS helped me navigate this difficult and horrific situation. Being released from prison and having nowhere to go even though I was paroled to an approved address. PSS got me into a good transitional home and brought me clothes and a Bible. They kept in touch with me and cheered me on. It's a scary thing coming out of prison a changed person and going back into a similar environment. PSS made it easier for me. The woman that picked me up, listened and she was there when no one else was. She fought for me over the rehab denying me as well.

Within a month I got all my paperwork together and I went into adult and teen challenge home of Hope in casa grande Arizona. ***I completed my year program and God called me to the East Coast. I was accepted into the hoving home leadership academy where I would be trained in women's ministry. To help other women come out of addictions and sex trafficking. I***

***graduated in June and finished my apprenticeship in September. To the praise of God I am now a staff member at Hoving Home the Garrison New York location.***

I feel honored and blessed by God to have been called to work in ministry. To help other women who are lost like I was. To be the face the voice or even the hug of Jesus Christ to someone who hasn't met him yet."

**WORDS CANNOT DESCRIBE HOW PROUD WE ARE OF YOU**

**MELLISA!!! THIS IS **WHY** WE DO WHAT WE DO!!**

Will everyone have a success story, unfortunately many will not but we believe everyone deserves a second chance.

I will repeat again what another woman told me that also came through our program "**Keep doing what your doing because we are worth it.**"

I pray I never forget those words.

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