

A REALLY NICE SURPRISE

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DEAR #THISGIRLCARES,

HI, I JUST RECEIVED YOUR 2 RESPONSES YOU WROTE ME & I WAS TOUCHED. ONE, YOU WROTE ALOT & I LIKE THAT BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU TOLD ME YOUR STORY & ALOT OF PEOPLE EITHER WONT OR DON'T. BUT IT WAS A VERY NICE SURPRISE TO SEE YOUR RESPONSE ON MY BED WHEN I RETURNED FROM THE GYM THIS AFTERNOON. I CAN'T FINISH THIS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE I HAVE TO GO TO DINNER & THEN MASS AT 5:00pm, BUT I WILL FINISH THIS OVER THE WEEKEND. MOST PEOPLE CALL ME ROB SO SURE, THATS FINE. ONLY MY NEWLY FOUND SISTERS CALL ME ROBERT. (& I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET THEM TO JUST CUT IT TO ROB). NO, QUESTIONS DON'T MAKE ME UNCOMFORTABLE, ASK WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW. LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION FIRST, EVERYONE SAYS "I JUST FINISHED TRANSCRIBING YOUR POST", WHAT DO YOU ACTUALLY TRANSCRIBE? YOU CAN'T JUST READ IT AS I'VE TYPED IT? JUST CURIOUS. OKAY, LET'S START WITH KRISTA, SHE WILL BE 17 ON OCTOBER 16. SHE IS IN A PLACE CALLED BEECH BROOK IN OHIO BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY CALL IT. SOME SORT OF TREATMENT FACILITY FOR KIDS WHO HAVE NOWHERE TO GO I GUESS. KRISTA WAS ABANDONED BY HER MOTHER AT ABOUT 12 I GUESS. MAYBE 13. HER MOM HAD THE CHANCE TO FIGHT FOR HER & DO WHAT THE COURTS & CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES WANTED HER TO DO BUT SHE CHOSE NOT TO. HER MOTHER CARES ABOUT 2 THINGS IN LIFE, HERSELF & HAVING A MAN IN HER BED. THATS IT. SO KRISTA HAS BEEN BOUNCED FROM FOSTER HOME TO FOSTER HOME & NOW IN THIS PLACE. BUT TODAY HER SOCIAL WORKER, TANYA, WROTE & SAID THE PLAN IS STILL TO FIND HER A NEW FOSTER HOME IN JUNE. SO I PRAY THAT HAPPENS. I THINK IT IS GREAT THAT YOU WERE LATER ADOPTED. I HAVE THOUGHT OF THIS & I WOULD BE FINE WITH SOMEONE ADOPTING MY LITTLE GIRL. SHE NEEDS A STABLE HOME YET NO ONE WILL GIVE HER ONE. KRISTA HAS BEEN HURT BY MEN, SHE HAS ONLY ADMITTED IT TO ME ONCE BUT I DON'T PRY BECAUSE THAT IS A TOUCHY SUBJECT THAT I AM NOT PREPARED TO HELP HER WITH. SHE NEEDS PROFESSIONALS. I AM SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE & IN MY STATE, LIFE IS TILL YOU DIE. AND AS MUCH AS I AM DYING TO, I CANNOT PHYSICALLY BE THERE FOR HER. I WRITE HER, CALL WHEN I HAVE MONEY, & I BEG MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, & PEOPLE I BARELY KNOW TO SPOIL HER, IF THEY CAN AFFORD TO, AT HER BIRTHDAY & CHRISTMAS. AND SO FAR I HAVE BEEN DOING GOOD IN THE B-DAY & X-MAS DEPARTMENT. HANNAH TOLD ME SO & THAT MADE ME PRETTY HAPPY TO HEAR. YOU SPEAK ABOUT YOUR TIME IN FOSTER CARE & HOW YOU WERE ABUSED, & I AM TERRIFIED OF FURTHER ABUSE FOR KRISTA. I JUST PRAY TANYA FINDS HER A GOOD HOME. I'M NOT A GOOD PERSON, I DON'T FORGIVE. I WANT TO, I KNOW GOD DEMANDS THIS OF ME, BUT I HAVE BEEN SHIT ON MY WHOLE

LIFE, SURE I MADE A BILLION BAD CHOICES BUT I HAVE BEEN TREATED LIKE GARBAGE MY WHOLE LIFE. JUSTINE WAS THE ONLY PERSON ON EARTH, WHO WAS NOT MY BLOOD, THAT TREATED ME GOOD. & SHE'S BEEN DEAD A LONG TIME NOW. I CAN'T FORGIVE PEOPLE. MAYBE IT'S A FLAW IN MY DNA, OR IN MY BRAIN BUT I FIND IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGIVE. & THAT MAKES ME AN IDIOT BECAUSE I DESPERATELY SEEK FORGIVENESS BUT I'M NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO DO IT MYSELF. WHAT SADDENED ME MOST ABOUT YOUR COMMENT TO ME WAS THAT YOUR PARENTS DIED BEFORE YOU COULD KNOW THEM OR THEY COULD KNOW YOU. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT I CAN KNOW KRISTA & SHE CAN KNOW ME BUT ONE OF HER FOSTER PARENTS SHOWED HER MY CRIME ON THE INTERNET & SHE KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT. SHE WAS VERY CURIOUS & KEPT ASKING ME QUESTIONS BUT THIS IS NOT A TOPIC TO DISCUSS WITH A CHILD. BUT I WONT LIE TO HER. LYING, COVERING UP THE TRUTH, BEING DISHONEST, IT IS WHAT HELPED TO RUIN MY LIFE & DESTROY THE MOST PRECIOUS WOMAN I HAD EVER KNOWN, I DO NOT LIE ANYMORE. KRISTA IS A VERY BRIGHT 16 YEAR OLD. SHE LOVES ART, HAVING FUN, ANIMALS, SHE HAS A MIND FULL OF OPINIONS, SHE IS FULL OF IDEAS & GOALS. BUT SHE HAS HAD A ROUGH 16 YEARS & SHE GETS DEPRESSED. SHE NEEDS A FAMILY, SHE NEEDS A PLACE TO CALL HOME, SHE NEEDS TO BE LOVED, SHE NEEDS A FREAKIN HUG. I AM TERRIFIED ABOUT HER FUTURE. I HAVE KNOWN OVER A DOZEN YOUNG WOMEN WHO WERE EITHER IN FOSTER CARE OR AT HOME BUT WERE MOLESTED & THEY DID NOT HAVE GOOD LIVES. I'M AFRAID FOR KRISTA. SHE THINKS THAT SHE'S LIVED A LIFE BUT SHE HASN'T. SHE THINKS THAT SHE IS JUDGED ON HER PAST BUT SHE ISN'T. SHE HAS A SELF IMAGE ISSUE, BUT MOST TEEN GIRLS DO. NO ONE WANTS TO LOOK FAT OR UGLY, WE ALL WANT TO FEEL ATTRACTIVE & BE DESIRED BY OTHERS, NOT JUST SEXUALLY BUT EVEN JUST AS A FRIEND. YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR LIFE & YOUR STORY IS PRETTY AMAZING. YOU ARE A STRONG WOMAN & I AM AFRAID THAT KRISTA HAS TOO MUCH OF HER MOM IN HER TO BE THAT STRONG. YOU OWN YOUR OWN SKIN CARE COMPANY, THATS PRETTY COOL. & YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY A PATENT ATTORNEY. I DREAM OF A FUTURE OF HAPPINESS FOR KRISTA. OOPS, GOTTA RUN OFF, TIME FOR DINNER IN 2 MINUTES & THEN CHURCH. BE BACK LATER. CIAO. I'M BACK. IT'S 8:40pm. WE HAS MASS & THEN I WENT OUTSIDE. I'M BUSTING MY BUTT TRYING TO GET MORE PRISONERS IN HERE TO FILL OUT AN ORDER FORM. I'M NOT DOING THIS MYSELF, I PICKED 1 GUY ON EACH BLOCK TO BE MY BLOCK REP. & I COORDINATE THE WHOLE THING. I WAS ABLE TO PICK UP ALMOST 30 MORE ORDERS BETWEEN CHURCH & YARD. I HAVE MY SATELLITE RADIO STATION ON. I WRITE BETTER WHEN I HAVE IT TO LISTEN TO. I PREFER NEW AGE ROCK, THE STATION I LISTEN TO IS CALLED OCTANE. KRISTA DOES HAVE MAJOR SELF ESTEEM ISSUES. HER MOM DID TOO. I DON'T HAVE THAT PROBLEM. I DON'T CARE WHAT PEOPLE THINK, MAYBE SOMETIMES I DO, A LITTLE, BUT IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL TO ME. YOU EITHER LIKE ME HOW GOD MADE ME OR YOU DON'T. YOU YOURSELF ARE A WALKING SUCCESS STORY

& ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO SEE FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOU IS TO GIVE BACK WHEN YOU CAN. YOU WENT THROUGH HELL IN FOSTER CARE, BUT YOU MADE IT, YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL, FAMILY, SOON TO BE MARRIED, THINK ABOUT GIVING BACK TO A CHILD. MAYBE BEING A MENTOR WHEN YOU CAN. I WISH KRISTA HAD SOMEONE. I BEGGED HER MOM TO GET HER A BIG SISTER FROM THE AGENCY BUT SHE NEVER WOULD. YOU SAID THERE IS SO MUCH GOODNESS WAITING FOR KRISTA BUT THATS ONLY IF SHE IS WILLING TO FIGHT FOR IT. SHE HAS TO WANT IT SO MUCH THAT SHE NEVER GIVES UP ON IT. I DO WANT TO SHOW HER YOUR LETTER, THANK YOU FOR SAYING IT'S OKAY. I WANT HER TO SEE THAT SOMEONE ELSE WENT THROUGH A ROUGH LIFE JUST LIKE HER, & YOU SUCCEEDED. I NEED HER TO SEE THAT IT'S POSSIBLE. WELL YOU ASKED SOME QUESTIONS SO LET ME ANSWER THEM. I CAN USE THE PHONE FROM 7 AM TO 8 PM BUT ANY TIME AFTER 3 PM, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A PHONE. (THEY ARE ALWAYS FULL). THERE ARE ONLY 4 PHONES PER BLOCK FOR 230+ PEOPLE. I HAVE A JOB, SINCE I AM A LIFER MY JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE SEVERELY LIMITED BUT I WORK ON THE BLOCK DOING THE LAUNDRY & HELPING TO CLEAN WHEN NEEDED & I GET PAID 4 HOURS PER DAY, 19¢ PER HOUR. WE GET 80 HOURS PAY PER MONTH NORMALLY. I MAKE USUALLY \$15.20 PER MONTH WORKING, MY CABLE BILL IS \$15.75 NOT EVEN ENOUGH TO PAY CABLE. I RELY ON MY MOM & MY BROTHER JJ TO SEND ME MONEY WHEN THEY CAN AFFORD IT. MY MOMS ON DISABILITY & MY BROTHER HAS A GIRL & HIS DAUGHTER BABY LUCY. YOU CAN SEE PHOTO'S ON FACEBOOK IF YOU WANT, GO TO MY NAME OR HIS NAME. JUSTIN PEZZECA. MAYBE BOTH. ANYWAY, PHONE CALLS WERE JUST LOWERED THIS YEAR, THANK TO AN FCC RULING. NOW IT COSTS ME 22¢ PER MINUTE TO CALL KRISTA & NOT 45¢ PER MINUTE. IT USED TO BE 11-15\$ FOR A 15 MINUTE CALL. NOW IT'S ABOUT \$3.30. BUT IF I CAN'T FIND ANYONE TO HELP ME OUT, THEN I HAVE NO MONEY FOR THE PHONE & CAN'T CALL KRISTA. I HAVE A BIG FAMILY BUT AFTER MY GRANDMOM DIED, EVERYONE WENT THEIR OWN WAYS PRETTY MUCH. SO WHENEVER I CAN AFFORD TO, WHENEVER I'M ABLE TO SAVE ANY MONEY, I DO, SO I CAN CALL MY MOM & KRISTA. MY BROTHER SENT ME 10\$ SO I'M ABLE TO CALL KRISTA IN 3 DAYS FOR 30 MINUTES & THEN I HAVE TO CALL MY SISTER TO SEE HOW MY STEP MOM SANDY IS DOING. I JUST GOT THEM IN MY LIFE & SANDY IS SUCH A SWEETHEART, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HER. I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN TO MEET HER YET. MY BROTHER BRINGS OUR MOM UP HERE ONCE A YEAR. MOM HAS EPILEPSY SO SHE CANNOT DRIVE ANYMORE, & BEING ON DISABILITY, SHE DOESN'T GET MUCH SO SHE'S GOTTA WORRY ABOUT HERSELF FIRST. NO, THE 7 YEARS THAT I COULDN'T CALL KRISTA, HER MOM WOULDN'T LET ME, BUT ALSO, THATS WHEN IT WAS ABOUT 11-15\$ PER 15 MINUTE CALL & THAT WAS VERY EXPENSIVE. I'M LOCKED IN A CELL, BY MYSELF, ABOUT 18-19 HOURS PER DAY, I HAVE TO HAVE CABLE TV. I CAN'T NOT PAY THE BILL, IT'S GET SHUT OFF. & SINCE KRISTA WAS BEING BOUNCED FROM ONE FOSTER HOME TO ANOTHER, I WASN'T ALLOWED TO CALL HER IN THEM. I COULD WRITE, WHICH I HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS, THROUGH HER SOCIAL

WORKERS. SHE DOESN'T WRITE ME THOUGH ): BUT I STILL WRITE HER ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK & I SEND THEM TO HANNAH. MY BROTHER JJ WAS ONCE A DRUG ADDICT, BUT THEN HE MET RACHEL, & FELL IN LOVE. THEY HAD BABY LUCCIANA & HE QUIT HEROIN. HE MADE A LIFE FOR THEM & HE GREW INTO A MAN, A BROTHER I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF. BUT FOR ALL THOSE YEARS OF DRUGS, CRIME & JAIL, HE HAS A HUGE COURT COSTS DEBT TO PAY OFF. THAT, HIS BILLS, & HIS FAMILY TO FEED & CARE FOR, HE NEEDS HIS MONEY. I WONT BE A BURDEN TO HIM. \$19,500 A YEAR DOES NOT GO FAR WHEN YOU HAVE ALL THAT TO DEAL WITH. NO, NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO CALL ME HERE. WE CAN MAKE PRE-PAID PHONE CALLS ONLY. YES, WHEN I DO HAVE MONEY I AM ALLOWED TO CALL KRISTA WHENEVER I WANT BUT AT THE PLACE SHE IS IN, I CAN ONLY CALL ON SUNDAY OR THURSDAY SO I CHOOSE SUNDAYS. NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIGN UP HERE TO USE A PHONE, YOU JUST GO USE IT IF ONE IS OPEN. IF THEY ARE ALL FULL, YOU ASK THE GUARD TO PUT YOU ON THE WAITING LIST. YES, ANYONE CAN VISIT YOU IN HERE BUT THEY MUST BE ON THE LIST. WE HAVE TO PROVIDE THE VISIT ROOM SERGEANT WITH THE VISITORS NAME, D.O.B. & THE ADDRESS ON THEIR DRIVERS LICENSE. AND IF CHILDREN ARE COMING, A PERMISSION SLIP MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT AHEAD OF TIME. VISITS ARE THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAYS. 8 AM -3 PM. IF SOMEONE IS ALREADY ON YOUR VISIT LIST, THEY CAN JUST POP UP WHENEVER THEY WANT TO. NO, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR VISITS. YOU WROTE THAT YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED YOUR TIME TRANSCRIBING BLOGS FOR BTB, NOT SURE WHAT THAT MEANS. I DO FEEL HONORED THAT YOU WROTE TO ME & I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. EVERY DAY I TRY TO THINK OF WHAT I CAN DO BETTER, WHAT CAN I CHANGE ABOUT MYSELF, OR WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE LIFE BETTER OR MY SURROUNDINGS BETTER. HOW CAN I HELP SOMEONE IN THE CHURCH, THE GYM, WHEREVER. I WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS. I WAS A BAD KID BUT JUSTINE CHANGED ME. SHE AWOKE MY HEART, MY CONSCIENCE, SHE MADE ME WANT TO LIVE LIFE. WELL I HAVE WRITTEN ALOT. I CAN ONLY SEND LIKE 4 PAGES SO THIS IS ABOUT IT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR NAME. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TALKING TO ME & FOR CARING. I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR WORDS. I TRY TO STAY STRONG, IT ISN'T EASY! YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY & I DO HOPE I HAVEN'T BORED YOU TO DEATH. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AGAIN "THIS GIRL CARES" (: GOD BLESS, CIAO.

PS: YOUR STORY IS AN AMAZING SUCCESS. IT CAN HELP TO MOTIVATE AND INSPIRE MANY CHILDREN WHO WENT THROUGH THE SAME HELL THAT YOU DID. YOU ARE LIVING PROOF THAT THEY CAN MAKE IT IN LIFE, SUCCEED AND LIVE A GOOD HAPPY LIFE. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME SOME HOPE FOR MY OWN CHILD. MAY GOD BLESS YOU & YOUR FAMILY. UNTIL NEXT TIME, CIAO.