



A Note from Jan Tennyson at Christmas Time

As Founder of **Dare to Dream Children's Foundation**, it is my honor to announce that 2012 will mark our 25th Anniversary! It is because of faithful volunteers and supporters who have contributed their time and money to sustain this ministry that we have arrived at this significant milestone. You have helped us provide programs and hope to the brokenhearted through the knowledge of knowing Jesus Christ. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I love the song — *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*. It tells us – *be of good cheer and it's the happiest season of all*. It goes on to say...*They'll be much mistletoeing and hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near*. Oh, how I'd like these words to be true for youngsters in group homes, shelters, orphanages and

detention centers. Because of very sad circumstances, their Christmas Season is much different from most of ours. Growing up in the foster care system in New York City has allowed me to personally relate to the lonely feelings of being forsaken and forgotten by family. Helpless and hopeless, and not being able to see light at the end of the tunnel of despair were my constant companions. The hand of God touched my life, and I praise Him for the honor and privilege of being His Ambassador in a hurting world.

She Dares to Dream... the Jan Tennyson Story was written to empower the lives of wounded people who can Dare to Dream with just a little help. It is available at www.daretodream-dallas.org. Here are some of the comments from people who have read it:

- *"I was in the middle of disciplining my son when you called me to pray...it was a divine intervention. I am an abuser and I've abused all of my kids. Four of my grandchildren are in foster care. After your prayers, it just calmed everything down. Reading through the pages of this book is strengthening me to counsel with my children rather than abuse them. I can release my pain and be healed and willing to share my own story. I now have so much hope for my future."*
- *"As a foster parent, I found reading *She Dares to Dream* helpful and encouraging. It helped me to see into the mind of at least one foster child over a long period of time, giving me some insights that will help me deal with the foster children in my home. So many foster children feel defeated. Perhaps reading your book will give them the courage to dream, and the drive to achieve what God always intended for their lives."*
- *"This book is such an encouragement. The Lord is so blessed by your commitment and faithfulness to Him in going where others would fear to tread. You never know with your little ones how a word fitly spoken will be like apples of gold in pitchers of silver to them."*

Providing this book to those who are going through the storms of life and are living in spiritual darkness is one of my dreams. Dare to Dream is also partnering with organizations providing a Christian education to orphans. Without loving intervention now, many will become predators who victimize innocent people and destroy their own lives. You can help this mission by booking a speaking engagement and book signing at your home, business, church, club, or conference. This autobiography may be ordered at www.daretodream-dallas.org or call our office to pick up a copy.

Please send your current contact information and e-mail address. If for any reason you do not want to be on our mailing list, please let me know. Prayer is the greatest gift one can give. Please pray and see what God might place on your heart to help Dare to Dream. Lives will be transformed and God will be honored. *"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart"* Psalm 37:4

God bless you. Jan Tennyson, Founder