



DARE TO DREAM CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION — 2010

A Note from Jan Tennyson

♥ *“Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.”*
(1Chronicles 28:20a).

In the spirit of Thanksgiving I write you this letter. Thank you for taking your precious time to hear my heart.

I am grateful that my broken kneecap is totally healed and I'm stronger than ever. Thank you to those who visited and prayed for me during my recuperation. During that time, Dare to Dream volunteers brought their faith and talents to wounded youth in group homes, shelters, and juvenile detention centers. To those of you who sent financial support to give me the means to carry the mission forward, I thank you. I am blessed to have each of you in my life.

This Thanksgiving, while many of us will be sitting with family and friends enjoying a wonderful meal, the youth we serve may be having a very different day. Without families, many will have no relative to hug them, no mom and dad to say grace with them, and perhaps no reason to have a smile on their faces. The feeling of rejection and loneliness can rule their day.

I remember the Thanksgiving Day that our volunteers decorated tables, brought flowers, and provided food at a local youth shelter—It is one of my fondest memories. Eating with these precious children and giving them a reason to smile and dream again made it a wonderful occasion for each of us. This year, make a special memory for someone who needs your encouragement and love.

Recently a young man in a restaurant came over to Dennis Allen, one of our team captains. The young man told him that it was because of Dare to Dream that he was alive today. He introduced his new wife and baby and told Dennis that he baptized him at his church, and now his life has been changed forever.

Over the years, I've been asked *Why are you spending your life visiting brokenhearted youngsters encouraging them to Dare to Dream?* You will find many answers in my autobiography—***She Dares to Dream ... the Jan Tennyson Story....***

Poor, orphaned, exploited and outraged; children lived in a city that seemed callously indifferent to their plight. They sold papers, shined shoes, ran errands, picked up bottles and rags to make a living. They had to make choices very early in life – to lapse into a life of crime, or to struggle for decency. The amazing fact was that so many of them chose the latter.

A Catholic priest, Father Drumgool founded Mount Loretto in Staten Island, New York, to provide a place to live for these homeless youngsters. He loved them, educated them, and respected their independence. My father, Joseph Lowery, and his siblings grew up at Mount Loretto.

Putting a copy of this book into the hands of those less fortunate would be such a blessing. Your support will help Dare to Dream to continue tapping into the potential of children without dreams. We cannot do it without your support. Eleanor Roosevelt said, “The future belongs only to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” — so we *dream on ...*

A Dream
IS A WISH YOUR HEART MAKES ...



Jan Tennyson

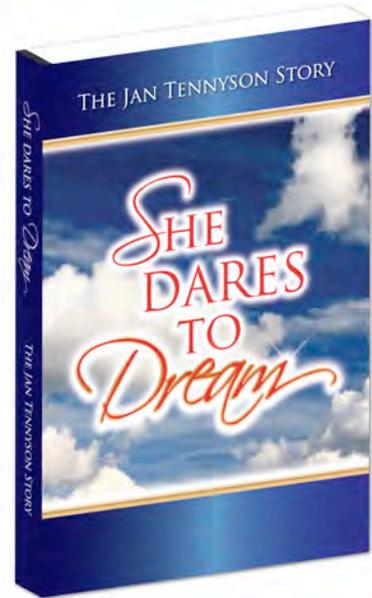
In this book you will read about the heart-ache of broken dreams and an incredible journey to a transformed life.

With a father who grew up in an orphanage and a mother who spent most of her life in a mental institution, Jan Tennyson's future looked pretty bleak. She was placed in the New York Foundling Home through the foster-care system in New York City.

Nevertheless, as a child, she dreamed of becoming a dance instructor. Taking dance and piano lessons helped build her self-esteem through turbulent times. The good, the bad, and the ugly experiences of her life were the stepping-stones of what was to come.

Jan Tennyson is the Founder of Dare to Dream Children's Foundation based in Dallas, Texas, serving broken-hearted children in group homes, shelters, detention centers, and orphanages since 1987.

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