



# The Mariah Fenton Gladis Foundation

December 2013

Dear Friends,

It's only December, yet I look out the window and see my world transformed into a black and white wintry wonderland. Naturally, my thoughts go to the idea of transformation and what gifts of transformation has the foundation brought to our community during the year 2013. Rachel, our Development Director, reminds me that as a growing foundation with a heart, abundant skills and limited funds, we are accomplishing a lot. In 2013, she says, the Foundation:

- ∞ Presented two *Afternoon of Forgiveness* workshops with over 260 people from all walks of life, the kind of diversity we're seeking as a Foundation. Mariah Fenton Gladis shared her secrets of using the act of forgiveness as a powerful and transformative tool to create a fulfilling life.
- ∞ Held a *Message Of Hope* concert with Francis Dunnery, a poet, musician, philosopher, and humorist in support of The Fighting Back Scholarship Program, which provides financial assistance for post-rehabilitative exercise to individuals who suffered a life changing illness or injury.
- ∞ Funded an *Arrive Already Loved* psychotherapy weekend workshop for 25 people, gathering footage for *Unconditional Hope*, the inspiring documentary of Mariah Fenton Gladis' life. The film is not just a documentary about a courageous and extraordinary women, it is a campaign designed to inspire people to live with hope, despite their personal challenges.
- ∞ Created a Forgiveness Network of Support of people and organizations, connecting in solidarity with our mutual mission to create peace through social change. The Network includes:  
**Father Ubald Rugirangoga**, a Catholic priest who survived the 1994 Rwandan Tutsi genocide where one million people were killed in 90 days. He is renowned for bringing healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation to people worldwide.

**The Findhorn Foundation**, a spiritual community, eco-village and an international center for holistic education in Scotland.

**Azim Khamisa**, whom following the senseless, gang-related murder of his only son, Tariq, in 1995, chose the path of forgiveness by reaching millions through international workshops, video and audio recordings, and four books about forgiveness.

- ∞ Distributed to the Phoenixville and Boston Brazilian communities a Portuguese translation of Mariah's booklet, *Bitterness Is Not An Option*, an interview style reflection of her life with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) and the transformational life lessons the disease has taught her.

Yes Rachel, we have accomplished a lot. And we want to do so much more. Our mission to help individuals, families and communities through programs that bring a sense of love, compassion and forgiveness to those with a passionate desire to create better lives requires your support.

**Please help us continue our work and continue to grow by considering an end-of-the-year contribution to the Mariah Fenton Gladis Foundation.**

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year,

Ron Gladis  
President



*In support of the*  
**Fighting Back Veterans Program & The Mariah Fenton Gladis Foundation**

**Francis Dunnery is returning for a fundraising and fun concert.**

***A Message Of Hope***

**Evening Concert in June 2014  
 date TBD**



The **Fighting Back Veterans Program**, provides financial assistance for post-rehabilitative exercise to veterans who have suffered a life changing illness or injury and have endured that experience with courage, desire and perseverance.

**What's in store for the Foundation in 2014?  
 Glad you asked:**

- ☞ Present *Afternoon of Forgiveness* in a Philadelphia center city venue and then the workshop is headed out-of-state, broadening Mariah's message. We'll keep you posted on the venues and the dates.
- ☞ Fund a *Sexual Abuse Survivors Workshop for Healing*. The Foundation is determined to aid the victims of this devastating crime against the soul.
- ☞ Co-Sponsor *A Message of Hope* concert.
- ☞ Provide personal growth opportunities for those with financial need.

**Wish List...**

- Webmaster to design a more informative and interactive site
- Grant Writer
- Social Media Manager

**For gifts \$250 and over**, you will receive (while supplies last) a handcrafted, stained glass mosaic lantern created by a graduate of the PA Gestalt Program. "The brokenness of the glass is transformed into something beautiful, unique, and sacred. And the true beauty is only revealed when light shines from within. A symbol of a life transformed." - *Melody Schaper*

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