

TESTIMONIALS OF OUR GNI GIRLS

In My Own Words...

GNI is like family to me. My mom died of a drug overdose. My stepdad is in jail now. I live with my grandmother – and she doesn't really want me. Says she can't wait 'til I graduate and get out of her house. GNI is the only place where I feel like I matter. The only place I feel loved...

Allison (Age 15, Grade 9)

I usually don't like to talk about my dad and his death. But when I was 4, my whole life changed when my dad committed suicide. It still hurts... but people don't see and realize my pain. Jimme doesn't just talk about the topic, but she teaches us how to deal with our pain and not turn to addictions or ways of coping that will destroy us. I want to take GNI back to Germany with me to help all my friends like I've been helped... please?

Julia (Age 16, Grade 11) German Exchange Student

My mom abandoned our family when I was really young. I have never known a mother's love. I was uneducated in the realm of womanhood... until I was adopted by a whole GNI team of loving mothers/mentors. I have never been showered with so much love...

Meghan (Age 18, Grade 12)

Girls Nite In saved me from being the girl that has anorexia and cuts because the pain is just overwhelming. It is my safe place.

Nicole (college student)

Jimme always says at our GNI meetings – the well-known quote – 'Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken.' Well, I have that taped to my mirror in my apartment so I never forget that God only made one me, and that no matter how much I would love to be someone else, someone prettier, someone smarter... the girls of Girls Nite In don't want someone prettier, someone smarter... they just want me. Broken and lost... they still want me.

Ali (young teen mom)

I was in a relationship with an abusive boyfriend. What I thought was love... was actually really manipulation and control. Jimme taught us that 'Not everyone who wants to be in your life... should be!' It's OK to not give permission for some people to be in your life. GNI taught me to value myself, be confident... and get rid of him!

Sarah (Age 16, Grade 10)