

## Testimonials of RV Hawaii Participants:

*From a Mother:*

*“Rachel’s Vineyard (RV) was a God send for me. After years of suffering in silence, I became desperate to find help in dealing with the grief, guilt and shame I had been carrying. Through my participation at RV, I was finally able to release the guilt and shame of having an abortion. I was finally free to openly grieve for my child. I was finally able to surrender the unbearable burden of this secret.*

*The people who were there to “support” the decision of aborting your child are rarely there to support you in grieving your loss. Rachel’s Vineyard has an amazing and anointed team. They genuinely care for and about their participants. They grieve your loss with you yet are there to support you in any way possible. There is no judgment.*

*Before attending the Rachel’s Vineyard retreat, I felt as though I would be betraying the memory of my child if I did not hold on to the pain, the grief and the guilt. Through RV, I learned that the opposite is true. I was able to honor the memory of my child and acknowledge the short life my child had in the womb. I don’t want to give too much away as far as what to expect at the retreat. I do passionately urge anyone who has been hurt by abortion, whether their own or someone else’s, to attend a RV retreat. I encourage everyone to participate as much as possible, press through any uncomfortable parts, trust the Lord with it and allow the process to work. There is a great reward.”*

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Mother:

*"The silent suffering, grief and shame that I was secretly holding deep inside my heart was finally released after participating in the Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat. A profound healing occurred in my relationship with God and my aborted children, and I felt truly forgiven for the first time in my life. I hesitated to go at first, but I am so glad I went. I encourage every woman to consider giving herself this gift of healing and self love."*

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Mom:

*"My husband and I both attended the retreat last May. We both agree that it brought us closer to God and to each other. We received healing on so many levels. The love, warmth, and confidentiality were superb!"*

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Mother:

*"This experience was life-changing for me! It freed me of the grief and guilt I carried for over 30 years. Even though I thought I was "tough" or "over it," nothing helped me or healed me more than my attending the RV Retreat."*

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### A Father's Testimony

*"As a man, abortion affects us in a unique way. The weekend at Rachel's Vineyard helped me heal many wounds from the past. I learned to be compassionate with myself. As Christians, we all strive to forgive, but rarely do we have such an opportunity to really learn how to forgive. The experiential learning process engaged me into a deeper walk with my faith. I always felt that God must be so angry with me. Now I am able to pray more deeply and authentically. I am able to understand my pain and walk with it. My relationship with my wife has greatly improved. She did the retreat with me and processed some of her pain. I feel now I can be much more open with her and she can understand my feelings about children. I recommend RV for anyone who has been burdened with the loss of their child. You will be surrounded by loving people and nurtured in a safe, caring environment."*

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