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Dear Oklahoma Homeschool Subscribers,

As you know, I have been missing from the Oklahoma Homeschool Facebook page for a good while now. I “sort of” retired, only lurking in the background. I even promised you some “great news” way back in the summer, but then you heard nothing from me. I apologize for that, but life got in the way. Today, however, I am finally going to give you the great news!

I’ve been threatening to retire for several years now; but, one of my hesitations was what to do with the Oklahoma Homeschool website and all of its resources. Today, I am excited to announce that I have found the solution! A young couple that I have known since they were young children have agreed to take over my website: Shandra and Luke Pinion.



I am going to attach a letter of introduction written by them after this posting, but here’s a brief overview from my perspective.

Both Shandra and Luke were homeschooled from 1st-12th grade by exceptional parents. In addition, Shandra was my intern for Oklahoma Homeschool from the time she was 12 until she graduated high school. In fact, she is like a second daughter to me! She and Luke married after college, have had two children (with another on the way), and are now homeschooling their own children. This is perfect timing! With their background of being homeschooled themselves and now homeschooling their own children, I have complete confidence that they share the vision of Oklahoma Homeschool and will do an excellent job. I couldn’t be more excited!

Over the next year, you will see changes to the Oklahoma Homeschool website. Luke is a computer programmer, so he will know how to make it look and function much better. Shandra is an excellent writer/photographer and will know how to update and refresh the information so that it reflects the homeschoolers of today. They have years of homeschool experience, both as being homeschooled and as the ones doing the homeschooling. They, like many of you, are going through the challenge of homeschooling while still in childbearing years, so they can relate. They are energetic, full of creative ideas, and they love the Lord. I think you will be very happy with the transition.

I'll continue to lurk in the background during this transition just to smooth the way. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about the transition, please email me. Otherwise, please direct your homeschool questions to Shandra and Luke through this Facebook page.

Let me end this with a big THANK YOU! Thank you for being there with me through all the years I have been involved in homeschooling. You have not only been great clients, but many of you have been a much-needed support to me throughout the years. I could never have done this without you. During those years, I met many wonderful homeschool families who left me with lasting memories that fill me with joy in my retirement. Thank you all and God bless you.

~ Cindy Downes