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Mary's Mantle

EVERY CHILD IS A GIFT, EVERY SOUL HAS A PURPOSE.

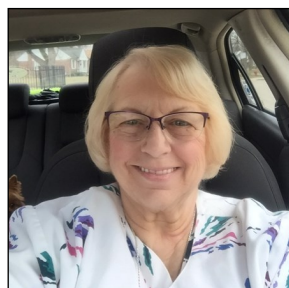
Dear Mary's Mantle Supporters,

Since our last newsletter, Mary's Mantle has celebrated the birth of two more babies. There are many things that we as staff enjoy about the work that we do, but nothing quite tops watching a woman become a mother. Whether it be the first visit at the hospital, welcoming the mom and baby home for the first time, or a moment three months down the road, it is our honor and privilege to be part of this time in their lives.

We all know parenthood is filled with ups and downs, but we also know what a gift it is. When a woman comes to Mary's Mantle there may be a lot of uncertainty in her life; with that, she may have fear of what type of mother she will be. We want to empower the moms to be the best mom they can be through support, guidance, prayers, and love. Being a mom can be the most challenging role in any woman's life – but also one of the most rewarding.

Since Mary's Mantle started in 2009, the program has been set up to have a live-in House Mother. While every staff position at Mary's Mantle has extreme value, this role, in many ways, is the heart of our program. The House Mother lives in the Mary's Mantle home with the women and creates a community—a home—with each mom that enters our door. The House Mother teaches by example and leads with love.

Mary's Mantle was greatly blessed with the first House Mother, Beverly Anglin, who served in the position from 2009-2015. She laid a solid foundation for the



organization and highlighted the importance of the role. Ms. Beverly is a woman of great faith and deep love, both of which she brought to her responsibilities as House Mother. To this day, she maintains contact with many of the moms and children of Mary's Mantle, providing

support, love, and guidance.

At this time, we are happy to announce that Judy Stachura has been hired and moved in as the next House Mother at Mary's Mantle. Ms. Judy is a mom of two adult sons, has a deep faith, and has been a pediatric nurse for over 40 years. She is kind, compassionate, and has a great sense of humor. She shared the following on coming to Mary's Mantle:

"I have always felt that children are our future and it's our job to teach and show them God's love. I remember the Bible story when Jesus called the little children to be at his side. My dad was my role model; when we had family gatherings he was always with the kids laughing, playing his guitar or harmonica, and singing with them. He was always there showing love toward children. As a nurse, I have devoted my life to moms and new babies. We have so much we can show them. The greatest of all the things we can teach is to LOVE. I am thankful and honored to LOVE the moms and babies at Mary's Mantle."



Please keep Ms. Judy in your prayers as she joins the Mary's Mantle family.

Blessings,

Katie Montes,
Executive
Director of
Mary's Mantle



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

2018 has been a year of growth and new life for Mary's Mantle!

It is with great anticipation we look to the future of Mary's Mantle. However, we must first pause and thank each of you for your generosity and commitment to our mission. It is only because you have supported our walk in so many beautiful ways, that we can embrace a future which includes an expansion of our services - God willing.

In January, a Mary's Mantle team comprised of board and staff members embarked on leadership training through TruePoint Advisors. What a game changer for our ministry! Through Preston True's coaching, we learned how to take our 2014 strategic plan and breathe new life into it. We adopted accountability charts for the board and staff, and set aggressive quarterly goals to increase our housing capacity by June 2021. **This is vital, as there continue to be homeless expectant mothers in our community with nowhere to turn.**

Part of our growth this year also includes adding three new members to our Board of Directors. With grateful hearts we welcome Billie Beverly, Don Czaplicki, and Karen Horan. Each of them bring unique work experiences, a commitment to our mission, and wonderful gifts which will help us improve our services. We also wish to thank both Sheila Breen and Mary Ann Napolitano for their years of service on the Mary's Mantle Board of Directors. You touched many hearts within the ministry, and we are a better organization because of your time with us. Thank you both.

Our faith and trust remains in Christ. We do our best to fully live the mission for which the Lord has anointed us; you are part of that anointing as well. Scripture reminds us that the poor will always be with us. I believe that being able to assist those in need is one of life's greatest blessings. Not because of what we do for them, but because of what they teach us. Some of the greatest lessons I have learned in life (courage, fortitude, charity, and humility—just to name a few) have come through the mothers at Mary's Mantle.

Please pray for us, and know of our daily prayers for you.

Beth Collison

Mary's Mantle Board President



5th Annual
Mary's Mantle Golf Outing

Monday, June 25, 2018
Tanglewood Golf Course • South Lyon, MI



Mary's Mantle♥

**\$125 per golfer
\$500 per foursome**

Sponsorship opportunities available.

Registration: 8 am | Shotgun Start: 9 am
Lunch on course
Appetizers and Drinks/Program/Awards 2:30 pm

For more information and to register, visit www.marysmantle.net.
Questions? Contact Katie Montes at katie.montes@marysmantle.net.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to St. Anastasia Parish in Troy for always going above and beyond to support the women and babies of Mary's Mantle. Pictured here is a recent diaper drive they did for the ministry and Easter Basket donations with gift cards, food, and household products for the moms. We are very blessed by their support!



*Praise the God of heaven, for
his mercy endures forever.*

~ Psalm 136:26

BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT



DENISE'S STORY

I came to Mary's Mantle in 2014. While staying there, I learned self-love and built a relationship with my son. There, I began a personal relationship with Christ that is now a source of strength and hope in my life. I now have a church home, where I both worship and volunteer. Faith has transformed my life. Mary's Mantle helped me develop in so many areas—spiritually, educationally, and as a parent.

After Care, too, has supported me in so many different ways. They have pushed me to become a better person. They believed in me beyond my dreams. They have taught me that there are no limits.

I am proud of who I am and the role model I am becoming for my son, and I know that everyone at Mary's Mantle is proud of me too.

MARANDA'S STORY

I came to Mary's mantle in a time of need when I was most vulnerable. I needed stability, love and peace during my pregnancy and into new motherhood. I stayed on the "tough" days and worked hard on achieving my goals.

I was able to work on these goals because I was safe at Mary's Mantle and no longer had to worry about sleeping in my car or staying at different places each night. I achieved everything I needed and some things I wanted. The biggest goals were having a healthy pregnancy and baby, securing stable housing, and transportation. Also, I was able to build my relationship with God and forgive those who were hard to forgive.



WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

If you are not receiving e-mails from Mary's Mantle, you're missing out! If you'd like to hear updates on our ministry and be the first to know about upcoming events, please e-mail us at gratitude@marysmantle.net. Be sure to include your first and last name, as well as a request to be added to the e-mail list. We respect your time and inbox, and will only send periodic content that is valuable to our supporters.

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Mission Statement

Mary's Mantle is a Catholic residential program for homeless expectant women. We witness the love of Christ by promoting the dignity of life. We provide a safe, faith-based, and caring environment that supports the transition into motherhood, including extended aftercare for continued personal growth and integration into the community. We focus on the spiritual, emotional, physical, educational, and vocational well-being of mother and child.

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Save the Date



ANNUAL KEEPSAKES OF THE KINGDOM MASS AND AUCTION

Saturday November 10, 2018
St Lucy's Croatian Catholic Church
Troy, MI



>>> Thank You! <<<

On Friday, February 9, Sacred Heart Major Seminary held the 9th Annual Dinner for Life, a fundraiser organized by Sacred Heart seminarians to benefit a local pro-life organization. Mary's Mantle was very thankful to be the recipient of the proceeds of this year's event.

A beautiful Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Gerard Battersby, auxiliary bishop of Detroit, followed by dinner, keynote speaker, and auction. Mary's Mantle would like to express our gratitude to all the Seminarians involved in the planning of the event and to all those who attended. It was a wonderful evening.