

DECEMBER 2018

Mary's Mantle

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

Mary's Mantle: Our Year in Review

7

NEW WOMEN
SERVED
IN THE
RESIDENTIAL
PROGRAM



70

WOMEN
SERVED
AT MARY'S
MANTLE TO
DATE

4 beautiful new
babies

2

BABIES DUE
SOON!



88

LIFE SKILLS
CLASSES TAUGHT
TO THE WOMEN
IN RESIDENCE



13

WOMEN RECEIVING ON-GOING
SUPPORT SERVICES THROUGH
THE MARY'S MANTLE AFTER
CARE PROGRAM

142

HOME
VISITS TO
WOMEN IN
AFTER CARE

93

SPIRITUAL
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR MARY'S
MANTLE
RESIDENTS

1 new house
mother

744

INDIVIDUAL
DONORS

20

CHURCH
DONORS



Countless blessings

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Mary's Mantle,

Merry Christmas to each of you,

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior it is also the perfect time to pause and thank Him for all He has done in our lives, in the life of this ministry and in the beautiful souls He has entrusted to us. Lord Jesus from the depths of our hearts we thank you.

Recently I was dropping off a past mom following a Bible Study we are attending together. As she left the car I watched her head for her front door. Her hands were full of items she had collected throughout the day. For her, they served as reminders that she is loved. She spent hours working at our bookstore and enjoying fellowship with folks she met through her time at Mary's Mantle. A gently used purse was donated which she was thrilled to receive, she filled a bag with bread from the Capuchin bakery to share with her new family, she was clothed in a new outfit which had been provided to her by a generous donor and her Bible Study was paid for by another donor. As we broke bread together before the Bible Study her phone rang. She received an invitation to

join a family for Thanksgiving. She was delighted. It was a past staff person of Mary's Mantle making room for her at their Thanksgiving table.

Prior to Mary's Mantle this young woman was in other housing programs. When I recently asked her what the difference was between them and us, she responded by saying, "Well, I am sitting at your kitchen table."

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I hope the Lord leads you to the "one" you can most impact this Christmas season. Your generosity has helped lead us to many.

Merry Christmas and God bless you and your family.
Thank you for everything.

Beth Collison
Mary's Mantle Board President

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Mary's Mantle would like to thank the Swanson Family for their help this summer with yard work. This was no small task - if you have been the Mary's Mantle home - you know we have a very large yard - and very large flower beds. The Swanson family generously donated their time and supplies all summer long to keep the Mary's Mantle home looking beautiful. Please see the

following note from them. Thank you Swanson family!

We are very thankful to have been so warmly welcomed by the staff at Mary's Mantle this summer. Our family has been volunteering with some basic yard up-keep work to try to keep the grounds neat and clean.

We first became aware of Mary's Mantle and its mission through our oldest son, Sam. Sam's 6th grade class at Holy Name School in Birmingham did a field trip to Mary's Mantle this spring. Sam came home very excited about the mission of Mary's Mantle, so we decided to try to figure out how we could help provide support.

While providing financial support is incredibly important, we wanted to make sure that our boys understood and "felt" what serving others really means. For that reason, we reached out to see if we could provide any lawn maintenance support to offset any expenses.

The Mary's Mantle team was so welcoming and asked if we could help maintain the flower beds. My sons and I spent several days this summer on our hands and knees doing our best to help maintain the beds. It is hard work, but it is great time together and it provides instant visual feedback to the boys on what their hard work can accomplish for others. We are thankful to have had the opportunity to help and look forward to doing it again next year.

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR!



My name is Nancy Steele, and over the summer, I joined the Mary's Mantle staff as Volunteer Coordinator. Although new to Mary's Mantle, I have been in church ministry for almost 30 years now, most recently as Christian Service Coordinator at St. Daniel Parish in Clarkston.

As with any new position, my first 90 days or so were spent familiarizing myself with the people, the culture, and the responsibilities. Now that I have my footing, I'm ready and excited to move on, to be a part of the growth of Mary's Mantle!

I have set a goal to increase the number of Mary's Mantle volunteers by 20 individuals in 2019. However, my focus will not only be on quantity, but quality as well – quality for Mary's Mantle and a quality experience for the volunteer. Our most urgent needs for volunteers are two-fold:

- First, we are working to create a database of people with skills in maintenance, home repair - anything "handy"! These individuals will be called upon to help with things like moving furniture or appliances, making home repairs or providing general maintenance, or tinkering on vehicles. We plan to create a database of those that are willing to be "on-call" for these sorts of needs – you could help when your schedule permits. Maybe you have a pick-up truck – or you're good at

fixing minor electrical issues - stopping that leaky faucet. Whatever it is, we would love to have your name on our list!

- Second, we could really use some direct weekday volunteer support in the Mary's Mantle residence. It might be transporting the women to appointments, school, or jobs. Or it could be being present in the home while staff are working one-on-one with other residents.



Daytime availability is a necessity, but the blocks of time could be as small as 4 hours per week. If you are interested in ministering to the women of Mary's Mantle in this special way, we could use your help!

For more information about either of these two opportunities, or sharing your time, talents, and love with Mary's Mantle in general, please reach out to me at the email address or phone number below.

Thank you for your love and dedication, and may God bless you and your family!

Nancy Steele

Mary's Mantle Volunteer Coordinator

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Christmas Giving



There are many ways to support Mary's Mantle this Christmas; the gifts of your time through volunteering and prayer are invaluable to us. Additionally, your financial donations will go a long way in supporting the women and babies of Mary's Mantle all next year. We thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to make a one-time gift, you may mail a check made out to Mary's Mantle in the enclosed envelope. Alternately, you may visit www.marysmantle.net to make a secure online donation. Just click "Donate" under "Support Us" tab on the home page.

Finally, we ask you to prayerfully consider signing up to be a monthly donor through the Mary's Mantle Circle of Hope program. By joining the Circle of Hope, you will help provide Mary's Mantle with a steady and reliable source of income - and make a difference in the lives of our residents and their children; truly a gift that keeps on giving.

Please visit www.marysmantle.net to learn more, and to sign up to be a monthly donor.



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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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