

MAY 2022

Mary's Mantle

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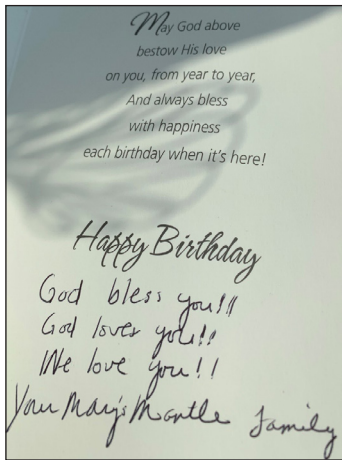


IT'S A BOY!

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Welcome to the newest member of
the Mary's Mantle home.

CARD MINISTRY

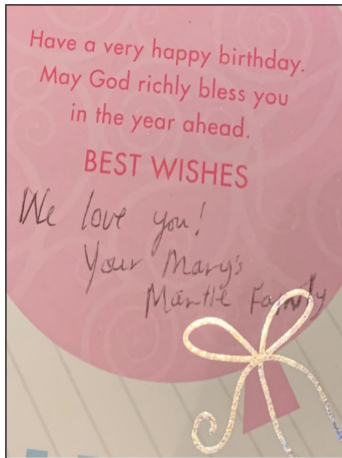


We are very pleased with our card-sending ministry. This initiative reaches out to past residents with personalized notes of inspiration and celebration.

Former residents receive birthday and holiday greetings, as well as random or Spirit-led encouragements. In these high-tech days of frequent distraction and isolation, our handwritten pieces of “real mail” often touch the hearts of our moms in a way that surprises and delights them. It’s amazing to have tangible proof that we are known and loved by name.

If you would like to join the Card Ministry, please contact Katy Conners at katy.conners@marysmantle.net.

Brighten the day of a Mary’s Mantle mom with a letter or card today!



ANIMA CHRISTI UPDATE

This past winter we launched The Anima Christi Fund. This donor-directed fund is 100% routed toward helping Mary’s Mantle moms, both current and past.

The fund’s steering committee places strong emphasis on helping past moms who are hoping to bridge an otherwise-insurmountable gap, in order to take next steps on their journey. Thus far, we have been blessed to use the fund on four occasions, utilizing a total fund amount of \$8,012.60.

In February, we channeled resources to five young children following the unexpected death of their mom, one of our former residents.

In March, Anima Christi paid Belle Tire for four new tires and other car repairs for a single mom who needed safer transport for work, daycare, and daily errands. Later in March, the fund matched a past resident’s savings, helping her to find a reliable vehicle for herself and her two children.

Most recently, when a mom lost her job and fell behind on rent, the fund was able to resolve the debt for her. With the support of Mary’s Mantle, this former resident was able to maintain her housing while she secured new employment.

Thank you for your prayerful support of all we do, especially for those who have made this fund possible.



SUNDAY SUPPER

Our newest initiative, beginning this June, continues the connection between former Mary’s Mantle moms and their children through a monthly dinner group at the Mary’s Mantle home.

One Sunday per month, we invite past moms for dinner, fellowship, and fun.

We invite families or small groups to volunteer to prepare a meal for the moms and children. In addition, volunteers will socialize and share fellowship with these families.

If you are interested in volunteering to share nourishment and community with the Mary’s Mantle moms, please contact Katy Conners at katy.conners@marysmantle.net.

MARY'S MANTLE MENTORING PROGRAM



Joanna, left, with current resident Anna

For the past seven years I have been the Program Manager of the Residential Program at Mary's Mantle; I have immensely enjoyed this work. Previously, my primary focus was the current moms in the program. Long-term support to moms after they moved out has always been important to me, and has always been part of the mission of Mary's Mantle. I am honored to be heading up the initial development of this new program for the ministry.

Last fall, the ministry seriously examined what support truly looked like for past moms; specifically, what our moms wanted. What we continued to hear from these women was that they most desired a continued relationship with the ministry - more specifically, with individuals within the ministry.

This is not surprising. Research indicates that one-on-one relationships with someone (teachers, coaches, pastors) are one of the biggest indicators of successful transition out of the cycle of poverty/homelessness. Relationships have long been at the heart of what we do at Mary's Mantle.

We want to take these relationships to the next level with the development of a formal Mentoring Program at Mary's Mantle. Informally, past and present supporters (Board members and staff) do maintain long-term relationships with our moms. However, we want to take this model and expand upon it to be able to provide even more support.

We are taking our time to research and develop this program by speaking with and learning from existing programs, including other maternity homes with mentoring programs. We are doing our research on many areas, including best practices, program policies, mentor training, and retention.

We hope to have the program details finalized by the beginning of summer and plan to start our mentoring training by the end of summer.

We know that many people are praying for Mary's Mantle, and we ask that you add the mentor program to your intentions. The Lord is with us, and the Holy Spirit is guiding us. Please keep an eye out for more information to come.

Joanna Willis,
Program Manager - Mentoring

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming to new Board Members to the ministry!



Mary Lockwood has a B.S. degree from Madonna University in Business Management and a M.S.A. degree from Central Michigan in Human Resources, and enjoyed a career in International Personnel at GM in Detroit. She is actively involved at her home parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel in various ministries from Called & Gifted to Alpha to Women's bible groups to Life Issues. Mary is married to John, and has many spiritual children - with more to come!



Dr. Ken Kernen is the Chief of Urology at William Beaumont Hospital and the Director of Research Michigan Institute of Urology. Dr. Kernen has also previously served as President of the Archdiocese of Detroit Medical Ethics Committee, and also as President of the Cranbrook Athletic Booster Club. Dr. Kernen and his family are long-time members of Our Lady of Refuge Parish in West Bloomfield.

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS



A special thank you to all those who attended the Top Golf fundraiser in March - it was such a fun night! We had a great turnout with more than 125 people! Thanks to all of our sponsors and participants. With your support we were able to raise almost \$10,000 dollars for the ministry!



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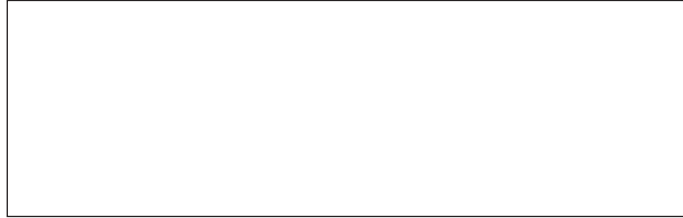
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MISSION STATEMENT

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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NOVEMBER 11, 2022

DINNER & AUCTION IN DETROIT



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Mary's Mantle
PO Box 365
Southfield, MI 48037

Don't worry, we will still check the old one for a couple months!