

Mary's Mantle

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BASKETS FOR BABIES

This past winter, Miranda Imrick and Emily Cavalier organized a charity basketball game called "Baskets for Babies." Miranda and Emily are students at Bishop Foley High School. With the support of the school and their families, they women planned and executed the entire event, including soliciting sponsors and donations for Mary's Mantle. The event was packed, hosting more than 150 people and raising over \$3,500 for Mary's Mantle!

Miranda shared, "The turnout of this was something we didn't picture. We were standing on the court waiting for prayer and the pledge before the game and Emily leaned over and said, 'We did this.' I thought about how it all came together and was looking around in shock with the amount of people that came out and supported the team and the fundraiser."

We are tremendously grateful to Miranda and Emily for their support of Mary's Mantle, and are so proud of their excellent work!



**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

~ 1 Peter 1:3

INTRODUCING LOJEN AL-SHEIKH

Lojen Al-sheikh was welcomed to the Mary's Mantle team as Case Manager this past January.

Five years ago, Lojen was a resident of Mary's Mantle and gave birth to her son, Gabe. After leaving Mary's Mantle, Lojen was working as a Business Affairs Manager for Rassem Trucking Driving School, Inc. while also attending law school. Lojen completed her BA at Wayne State University in 2010 and graduated with a Juris Doctorate from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in May of 2021. After law school, Lojen was working as a Refugee Case Manager at MI Works until she found herself coming back full circle to Mary's Mantle now as a staff member.

Lojen's experience as being a former Mary's Mantle mom brings a unique skill set to the position, one that the ministry could not pass up when she applied for the job. Lojen has a warm and energetic personality with a contagious smile.

"Every day I feel happy coming to work," Lojen said.

Whether she is helping residents with their goals or engaging in simple tasks like folding sheets and organizing a closet, she is enjoying her time here giving back.

We are blessed by her gifts and are so thankful to have her on our team!



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN

Thank you to Catholic Foundation of Michigan for the generous grant to help support the Mary's Mantle Mentoring Program. Every dollar received from this grant will help the ministry continue to grow this new program to serve our past Mary's Mantle moms. We are very appreciative of the on-going partnership between Mary's Mantle and the foundation!



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DINNER FOR LIFE

On Friday, February 3, Sacred Heart Major Seminary held the 13th Annual Dinner for Life, a fundraiser organized by Sacred Heart seminarians to benefit local pro-life organizations. The event included Mass celebrated by Fr. Stephen Burr, rector of the seminary, as well as dinner prepared by the seminarians. A panel spoke regarding the church's response to the passing of Proposal 3 this past November.

Katie Montes, Mary's Mantle Executive Director, was honored to be part of the panel. Also on the panel were Peggy and Mike O'Dea, founders of Mother and Unborn Baby Care crisis pregnancy center; Louis Brown, Executive Director of the Christ Medicus Foundation; and Kathleen Wilson, Coordinator of the Respect Life Ministry for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Mary's Mantle is grateful to all the Seminarians involved in the planning of the event and to all those who attended.



SUNDAY SUPPERS ARE BACK

With the spring weather upon us we are happy to share that Sunday Suppers at Mary's Mantle are once again back on the calendar!

These monthly dinners began last spring and were a great success. One Sunday per month, we host past moms and children 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 Jessica Gaderick at volunteers@marysmantle.net to learn more!

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LADIES OF CHARITY DINNER

In March, the Mary's Mantle moms (along with several staff) attended a beautiful dinner at St. Hugo of the Hills Parish in Bloomfield Hills. This long-standing dinner returned in-person for the first time since the pandemic.

This event, sponsored by Ladies of Charity, includes a delicious meal and games, as well as childcare so that the moms can have a true "night out" for themselves. One of the highlights of the event was a rousing game of bingo. The moms had a blast, and were quite competitive! The prize table - full of beautiful purses, accessories, and more - was a huge hit.

The Ladies of Charity always provide generous donations of household supplies and gifts for the moms and their children. This dinner is extremely popular with our moms, who love the event not only for the donations, but for the time of fellowship. It's wonderful to see how the children have grown and for the moms to connect and make new friendships.

We would like to thank Kelly Monahan and the Ladies of Charity team for all of their hard work in putting this event together for the Mary's Mantle moms. It always provides wonderful memories!



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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

Friday, November 10, 2023

*Mass, dinner, and auction
Detroit*

*Keepsakes of
the Kingdom*



*You are the light
of the world.
A city set
on a mountain
cannot be hidden*
Matthew 5:14