

Mary's Mantle

MAY 2025

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A NIGHT OF LOVE AND SUPPORT: THANK YOU TO THE LADIES OF CHARITY

Mary's Mantle is incredibly grateful to the Ladies of Charity for once again hosting a beautiful dinner for the mothers in our After Care program. This cherished annual tradition, led by the compassionate Kelly Monahan, has been blessing our moms since 2015.

Kelly first connected with Mary's Mantle through a conversation with Beth Collison at the Faith@Work Bookstore. That simple introduction sparked what would become a deeply meaningful partnership rooted in faith and service.

Each year, the dinner provides a peaceful, joy-filled evening for our moms—complete with a delicious meal (and childcare so they can actually enjoy it!), fun games, thoughtful prizes, and generous gifts for both moms and

their little ones. It's an evening our moms eagerly anticipate, and this year was no exception. Many shared fond memories from past dinners and expressed how much they look forward to this gathering of love and support.

Kelly shared, "The Mary's Mantle dinner is not just an event to us; it's an act of love. It's driven by a deep desire to offer these mothers a few hours of peace, connection, and the knowledge that people care and want to support them and see them do well."

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Kelly and the Ladies of Charity for their continued generosity, kindness, and faithful commitment to uplifting the women we serve. Your love truly makes a lasting impact.



Mary's Mantle moms at the first Ladies of Charity/Mary's Mantle dinner



The children of the moms pictured left, at the 2025 Ladies of Charity dinner



The whole Mary's Mantle crew at the 2025 dinner

HELP US CELEBRATE A SPECIAL GRADUATE!

We are so proud to share that one of our moms, H, will be graduating with her high school diploma this May! She has worked incredibly hard to reach this milestone, and we want to make her feel celebrated and encouraged.

As you send out graduation cards this season, would you consider sending a note of well wishes to H? A simple card

with words of support can mean the world to her!

Send cards to:
Mary's Mantle, Attn: Resident H
PO Box 365
Southfield, MI 48037

CELEBRATING A DECADE OF COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP



Please join the Mary's Mantle board, staff, and residents in wishing an incredibly happy 10th anniversary to our Executive Director, Katie Montes, MSW. We have been blessed by Katie's longevity, which has allowed her to gain a profound relational understanding of our specific ministry and of the national maternity-home landscape. Her decade of service to Mary's Mantle has challenged her to navigate countless complexities, including those caused by the COVID pandemic.

Director of Client Services, recalls Katie's dedication and commitment.

"I remember how she lead by example when a mom who was in labor for forty-eight consecutive hours wanted staff to be with her. Katie stayed all night the second night and was there when [the baby] was born."

"Katie was supposed to leave early in the morning for an event at her son's school," Mary Jo continued, "but she ended up [sending a] grandparent in her place when they decided to do a C-section. It was a true act of service."

That story, and many others, highlight the wider debt of joyful gratitude these past 10 years have fostered. We are so thankful for the entire Montes and Olex family! Each one of them has sacrificially contributed time, labor, talent, prayer, and emotional support from their own homes, within the Mary's Mantle house, and out in the public sphere.

We recall St. Paul's words to his friends in Philippi: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you" (Ph. 1:3-4).

Happy Anniversary, Katie and family!



"At a time when it would have been easy to close the door to Mary's Mantle," said Board member Deacon Dom Pastore. "Katie's resolve not to let down moms in need and stay in contact with staff and volunteers was truly a great inspiration to me."

As we continue to plan for an expanded campus, we are delighted to further mobilize Katie's experience and ability to think strategically for the future. Meanwhile, we remain blessed and fueled by her daily work, which her colleagues describe as full of "creativity, warmth, compassion, knowledge, commitment, and a great sense of humor."

Mary Jo Wisneski, Mary's Mantle's



We are looking for a small group of volunteers to help plan and host our annual Mary's Mantle Birthday Party this August! This special event is a time to celebrate all the children of Mary's Mantle with food, cake, presents, and games at a local park.

We have the funds to cover the event - we just need help with planning and carrying it out. This is a wonderful service opportunity for a high school youth group, small church group, or community organization looking to make a difference in the lives of our moms and children.

How You Can Help:

- Plan the evening's activities (games, food, decorations, etc.)
- Set up and serve food & cake
- Help distribute gifts and create a welcoming atmosphere
- Be part of a night of joy and celebration!

Would your group be interested in taking this on? We'd love to partner with you to make this event unforgettable for our families. Contact Jessica Gaderick at jessica.gaderick@marysmantle.net or 248-376-5338 today to learn more.



Sunday Supper

with Mary's Mantle

HOST A SUNDAY SUPPER - SHARE A MEAL, BUILD A COMMUNITY

At Mary's Mantle, we believe in the power of food and fellowship to bring people together. Our Sunday Suppers are a favorite event—an opportunity for past and current residents to gather, enjoy a warm meal, and share in the joy of community. These evenings are filled with conversation, laughter, and the sounds of children playing in the yard.

We are looking for families or small groups to help make these special evenings possible by hosting a Sunday Supper. If you have a heart for hospitality and a love of cooking, this is a

wonderful way to serve. As a host, you will provide a meal and share in an evening of fellowship with our moms and their children.

If you're interested in hosting a Sunday Supper, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Jessica Gaderick at jessica.gaderick@marysmantle.net or 248-376-5338 today to learn more and sign up for a date. Together, we can make these evenings truly special.



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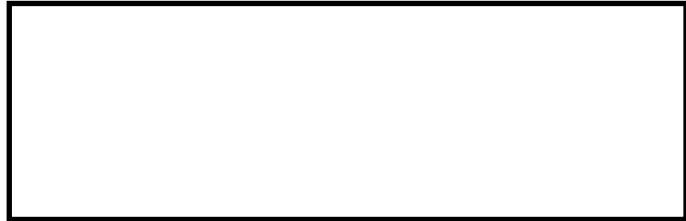
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Mission Statement

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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Mary's Mantle

Gala

Detroit

Friday, November 14, 2025

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