



Mary's Mantle 
A Catholic Home For Expectant Mothers

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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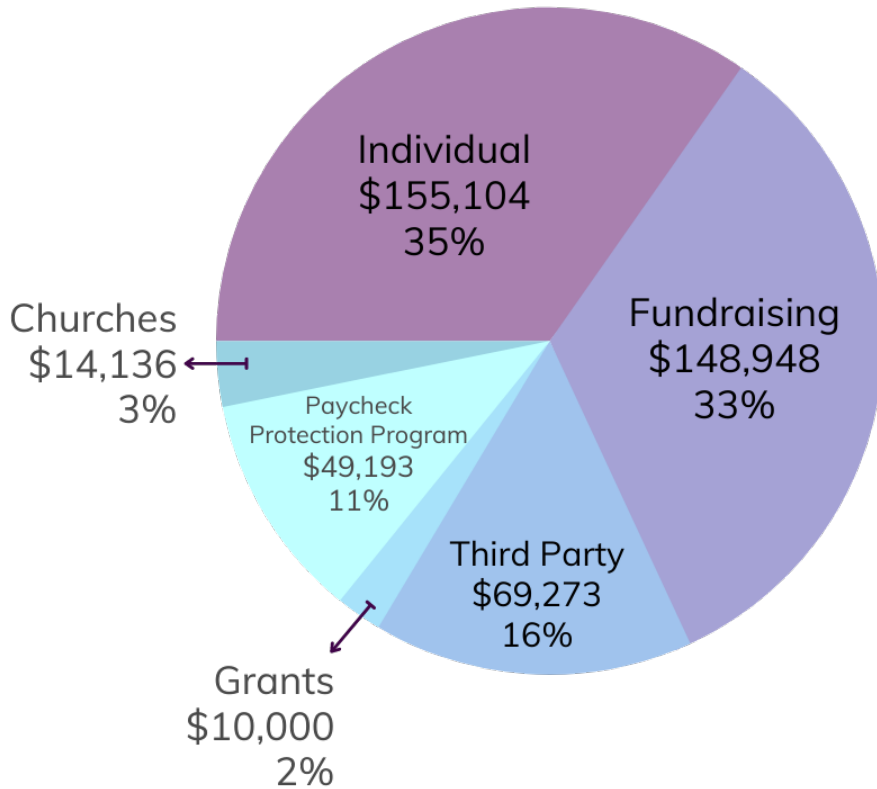
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Our Mission

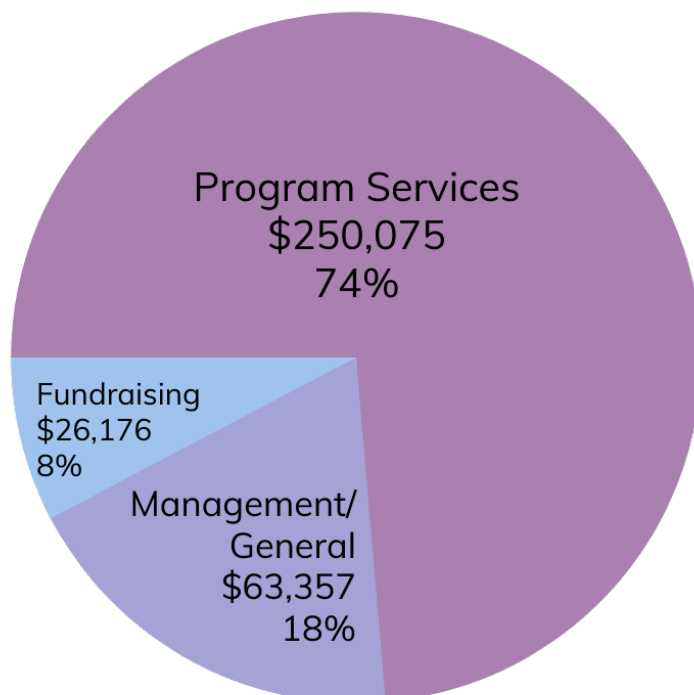
Mary's Mantle is a Catholic residential program for homeless expectant women. We witness the love of Christ by promoting the dignity of life. We provide a safe, faith-based, and caring environment that supports the transition into motherhood, including extended aftercare for continued personal growth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

2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

SUPPORT & REVENUE



EXPENSES



2021 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash & cash equivalents	\$621,770
Property & equipment, net	\$219,897

TOTAL ASSETS **\$841,667**

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Mortgage payable	\$134,915
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TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$134,915**

NET ASSETS

Beginning balance	\$587,515
Revenue over expenses	\$107,046
Donor restricted contributions	\$12,191

END BALANCE **\$706,752**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS **\$841,667**

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE TO OUR CIRCLE OF HOPE DONORS

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MARY'S MANTLE *by the numbers*



100

*percent of moms had safe
deliveries with babies born
after 37 weeks, with no
prolonged hospital stays*

19

*PAST MARY'S
MANTLE MOMS
OFFERED SUPPORT*

8

*monthly support
group meetings for
past moms*

3

**BABIES BORN
IN 2021**

108

*phone calls
from women
in need of
support*

2,000

**DIAPERS
DISTRIBUTED**



A LOOK BACK – AND MOVING FORWARD

Much of 2021 was spent doing what we do best at Mary's Mantle: providing safety, security, and hope to each mom who walks in our door – whether they were here for one day or one year. Amid the continued changes with COVID, Mary's Mantle remained fully open, staffed, and ready to serve throughout 2021.

The programming and staffing decisions from 2020 were fully implemented, leading to a noticeable increase in stability and service for our moms and babies. The addition of the full-time Director of Client Services has proven to be integral in ensuring that our moms' needs are met and addressed in full for the duration of their time with us, from their arrival into the program, the duration of their stay, and into the support we offer after they depart.

Another milestone was the development of The Anima Christi Fund. One hundred percent of the funds from this donor-directed initiative will be used for direct support to Mary's Mantle moms. The Anima Christi Fund will focus heavily on supporting past moms, bridging the gap when special needs arise in their lives. The fund guidelines and application process were finalized at the end of 2021, and we began accepting applications at the beginning of 2022. Through our generous supporters, more than \$12,000 has already been raised. We look forward to sharing how these funds will be used to reflect Christ's love to our moms.

Mary's Mantle is looking forward to the formal development of a new Mentoring Program in 2022. The staffing changes made in 2021 allowed a long-time staff member to transition into the leadership role required to develop this new initiative. Our primary focus will always be to provide the best possible programming we can to moms in the residential program. We have also always been committed to supporting moms long after they leave the residence. We believe this is best accomplished through one-on-one mentorship, and we are eagerly anticipating the fruits of this mentorship as we move forward.



Our Core Values

Many organizations have carefully-crafted mission statements, full of fancy words speaking to their purpose and values. At Mary's Mantle, our mission statement is not just words, meant to impress; we live it each day, in everything we do. From that statement, we've distilled five Core Values, each of which shapes every step and interaction, both in our daily lives and in our broader planning. In keeping with most everything else in life, it's not always pretty - and definitely not perfect!

The past two years have thrown many curve balls, and we encountered challenges no one could have foreseen. Through it all, we have kept our mission and Core Values at the center of everything we do. We are honored to share specific examples of how these values are at play in our ministry. Your continued support allows us to witness Christ's love, even when things don't go as smoothly as we would like!

Dignity of Life Recognized

May we behold each person that crosses the threshold of Mary's Mantle as a beloved child of God, treating them always in manner which honors their Creator. May all who act on behalf Mary's Mantle hold deep a conviction to the Gospel of Life, recognizing that each and every life is a precious gift from God.

While it is true that every person we encounter in this ministry inspires in us the awareness of the inherent dignity of human life, some of our stories from 2021 stand out brightly. Such a story began when we interviewed a potential resident on a Thursday. We offered her a spot on Friday with a planned move-in date of Monday. One hour later, she contacted us to say, "I don't think I can do this." Her best friend and the baby's father had both been advising her to get an abortion, so she had set an appointment for Tuesday morning.

We sprang into emergency mode. Using Facebook, emails, texts, and personal conversations, we immediately called on our prayer warriors to ask for help. We continued to offer support to the mom over the weekend but heard nothing back from her.

On Tuesday morning, one of our prayer warriors, determined to be in some kind of union with this mom in need, figured out the most likely location of the abortion clinic, drove there, and parked her car to pray in the parking lot. Not long after, the mom texted us from inside a clinic, saying she was scared. Her best friend was claiming that if she didn't have the abortion, the friend would never speak to her again. Despite that threat and all the other fears that accompany such a moment, the mom chose to leave the clinic to go back to the baby's father's home. We were able to pick her up from there and bring her to the safe haven of Mary's Mantle.

Mercy Lived

We must see the dignity of every mom; let not her poverty, her brokenness, nor any affliction prevent us from beholding Christ within her. Let second chances, unconditional love, forgiveness, and acceptance define our ministry of mercy.

2021 presented us with ample opportunities to dig deep into the challenges of mercy in real life. Whether it was because of COVID-19, the political climate, social media, a culture of unbelief, or – of course – God’s loving plan for us, we faced many days in which the staff, board, and supporters needed to try again: to love in the face of dashed expectations; to wish others well despite the pain endured; and to surrender to the current moment.

One wintry day, a resident suddenly packed up, grabbed her coat, and began walking down the street in the snow, wheeling her little suitcase behind her but with no money, no phone, and no plan. Two staff members began to follow her, and the young lady sped up. After jogging to approach her, the staff member let her know how loved she was, that we only wanted to ensure that she and her baby were safe and warm, that we were all proud of her, and we wanted her to stay in our program so she could receive the support she said she really needed. Still out in the street, another staff member who had forged a close bond with the resident was called. The young mom agreed to go back to MM, and we were given another week with her. Every day she was with us was a day she was safe and showered with Christ’s love.



Justice Sought

Every action, big or small, within Mary’s Mantle should work toward justice in the lives of our mothers. There are times that our society fails to prevent injustice, but Mary’s Mantle should always strive to uphold justice in every situation. It is through justice that we can fully embrace the dignity of every life.

In a deliberate effort to bring grace-based justice into every conversation we have with our past, present, and prospective residents, in 2021 the staff at Mary’s Mantle read Non-Violent Communication by Marshall Rosenberg, PhD.

The staff discussed and implemented lessons learned from the book; they continue to practice the techniques and share notable results with each other.

One of the recent anecdotes shared among the staff prompted this response from a coworker: “I love the question ‘What do you need?’ I am guilty (professionally and personally) of often going right into ‘fix’ mode and doing what I think the person needs – not necessarily providing what they actually need or want. I think the careful thing here is to LISTEN and do what they need.

So if someone says ‘I need to be left alone’ that is what I need to do – again something that is not natural to my ‘helper/fix it’ personality.”

Our ongoing training, awareness, and conversation is helping the Mary’s Mantle community be one in which every person’s individual needs are recognized, honored, and met with equity.

Love Revealed

It is through the Love of Jesus Christ we are compelled to more fully live the Gospel and in doing so invite others into a relationship with Christ. Mary's Mantle is that invitation. Through our relationships with our moms and their children, may we introduce to them the life-changing love of Christ. Let our witness of that love be a source of new life, healing, fulfillment, and hope to all who encounter it.

One of the revelations of flourishing love in 2021 was our after-care program. As one of our staff recently said to an unsure resident, "You may decide to leave the house, but membership in our family is forever." Support of our previous residents and their families included intercessory prayer; meeting virtually for games; invitations to relevant and uplifting educational sessions; mailed Advent activity packets; finding better health care for a mom with a serious illness; and developing the new role of Mentoring Program Manager.

One snowy night, a former resident and her eight-year-old came to pick up some jolly baskets full of Christmas gifts that were provided by our generous supporters. A current resident - who is usually reserved - was eager to bring the gifts into the room, chat with the visitors, and organize a photo. It was pure joy to watch her noticeably claim her place in the unbroken chain of relationships built at Mary's Mantle.



Fidelity to Truth

Mary's Mantle looks to the teachings of the Catholic Church for direction and guidance. The foundation of our ministry was built on these truths, and they continue to breathe life into our daily work. Let us faithfully adhere to Catholic Church teachings and through them discover the greatest freedom found only in Jesus Christ.

An outstanding example of this value's implementation in 2021 was in the work of our new team of Wednesday prayer warriors, whose attitude is, "Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb 4:16)

Undaunted by pandemic restrictions, technical difficulties, jobs, or any other barrier, the team met via Zoom on Wednesday mornings to share intentions and read and ponder the daily Scriptures. They continue to offer heartfelt prayers for the residents, staff, supporters, board, past residents, and any other intention prompted by the Holy Spirit. Sometimes there were songs, and sometimes pets joined the meeting; sometimes a participant just plain forgot it was Wednesday. Yet, every time the group gathered in Jesus' name on our behalf, He was present with His divine victory, gladness, and love. (Zeph. 3:17)



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