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# Mary's Mantle

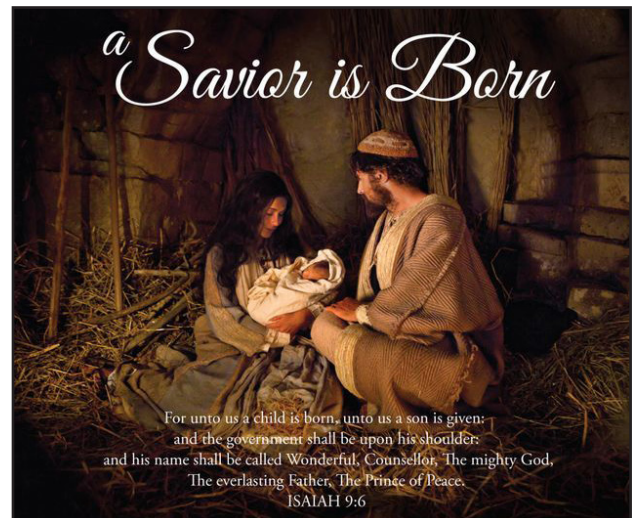
EVERY CHILD IS A GIFT, EVERY SOUL HAS A PURPOSE.

Greetings Mary's Mantle Supporters!

We hope this Christmas season finds you and your family well. As always, it has been a year of blessings at Mary's Mantle. We are most thankful this time of the year to each of you who support us with your time, prayers, and donations. It truly is what makes this work possible.

Please take a minute to read through this newsletter, we are hopeful you will pay close attention to our request on page 3 for Christmas cards for the Mary's Mantle moms. We hope this simple tradition will help the moms feel a bit of extra love this Christmas. From the Mary's Mantle family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Blessings,  
Katie Montes,  
Executive Director



*Mary's Mantle:  
A Year of  
Blessings*



**5**  
NEW WOMEN  
SERVED IN THE  
RESIDENTIAL  
PROGRAM



**75**  
WOMEN  
SERVED AT  
MARY'S MANTLE  
TO DATE



**3** beautiful  
new babies

**10**

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

## NEW PRAYER SPACE AT MARY'S MANTLE



It is with great excitement that we announce the completion of the Mary's Mantle prayer room! It is a beautiful space that was added to the already finished basement of the Mary's Mantle home. Each week each mom participates in spiritual development and prayer with the Mary's Mantle Spiritual Coordinator. Before the completion of the new prayer space, lack of a dedicated

space for privacy during prayer or the ability to focus and concentrate on a solid prayer life has been a great challenge.

With the completion of our beautiful prayer room we can convene in a location set aside just for prayer. The mothers and staff are also able to enjoy the space privately on their own if they have something to meditate, contemplate or have time for individual prayer. This is a space that we can all utilize to strengthen our prayer life. Praying and nurturing our prayer life is greatly encouraged and we believe this private space

dedicated strictly for that purpose will enhance that discipline.

We have such gratitude for our donors who made the prayer room possible! A special thank you to the volunteer, Tim Olex, who did all the construction for the project. His attention to detail and commitment to the project made it the perfect addition to our home.

Thank you so much to all who give so much to make this mission of God a reality!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Mary's Mantle would like to recognize a long-time supporter, Kaye Brown.

Four years ago, Kaye saw a pack of Mary's Mantle note cards at her Sodality Group and turned her love of cards into a way to help fundraise for Mary's Mantle. Kay is a mother of six and grandmother of 12 who began her journey of helping others 45 years ago when she joined Ladies of Charity. One of the first things she did was

host a baby shower at her house for mothers that were living in Marillac Hall at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center. Since then, she has been finding ways to help mothers and children.

She is always "promoting" Mary's Mantle note cards at local events, Christmas Fairs, and always seems to have a few packs of cards with her when she is volunteering, at a meeting, even family events! She has raised thousands of dollars, so we are pretty sure that no one tells her NO! She has also been instrumental in helping Mary's Mantle plan the annual tea that is held at Holy Name Church each February. Her love of helping others has truly made a difference in the lives of the moms and babies of Mary's Mantle.

Thank you, Kaye, for your love and support of Mary's Mantle.

## SUPPORT MARY'S MANTLE THROUGH AMAZON SMILE!

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. Log into your Amazon Account
3. Chose Mary's Mantle as your preferred charity.
4. Make sure when you shop with Amazon, you begin at [https://smile.amazon.com/\(pricing and offerings are the same\).](https://smile.amazon.com/(pricing and offerings are the same).)

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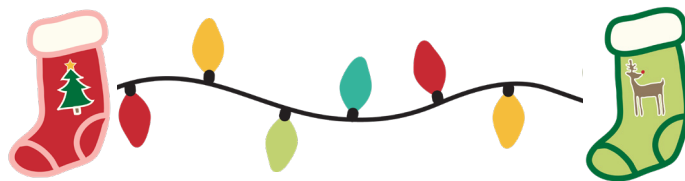
## HELP US SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER TO OUR MOMS!

The tradition of giving and receiving Christmas cards dates to the 1800s. While the tradition may not be as common as it used to be, for many, sending Christmas cards is still a big part of the season. This year at Mary's Mantle, we want our women to experience the joy of receiving festive cards in the mail, letting them know that they are thought of and prayed for this Christmas.



Attached to this newsletter you will find a Christmas card. We ask that you and your family spend a few minutes adding your own Christmas greetings to the card for the Mary's Mantle moms. If you want to include your own card or Christmas photo, please feel free. The staff at Mary's Mantle are blessed to know how many people support the moms, and we hope to give them a physical reminder of this by displaying the cards we receive around the Mary's Mantle home.

If you are so inclined, perhaps your family would like to include a Christmas donation as well. If so, please complete the included post card with your donation. These will be removed prior to the moms receiving them. Regardless of your ability to donate, we hope that you will consider sending back the card!



## INTERESTED IN PURCHASING MARY'S MANTLE NOTE CARDS?

Mary's Mantle note cards are sold at Faith@Work Catholic Book Store (1977 E Wattles Rd., Troy) and Angels, Saints, and Stuff (19223 Merriman Rd., Livonia).

We hope you'll stop by and browse the many designs available!



## CIRCLE OF HOPE

We invite 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.



Visit [www.marysmantle.net](http://www.marysmantle.net) and click the "Support Us" tab. There, you will be able to view more information about the Circle of Hope program, as well as the benefits you'll receive as a donor at different levels.

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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*



## *True Beauty Breakfast*

SATURDAY MAY 9, 2020

10:00 A.M.  
ADDISON OAKS

