

Caring for each precious life...

Into Your Hands, Lord,

I offer this gift, along with a prayer for the unborn child in our midst. It is in Your Likeness that each life is formed, and only through love that each will be born. Father of Creation and Blessed Mother of Hope, please care for this ministry and all it beholds. Help us serve and be thankful for all that is given, remembering always the "silent beating heart" of our mission.

## A Catholic Residential Home for Expectant Mothers

### One in Need

One Saturday in May 2009, two young girls walked into Faith @ Work, a Catholic bookstore in Troy, Michigan, owned by Beth Collison--a woman known for her good works. These girls weren't just typical shoppers, they were looking for help. One of the girls was there for friendship's sake; the other one, because she was pregnant. This young pregnant girl was thrown out of her house when she told her parents about her pregnancy. With the encouragement and support of her friend, she asked Beth if there was a place for her to stay or if there was someone to help her find a place to live. Filled with compassion, Beth made some phone calls, but it was a Saturday afternoon, thus making it difficult to reach anyone. Beth told the young girl that if she returned on Monday, she would have things arranged and help would be available for her.

### But the girl never returned...

A few days later, the young pregnant girl's friend came back to the bookstore. She told Beth that her friend was greatly influenced and persuaded by her boyfriend (the baby's father) to have an abortion. She was convinced that if the baby "was gone," her family problems would go away...

*Staff members,  
left to right:  
Pat Parker,  
Carolyn  
Weidenbach,  
Beverly Anglin,  
Rochelle Jefferson,  
and Sr. Ruth Marie*



# MARY'S MANTLE

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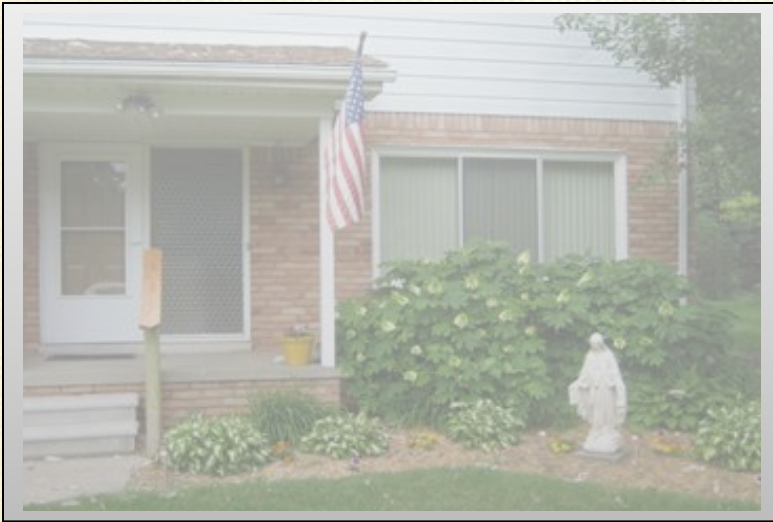


## Hope is Born

That single incident lit a fire in Beth. She thought to herself, ““If we preach against abortion, there needs to be an alternative for these girls.””

**Thus, Mary’s Mantle was born.**

Mary’s Mantle is a 2500 sq. ft. residential home that can hold up to four residents at a time. Several churches in the area became involved in the early days and came together to help make the house a home. Mary’s Mantle is a program that helps women plan their lives around the unborn baby they are carrying. The program includes education, financial planning, nutrition awareness, child parenting classes, Bible study, and most of all, love through a Christian atmosphere. Mary’s Mantle staffs an Executive Director, a licensed case worker, two 24 hour live-in housemothers (a religious sister and a faith-filled lay woman), and support staff—all run by a Board of Directors that are dedicated to raising funds to support the ongoing mission of Mary’s Mantle.



Under Mary’s Care

## *Mission Statement for Mary’s Mantle*

*Mary’s Mantle* is a Catholic home designed for expectant women who have no place to go. Our Catholic faith calls us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Because the tragedy of abortion remains legal in the United States, we are compelled to make a special effort to love these pregnant women as ourselves and assist them in their transition into motherhood in a nurturing, spiritual, and caring environment. The ministry will focus on bringing those in our midst that are most at risk into a safe haven by offering them the love, support, structure, and knowledge needed to change the course of their lives. Mary’s Mantle will provide spiritual, emotional, and physical development in order for these women to fully realize their potential as children of God and mothers.

## **BOARD MEMBERS:**

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# Thank you for opening your hearts to These beautiful babies!

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## Baby Love

**Serenity's** mother, Skye, came to us broken with nowhere to go and no one to trust. In February, Skye and Serenity left to live on their own filled with love, hope and faith, thanks to God, and thanks to all who so generously gave to Mary's Mantle. Skye said she will never forget all those who showed her that there are good people in the world. While at Mary's Mantle, Skye said she learned she can change the cycle of hurt she was so used to. A mustard seed has been planted.

**Azalea's** mother, Pamela, found a home for her and her baby before Azalea was born – just in time for Pamela to get all nested in. Mother and baby are thriving. Since coming to Mary's Mantle, Pamela loves attending regular church service--something she never did before.

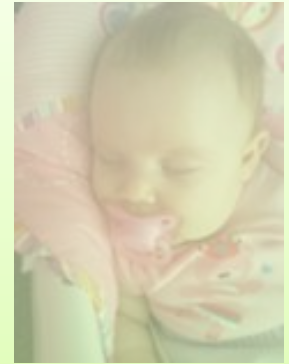
**Brooklynn's** mother, Melissa, has been our longest resident thus far. Since her stay here, she has found a job, is seeking to get her baby baptized, and is very close to finding a home to call their own. We wish all of you could experience the laughter Melissa brings to Mary's Mantle—it is very contagious!

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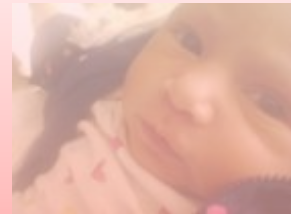
## The Patron of Life Award

Mary's Mantle is pleased to announce that Deacon Smigell and his wife Virginia are the first recipients of the Patron of Life award. This award was presented to them during our Keepsake of the Kingdom fundraiser on February 5, 2011, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. They have selflessly dedicated their lives in the pro-life movement for many years. Their hard work, sacrifices, and prayers have saved thousands of unborn babies and their work still continues. Thank you, Deacon Smigell and Virginia, for standing on the front lines in this battle for LIFE!

It is our pleasure to introduce to you  
Mary's Mantle's first babies!  
How can we even explain the  
immense love these babies bring?



Serenity Harmony  
Nov. 6, 2010  
Mary's Mantle very first  
bundle of love



Azalea Gemma  
Jan. 28, 2011



Brooklynn Rose  
Feb. 17, 2011

## MARY'S MANTLE WISH LIST:

- MINI VAN OR CAR ● STAMPS ● 5 CORKBOARDS (16 X 20) ● HOUSEHOLD PAPER PRODUCTS
- CASH ● KROGER, MEYER, LOWES GIFT CARDS ● MOVIE PASSES ● SMART BUS PASSES



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## **Celebrate Mom with a "True Beauty Breakfast"**

From the Reality TV show, America's Next Top Model, Leah Darrow, reveals her past life of materialism, relativism, and perfectionism, and how all that changed during a single photo shoot.

Join us May 7th at Addison Oaks, 1480 W Romeo Rd, Leonard, MI, 48367. Doors open at 9am; Program starts at 10am, refreshments available; Cost: \$35

Register at [www.marysmantle.net/support.html](http://www.marysmantle.net/support.html) using the donation page Buy Now button or call Faith @ Work: 248-250-9216

To reserve a table or for more info call Maureen Dierkes: 248-475-0158  
All other seating is first come first serve.

~All proceeds go to Mary's Mantle~

