



Heart to heart

News and Announcements from Mary's Inn



MARY'S INN

MATERNITY HOME

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OUR MISSION

Mary's Inn is a maternity home dedicated to the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of single pregnant mothers and their developing babies. It is a safe haven where they can stay while learning the skills they need to make a better life for themselves and their babies.

Director's Message

Dear Friends,

I've heard so many people say how tired they are of winter, how happy they are that spring is finally here. We feel the same way! We are seeing signs of new life around here in a couple of ways:



First, our resident is expecting her baby girl to be born in mid-April. It's always wonderful to have a newborn in the house! Please keep both of them in your prayers for a safe delivery.

Second, we are getting more inquiries from neighboring counties. Besides Dubuque County, we're getting calls from Clinton County, Delaware County, Linn County, Fayette County, Winneshiek County, and

Des Moines County. So our outreach efforts over the past four years are starting to pay off. There is definitely a need for our program, and as the only maternity home in eastern Iowa we are ready to serve girls from all the counties around here.

Third, we are working with Clarke University students on three different projects: Grant Writing, a Strength Analysis, and Data Collection. The grant writing students did most of the work for our application for the Dubuque Racing Association's grant. The other students are helping us assess our strengths and opportunities for growth, as well as decide what types of data we want to collect so we can evaluate the effectiveness of our program. Social Work Professor, Liz Schuler is spearheading all of it. What a great group of people!

Finally, Clarke's Social Work Department is organizing Abundant Blessings, our internal shop, and planning a Garage Sale on April 27th, so mark your calendars! The store is located in Plaza 20 next to Sun Tan City.

May this spring be filled with new life for all of our supporters! God bless you and God bless Mary's Inn!

Colleen Pasnik

God bless you, and God bless Mary's Inn!
Colleen Pasnik, Director



In Memoriam

The Board of Directors is saddened by the passing of **Tim Murphy** in June 2018. Tim served on the Advisory Board to establish Mary's Inn in June 2015. His wife, Elaine passed away in December 2017. Both

Tim and Elaine were supporters and Innkeepers for Mary's Inn. Our sincere sympathy to their family and friends.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019

The "Women of Hope" luncheon honors women who have engaged in providing care, support, and guidance to young women in crisis pregnancies.

DUBUQUE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

1800 Randall Place, Dubuque, Iowa

11:15 REGISTRATION

Noon - 1:00 Luncheon & Program

\$50 PER PERSON

\$450 sponsors a table of 10

MOMMA'S DAY OFF (\$500 VALUE)

Raffle tickets enclosed. Please return by RSVP date.
No purchase necessary but your donation is appreciated.

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 26



INNKEEPERS

Who are the Innkeepers?

The Innkeepers are the people who keep the Inn open by committing to a monthly donation. Levels of support start at \$10/month. Mary's Inn needs people willing to become an Innkeeper. Call Colleen (563-552-6288) to get started as an Innkeeper!

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New Board Members



Lauren Hokamp

Lauren lives in Dyersville with her husband Ben and 7 month old daughter Agnes. She is a teacher by trade but now a stay at home mom. She worked as a house mom at Mary's Inn in the summer of 2017.



Troy Rabbett

Troy joins the board with a background in marketing and development. He currently serves as the Associate Communication and Development Manager for Flexsteel Industries, Inc. He is a native Dubuquer. He and his wife Justine have three children. Troy is excited to join the board at Mary's Inn because it provides a greater platform to support the unique mission of our organization.

Charitable Giving



The New Tax Law: Our Powerful Response

by Jor-El Godsey, President of Heartbeat International

The recent tax reform bill does indeed reduce some of the federal tax incentives to charitable giving. Reduced incentives might truly discourage some charitable giving. But the bigger question – Will it reduce charity?

Charity is far more than the root word of an IRS policy favoring generosity. Charity, derived from the Latin “caritas,” is love in action. In many of our oldest English translations of the Bible, it is the word used for love in 1st Corinthians 13 that we refer to today as the “love chapter.” The Greek word is agape, or unconditional love.

Charity – the call to love actively – is the very heart of the Word of God and the core of the Gospel. It is God’s charity (love) which is extended, unconditionally, from heaven to earth. It is that same sense that comes to us through the command to “love one another” (John 13:34) and to love our neighbor.

The vast majority of charitable giving is not motivated by the tax deduction. Instead, it is motivated by the mission, vision, and heart, of the work supported.

Robert Louis Stevenson said, “You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving.” Let’s continue to call people to love with their charitable gifts, as we practice charity through our pregnancy help work.

This abridged article can be read in full @ <https://www.heartbeatervices.org/the-new-tax-law-our-powerful-response>

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- Laundry soap: Dreft, Purex or any other gentle brand
- Hand soap
- Shower gel
- Baby wash

We can also use:

- Paper towels • Napkins • Kitchen tie-string garbage bags



Would you like to help us?

Be a **driver, babysitter or handy person!**