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Heart to heart

News and Announcements from Mary's Inn



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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,

Growing up, most of us learned life skills from our parents or teachers. As a sophomore at Wahlert in the early '80s I took Home Ec where we were taught sewing, nutrition, cooking and other skills that were deemed important for young



women to know. (Unfortunately, those skills didn't stick with me. Thankfully I married a good cook!) I also took Mr. Varley's "General Business" class where we learned about insurance, checking accounts, and other basic business topics. Those lessons stuck a bit better. The residents who live at Mary's Inn receive weekly Life Skills instructions on similar topics and more. In this issue you'll see some of the Life Skills classes going on. Thank you to all the

local instructors who have donated their time and expertise teaching our residents! We couldn't do this work without you!

God bless you and your loved ones, and God bless Mary's Inn!

Colleen Pasnik

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Director

Homeless Stat:

Eight percent of surveyed homeless women under age 50 report that they are pregnant.

Source; National Health Care for the Homeless Council.



In Memorium: Ted Blanchard

August 14, 1944 – November 27, 2019

Mary's Inn lost a great supporter at the end of November. Ted's background in Human Resources (Dubuque Community School District and Finley Hospital) and his passion for our mission made him a perfect fit for the original Board of Directors. He guided us through our initial hiring of Director and House Staff, and he crafted our hiring forms. He was a great listener and a good judge of people. He is greatly missed.

Our deepest sympathies to his wife Marilyn and his family.

Life Skills Classes

Partnering with our Communities.



Abby Spiegel, from the Iowa State Extension Office, taught a 9 week course, "Buy Eat Live Healthy" for our Life Skills classes on Wednesday evenings. Here she guides Kelsey on making a healthy, delicious, & affordable meal.



Therapist, Jessica Hansen, LMHC, presented on postpartum maternal mental health.



Fun Life Skill classes such as cake decorating.



Kim Gonzales and Cyd Klein from the Visiting Nurse Association. They cover topics such as safe sleep, purple cry, bathing baby, lead poisoning, immunizations and many other topics.



At the Roshek Building learning about the sober facts of trafficking.

Stewardship



Stewardship: Our Response to God's Gifts, Mark Lansing, Board of Directors

St. Paul tells us "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:4). Every one of us has been blessed with unique gifts by our Creator. Mother Theresa, now St. Theresa, of Calcutta once said "Do something beautiful for God." Each day God invites us to love Him through prayer and service to the people we encounter.

Stewardship is all about how each of us responds to God's gifts and blessings of the time, the talent, and the treasure we have been given. Prayer is a vital first step of our stewardship. Quiet time listening, thanking God, and asking for our own and others' needs and guidance is a great way to start each day. Just as Jesus came to serve, so also are we, Jesus' disciples, called to serve in His name. The following words of the song, "St. Patrick's Breastplate" are a beautiful stewardship prayer: "What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you want me to serve you? Where can I sing your praises? I am Your song." Lord hear our prayer.



Marian Bourek accepts a donation from the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Bridget Dubuque Chapter member Jayne Schuster.



Thanks to the members DuTrac Community Credit Union for the donation of diapers, diaper genies and the check!

Hello World



Kelsey is very artistic and creative and chose a unicorn theme for her baby shower.



Kelsey's shower was held at St. Anthony's parish hall. Family and friends provided the food. The Gabriel project helped with set up and clean up.

There's Hope.



Kelsey celebrated 6 months of being drug-free.

She goes to weekly meetings for accountability and wants to surround herself with good influences.

We are proud of you, Kelsey!

IN HONOR OF:

JoAnn Deacon's birthday from Dick & Jean Mescher
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Jill Hartkop's birthday from Dick & Jean Mescher
Natalie Hoffmann from Gina Hoffmann
Don & Denise Hurt's wedding anniversary from John & Caroline Mockler

Judy Meyer from Mary Bridget Corken-Deutsch
Roger & Sabrina Schuster's 50th wedding anniversary from Jan McDonough
Dick & Jean Mescher's 60th wedding anniversary from Mary Neiers
Their adopted daughter's biological parents from Susan Werner
Our first wedding anniversary from Jenny (& Keith) Boever

IN MEMORY OF:

Shirley Albright from **Stephen & Sharon Loeffelholz**
Ivan Berger from Jeff & Teresa Chapman
Ted Blanchard from Bridget Blanchard, Brian & Ann Cooper, Mark & Sue Lansing and Bill & Colleen Pasnik
Brian Croat from Merlin & LaVonne Wilgenbusch
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Janet Staner from Mike & Jan Donovan
Bill Warren from Keith & Rebecca Krapfl
My sister-in-law's mom from Jean Gilpatrick



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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