

Summer 2019

Heart to heart

News and Announcements from Mary's Inn



Annual Report



MARY'S INN

MATERNITY HOME

marysinmaternityhome.org

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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,

June 15 was our 4th anniversary and we have learned so much in those four years. The major eye-opener was the level of trauma that the women have been through. I have talked with hundreds of girls and women, and they have told me stories of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional), trauma (rape, trafficking, jail or prison), and dysfunction (mental illness, drug addicted mothers, rejection by their family, substance abuse) that are enough to make you cry. The fact that they have survived this long is proof of their strength. We show them unconditional love and remind them that Jesus loves them too, and such love is the only thing that will bring healing. Tonight when you go to bed, say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings that God has given you, and ask Him to pour out His love on all the women and babies that we serve. God bless you, and God bless Mary's Inn!



Colleen Pasnik

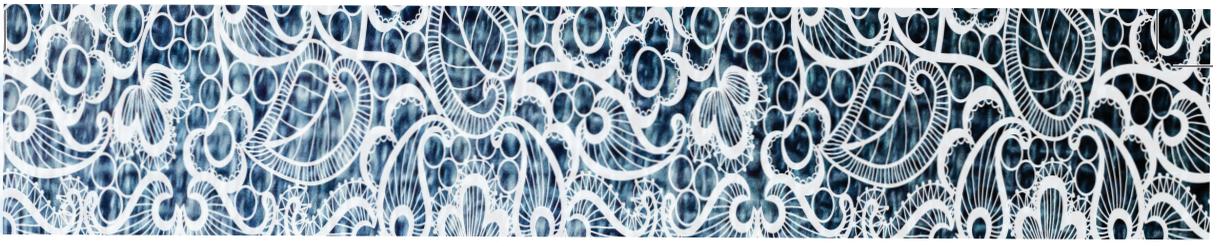
Colleen Pasnik
Director

Homeless Stat



The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) is the federal government's major program to assist families and individuals in finding decent, safe, and affordable housing in the private sector. The City of Dubuque Housing and Community Development Department has 1,072 vouchers to assist very low-income families and individuals. Applications are accepted one day per month, and 50 applicants are placed on the waiting list by random lottery.

Source: City of Dubuque's Housing & Community Development webpage.



Register Now

Mary's Inn Maternity Home Invites You
to Our 2nd Annual

Denim & Lace



September 19th

5:30 PM

Grand River Center

500 Bell Street • Dubuque, IA 52001



\$75 per person

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres

Silent & Live Auction

Jeans are Encouraged!

To register or for more information,
please call **563.552.6288** or
email director@marysinmaternityhome.org

All proceeds benefit Mary's Inn Maternity Home



President's Remarks



A true story from when I was working at Dubuque County Right to Life:

Her boyfriend dropped her off. She stormed into my office shouting, "I have an 11:00 appointment!" It was 11:10 am. "With whom are you meeting?" I asked. "I

don't have a name! You told me to be here at 11:00 and you would take care of things. How much is it?" Her eyes flashed with anger. "We would love to help -- do you want to sit down and tell me what you need?" was my response. "I need an abortion! You said 'two pills and I'm done!'"

Whoa, Nellie! Not exactly my best prayer, but I was enlightened enough to know she was not at the location she thought she was. It was, however, most certainly the right place.

After some persuasion, she sat down to talk with me. We walked through her anger and her misunderstandings. We talked about her "need." She was a senior in high school. Her parents had given her an ultimatum: either get an abortion, or get out of our house. She had nowhere to go and no one to offer hope.

This happened before the existence of Mary's Inn. Although the founders of Mary's Inn had been meeting for several months prior to this, it was not yet a reality. Here was another example of God's call to open a maternity home.

My new friend and I managed to find all the assistance she needed to make good, life-saving decisions. Thank goodness for the crisis pregnancy intervention programs that journeyed with her through this time!

Imagine if Mary's Inn had been there.....
Now we are!

While at Mary's Inn, our moms participate in weekly life skills education and regular

household chores. They set personal goals and work with staff members to reach those goals. Everyone's success is personalized while all are given tools to assist them in making changes.

Five years later:

Mary's Inn is open, continually offering hope to the many young women who need a safe place to stay. Thanks to our supportive donors, we have served 25 women to date. All of them came to us with their own story ~ many of whom came from circumstances we may never completely understand.

Most recently, I ran into the young lady described above. Her little one is four years old and attending pre-school. Grandma and Grandpa are delighted with their grandchild. She says it hasn't been easy, but they are all happy. She is aware of Mary's Inn and happy for us too.

"I'd love to one day be your best supporter," she said. "But, for now, I'd like to donate all I can." She reached in her pocket and handed me \$27.15.

Because of this young lady, and several others in similar situations, Mary's Inn is a reality. She is the true "founder" of our maternity home. You, our faithful supporters, are the foundation. Because of you, we can continue to be that safe haven needed by so many. Thank you!

Marian Bourek

P.S.

Do you have \$27.15? Imagine if all of us gave a one-time gift of just \$27.15. Would you consider joining the Innkeepers? You can do so with a monthly contribution sent directly to Mary's Inn - maybe in the amount of \$27.15! Would you consider a one-time gift of \$271.50? Or \$2,715.00? Imagine.....

Shepherds of Prayer

Growing up in the fifties in rural Dubuque County it was not uncommon to have brief power outages on our farm. These outages could last for sometimes hours or even overnight before power was restored. As a young child of 5 years old it was not surprising then that I was panic stricken when our power failed in the middle of the day on Christmas Eve. I had been admiring the glowing bulbs on our Christmas tree when they all flickered and went dead, along with all the other lights in our house. Oh no, I thought! How could this happen on Christmas Eve? My only thought as I walked from the living room to my bedroom was to seek the assistance of Jesus in my hour of need. In silence I earnestly prayed to Jesus for his help with this crisis in my life. After my prayer I decided to return to the living room and wait for his response. Imagine my delight as I entered the room and at that very moment the lights flickered and burst forth in all their Christmas glory as our power was restored. In my youthful innocence it convinced me of the power of prayer and these 60 plus years later I still recall it with gratefulness and praise to God's wondrous power to listen and answer our earnest prayer.



Throughout my life I have been blessed with many other examples of answered prayer. I offer this example of how God is willing always to hear our prayers and respond to them in a meaningful way. It serves as a testament to the love that He has for us and His willingness to show His love by responding to our prayer.

As a member of the Board of Directors of Mary's Inn, I advocate for the great power that is available to us through heartfelt prayer to God. Our prayer has the power to change lives, soften hearts, and it acts as our greatest resource as we serve mothers and their babies. We are blessed with benefactors, volunteers, and loyal staff who assist us in this temporal mission. But we need more than just that, we need your prayers.

Therefore we have implemented a program, "Shepherds of Prayer," in which we ask for your spiritual assistance. "Shepherds" are people who commit to pray for our mission on a regular basis. There is no obligation to the length or form of your prayer, only that it be done regularly. If you are willing to pray for the mission of Mary's Inn, clip the form below and use the provided envelope to mail it back to us.

Be assured that you, too, are in our prayers. May God continue to bless us all.

Deacon Dan O'Connell
Deacon Dan O'Connell



Yes I wish to become a Shepherd of Prayer

By Praying _____

Frequency _____

For the clients, babies, staff and mission of Mary's Inn

Signed _____

Cumulative Impact

Statistics from June 2015 - June 2019

Girls Served:

25

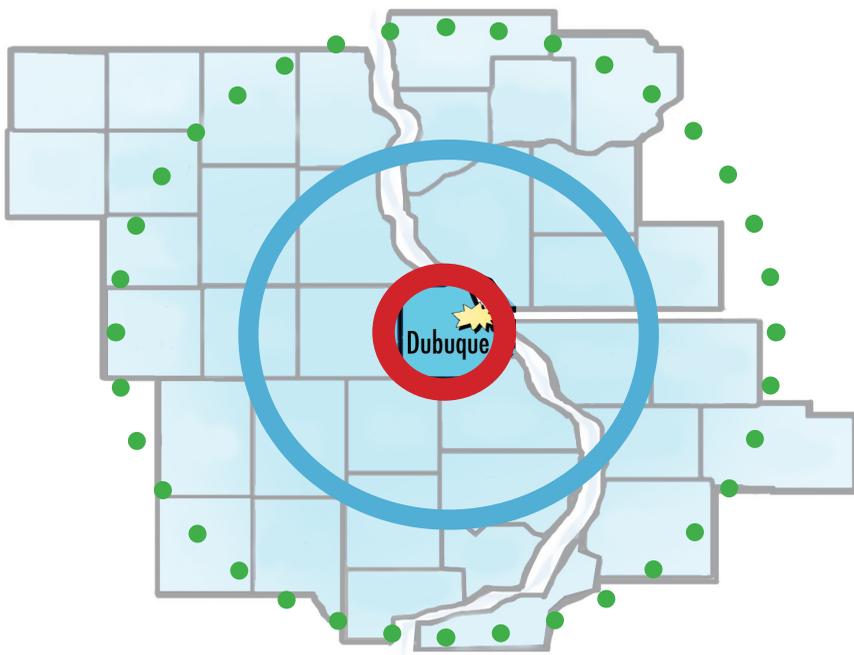
Women & their babies served

Total Bed Nights at Mary's Inn

5018

Average Length of Stay:

77 days



0-30 miles - 138 inquiries - 64%

31-90 miles - 51 inquiries - 24%

90+ miles - 28 inquiries - 12%

Inquiry Stats:

Number of Inquiries

217

Oldest:

47

Youngest:

14

Average age: **23**

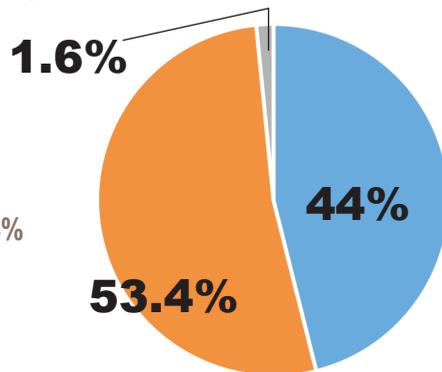
100% of our funding is local.

98% Individuals 2% Grants

2018 Calendar Year

Revenue \$271,350

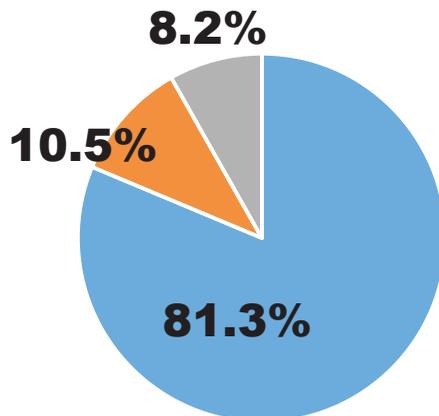
- Fundraisers: 44%
- General & Contributions: 53.4%
- Grants: 1.6%



2018 Calendar Year

Expenses \$225,063

- Programming: 81.3%
- General & Admission: 10.5%
- Fundraising: 8.2%



DRA

Grant



Thanks to a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, we were able to make some electrical improvements to the home. We were able to add ceiling can lights to the living room and family room. This was important not only for the light, but because lamps on tables are not the best idea when there are small children running around! We were also able to add wall heaters to the downstairs bedrooms. Since the basement is on a concrete slab, it has been difficult to keep the bedrooms warm enough in the winter. Now the moms & babies will be toasty this winter, and since we won't have to use space heaters anymore our electric bill should go down and I won't have to worry about little fingers and heaters! Thanks to our friends at Hawkeye Electric, who did a wonderful job!



Act like a millionaire!.....



Most of us are not going to be able to leave an organization \$250,000. But I recently learned about a life insurance rider offered through the Catholic Order of Foresters called the "Fraternal Legacy Rider." If you have a life insurance policy with them, you can designate an organization like Mary's Inn to receive up to \$250,000 as part of your death benefit. This does not affect the amount of money your survivors receive. So maybe you CAN act like a millionaire after all!

Call 800-552-0145 or go to www.catholicforester.org to find an agent near you.



Wartick Photography

Shelby Wartick is the photographer of our beautiful cover picture. She does a wonderful job - as you can see! Give Shelby a call on photography to do amazing work for you!

Contact her at 563-542-7441
shelby@wartickphotography.com, or visit
 her Facebook page, Wartick Photography.

Women of Hope



Some of our Staff: Tracy, Marti, Colleen, Linda, Kristi & Jodi



Jim & Cathy Giese, Honorary Chairpersons



Marian Bourek, MIMH President, welcomes the crowd



Linda Budde talks about the needs of MIMH



Mary Jo Ayers, recipient of the 2019 Woman of Hope award.



Lisa Schaefer, Keynote Speaker, was inspiring and uplifting!

Mother's Day Celebration



Some of our past and current residents, their babies, and the staff gathered for a Mother's Day Celebration on May 5th. It was so good to see them and hear how they are doing. We love these ladies and their babies!

Honorariums, Memorials, and Donations

(April 1 – July 31, 2019)

IN HONOR OF:

Chuck & Donna Casey's 50th anniversary from Gary & LouAnn Switzer

Susan Chapman's birthday from Dick & Jean Mescher

IN MEMORY OF:

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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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Prayers!

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