



Heart to Heart

March 2025

Dear friends,

Spring is around the corner! I love how the days are getting warmer.

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.

A traditional task in March is spring cleaning. If that's something you're doing, consider taking your gently used spring and summer items to Stuff and donate them to our account. (Our Consignor number is 2984.) Every time those items sell we will get the proceeds. An easy way for you to clean out your closets and support Mary's Inn at the same time! Popular right now are Easter items and prom dresses. You can drop your items off anytime Tues-Sat 9 am – 8 pm (1 tote limit). And you might want to look around while you're there – maybe you'll see something you can't live without!

Last month our residents participated in the Back2Work program offered by St. Vincent de Paul. It was a great experience for them. The program targets specific skills and benchmarks around employment preparation and career readiness. We always try to plug our residents into community programs so they can build healthy relationships with an eye towards gaining independence. Thanks to Cindy and all those who were part of the B2W experience!

We are still hiring for two shifts: the Monday & Tuesday overnights (10 pm – 6 am), and the evening shifts 5-10 pm (Mon, Wed, Thurs). If you are interested, please call or email me. Or you can go to our website, www.marysinmaternityhome.org, click "Get Involved," scroll down to read the job description and if you are interested, click "Apply Now" and I will get your application.

May God bless you & your loved ones!

Colleen Pasnik

Director
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Celebrating
10th Anniversary

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Mary's Inn Tidbits

10th Anniversary Dinner & Program



Sunday, June 8 • 5 pm Mass

Dinner Program to follow at Cathedral Center

This celebration will be a Mass at the newly remodeled Cathedral of St. Raphael. Mass will be followed with a dinner and program in the adjacent Cathedral Center.

Bible Study



Bible Study at Tri-State Community Church lead by John Wandsnider.

As a faith-based program, our residents have weekly Bible Study. We are trying something new in an effort to connect them with good Christians in Dubuque. They are now going off-site to a Bible Study at Tri-State Community Church. They have enjoyed meeting other people, and getting out of the house in the evening. Thank you to John & Kathy Wandsnider for making that possible!



Kaitlyn and Baby Z.

There's hope.

Kaitlyn lived with us this past summer, right after her son "Z." was born. She left Mary's Inn in the fall and went through a rough patch. Her two young sons ended up living with their dad. She recently asked to come back to Mary's Inn while she tried to get her sons back. If we have a bed available we will occasionally admit a woman who doesn't currently have her children with her but is working to get custody. That was Kaitlyn's situation. Our staff worked with her to quickly get the custody paperwork filled out and submitted. She now has joint custody of her two young boys. Things are looking up for Kaitlyn and her boys, and we are proud of how much she has accomplished in her short time here.



Happy Birthday

3/6 —Kristi Wieseler

3/11—Rya Adler

3/21—Caroline Mockler

3/22—Erik Anderson

3/23—Susan Hughes

3/31—Stephany Schwartz

New Staff



Diane Keller



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