

# Heart to Heart

June 2025



## 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.



Celebrating  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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Dear friends,  
Happy summer!

This newsletter is a recap of our last two events: the Women of Hope Luncheon on May 7<sup>th</sup>, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Many people commented that our Women of Hope Luncheon speaker was the best we ever had. I have to agree. Libby Oleferchik spoke about her cousin, Teresa, who lived at Mary's Inn in early 2023. Libby did a great job describing the tough situation that Teresa was in, her difficulty parenting her son even with lots of teaching and coaching from our staff, and her loving choice to place him for adoption with Joe & Missie Breda and their 8 children. Jude is constantly being loved, played with, and cuddled by them. As an added bonus, the Breda family and Jude were able to join us for the Luncheon. It was an emotional luncheon for many of us!

The Woman of Hope award winner was Sue Lukasik. Sue has been a volunteer at Birthright for 39 years. Her commitment to women in a crisis pregnancy is inspiring. Thanks, Sue, for all you've done for moms and babies!

Below you'll find pictures of the event. Thanks to all who attended and made the Luncheon a success!

May God bless you & your loved ones!

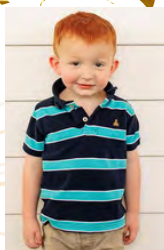
*Colleen Pasnik*

Director  
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## Women of Hope Luncheon 2025



The Joe & Missie Breda Family joined us!



Jude's story brought many to tears.



Libby Oleferchik gave an outstanding talk.



Msgr. Miller led the opening prayer.



Deacon Bill Biver, Board President, was our M.C.



Sue Lukasik, 2025 Woman of Hope Award Recipient.



Art Gilloon gave the appeal.



Ginger Sakas won the basket raffle.



Theresa Kramer won the purse raffle.



Lynn Ford created the beautiful table decor.



# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner + Program

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner at the Cathedral Center. What a Holy Spirit-filled night! Our hearts were full of gratitude as we reflected on all that God has done for us. And we couldn't have done it without your support. Someone jokingly said they wanted to come again next year, but you only 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary once!



The event was held at the beautiful Cathedral Center.



Board of Directors (left to right) Rich Runde, Molly Payne, Erik Anderson, Teri Fairchild, Deacon Bill Biver, Marian Bourek, Mark & Suzanne Lansing.



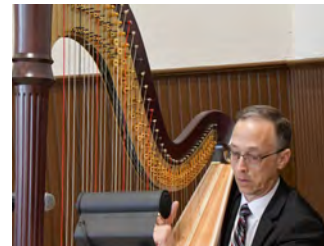
Decor donated by Cathy Breitbach.



Thanking our Sponsors.



Luke Payne enjoys the celebration!



Jim Mendralla delighted us with harp music.



Tom Oglesby did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies.



The three founders Marian Bourek, Suzanne Lansing & Colleen Pasnik.



KK & Kristi are so joyful at what God has done.



Registering people and selling raffle tickets was simply fun!



Deacon Bill Biver welcomed the attendees.



Rev. Quint led the opening prayer.



Rev. Bob Gross graciously donated Dinner for 6.



Stephany Schwartz made & donated the beautiful Heart Quilt.



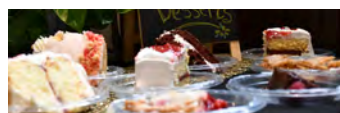
Josie serves with a smile.



We had the most delicious food catered by Jeronimo's Bar & Grill from Springbrook, Iowa.



Staff (left to right) Stephany, Jolyn, Helen, KK, Colleen, Kristi, Joni.



Thank you to all those who donated delicious, decadent desserts!



Jamie Ryan won the Heart Quilt. Dave Crary won Dinner for 6.



Great conversation, fellowship & fun had by all!



The Payne family visits with Rev. Andy Upah.



Jolyn & Bill worked at the registration table.



Andrea & Ann kept busy serving up the sweets.



This event was definitely an Anniversary Blow out!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 12 — Mary Cortez • June 13 — Marlene Habel • June 18 — Bree Naylea Hernandez • June 23 — Ann Rellihan • June 24 — Claire Moore • June 30 — Erin Cloward



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