

# Heart to Heart

May 2026



## Director's Message

Dear friends,

This month we honor mothers and remember how special they are. Here is a beautiful poem about mothers:

### "God's Masterpiece"

by Herbert Farnham

God took the fragrance of a flower,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The gentleness of morning dew,  
The calm of a quiet sea.

The beauty of the twilight hour,  
The soul of a starry night,  
The laughter of a rippling brook,  
The grace of a bird in flight.

Then God fashioned from these things,  
A creation like no other,  
And when his masterpiece was through,  
He called it simply - Mother.

I hope all mothers everywhere realize how special they are. I'm thinking especially of the moms that have come through Mary's Inn over the past many years. We see them & recognize their strength & the sacrifices they make on behalf of their babies. They are God's Masterpieces!

May God bless you & your loved ones!

*Colleen Pasnik*

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Director



## 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.



**MARY'S INN**  
MATERNITY HOME

[marysinmaternityhome.org](http://marysinmaternityhome.org)



# 2026 Women of Hope Photos

Happy Birthday!

- May 1 - Trish Ernzen
- May 2 - Tatum Anchan
- May 4 - Shannon Walters
- May 12 - Stella Robbins
- May 24 - Paige Lampe



Cindy Kohlmann  
Director of Program Services,  
St. Vincent de Paul, Speaker



Archbishop Thomas Zinkula  
Opening Prayer



Colleen Pasnik, Executive Director,  
Maureen Ward, Woman of Hope  
Award Recipient



Decorations compliments  
of Lynn Ford



Archbishop Thomas Zinkula enjoys fun with Max



Mary's Inn Staff: Stephany, Mary Kay, Katie, Kathy, Colleen, Killary, Kristi, Jolyn



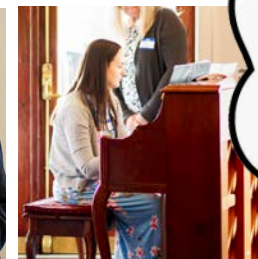
Beautiful gathering space



Deacon Bill Biver, Board President



Tom Olgelsby, Emcee



Cassie Schetgen, Pianist



Photos of Staff and Past Residents



Dawn Oelke, Board member



Suzanne Lansing, Founder



Roses, compliments of the Lansings

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**We are Hiring!**

We are still looking to hire a part-time staff. We need someone for **every other**

**Saturday from 5-11 pm,  
and all day**

**Sunday from 9 am – 9 pm.**

We are willing to split that shift into  
**9 am – 3 pm and 3 – 9 pm.**

If you have a heart to mentor women and help give them a sense of security, hope, and dignity, you would be a good fit here! You can call or email me, or go to our website (all this info is below) for more information.



**Consider being an InnKeeper.**

**InnKeepers KEEP the INN open!**

Help us keep the lights on, bills paid & babies fed.

**Would you consider being an InnKeeper today?**

Just use the QR code on left or go to our link <https://bit.ly/marysinmaternityhome>

## Biking for Babies



Mary's Inn has partnered with Brandon Harrison, a first year Biking for Babies missionary who will be riding 450 miles this July, from Lincoln, NE to St. Louis, MO to raise money for Mary's Inn! Brandon is from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and has been training for this National Ride for months now. As Brandon rides, he'll be taking the stories from Mary's Inn to heart, using them as fuel when things gets hard and sharing these stories with others he meets. What a gift! Please keep Brandon in your thoughts and prayers and if you'd like to learn more about him, you can find his story on his fundraising page at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2026missionary/account/2337364/>. We are excited about this partnership and Brandon's dedication to the culture of life!

Brandon Harrison & his wife, Suzan, and their boys Finley (9 years old), Leif (5 years old), and Isak (2 years old).



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