



## DEAR FRIEND OF MOTHERS' HOME

We hope you are enjoying a restful summer! Summer is a season of warmth, hope, and renewal - but for pregnant women facing homelessness, it can also bring urgent needs and uncertain days. At Mothers' Home, we offer more than shelter—we provide a lifeline. Here, pregnant women facing homelessness, abuse or abandonment find safety, support, and the opportunity to begin again. And for each newborn we welcome into the world, we offer the care and security every child deserves.

Meet one of our current residents. Her story is one of transformation and courage:

*I grew up in Delaware County and some difficulties I faced were physical and emotional abuse, which greatly damaged my self-image and self-worth. My father was not involved because he wanted to avoid my mother who suffers with her mental health and is extremely abusive to her children, husband and extended family. I found out I was pregnant one week before my 22nd birthday. I became homeless because I lived with my child's father, but he fell on hard times and was not trying hard enough to pick himself back up and I couldn't financially support the household and prepare for our baby alone. The pressure on both of us was making the relationship very volatile, so I left.*

*At Mothers' Home, I learned a lot about self-preservation and putting myself first. I have also learned how it feels to be a part of a community as my story is not as rare as I thought. I have realized this season of my life is not permanent. My goals are to move into my own home, go back to school to become a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst, complete my poetry collection and publish it and live my biggest, most impactful life using all the gifts God gave me. I will be moving soon!! I got a section 8 voucher and I'm going to re-enroll in school next year. My daughter was born on October 30, 2024. She is the unconditional love I've been searching for my whole life. She's brought back wonder and excitement to my life. She is the best parts of her father and me. Being her mother has boosted my confidence and inspired me to do all I can to live to my full potential.*



Imagine what could have happened if our resident had not found Mothers' Home. Many women with similar stories depend on Mothers' Home to provide a safe haven for themselves and their newborns. But we can't do it without you. Your support will help provide shelter, counseling, life skills instruction and pre-and-post-natal care in a caring, nurturing environment. Your help is critical right now as we deal with the rising costs of running a shelter 24/7. Keeping our residents safe and cool during this summer's unprecedented heat waves has also added additional strain to our already tight budget.

At Mothers' Home, we celebrate Christmas in July. But unlike the actual Christmas season, during the summer months, financial donations drop off dramatically. We hope you will consider making a summer gift today. With the recent closures of family shelters in Delaware County, it is crucial that Mothers' Home remains strong and healthy for years to come.

***As the sole shelter in Delaware County for pregnant women and their newborns, we serve a critical need in the community.***

With no state or federal funding, we rely solely on donors like you. Your donation can be the turning point for a mother in need. Together, we can continue to provide safety, dignity, and a fresh start to mothers and their babies.

***With heartfelt gratitude,  
Brigid Risko, Executive Director, and the Board of Directors of Mothers' Home***

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