

NEW Additions

Mothers' Home is happy to welcome these new additions to the family:

Surah – 2/1/2017

Liam – 2/27/2017

No'Lee – 3/4/2017

Selim – 3/18/2017

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Mothers' Home is a shelter for women who are pregnant, but after the baby is born, what happens? I get asked this so very often. I am proud to say that Mothers' Home cares for our mothers and babies before and after the baby is born. Our mothers are taught how to care for their babies as well as how to care for themselves. A mother cannot care for her child unless she is healthy, both mentally and physically.

Our moms participate in life skills classes and workshops daily. We help our women apply to housing programs, so that when they complete their time at Mothers' Home, they are stably housed. We have classes on job readiness,

resume writing, financial planning, nutrition, labor and delivery, infant care, as well as many other topics. We celebrate every achievement our mothers accomplish and are so proud when we hear of the successes that are achieved after our moms leave Mothers' Home.

Your support is so important and so greatly appreciated. We wouldn't be able to continue our incredible mission, if it weren't for the support of our donors.

Thank you!

- Brigid Risko, Executive Director
brisko@mothershome.org

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Barb Bacchia

To say Barb is a volunteer at Mothers' Home is an understatement. She has dedicated so much of her time, energy and love to Mothers' Home over the years and it's our absolute pleasure to have her as an integral part of our organization. Barb has been involved with Mothers' Home for 4 years now and has made such a difference. She is on our kitchen committee and has been a huge asset when it comes to planning and organizing our meetings. She has headed our Springtime Tea event and fundraiser since it began, 4 years ago. Barb even runs our Facebook page! She is one of the most caring and understanding people we have at Mothers' Home. She is talented and knowledgeable on so many important topics, it's clear to see she is a great mom to her three grown children!



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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Tracee

I grew up in Delaware County in a household with both parents. I was the youngest of 3 siblings so I often played alone and always wished I could grow up faster. My father was an alcoholic, so alcohol was appealing to me even at a very young age. I also struggled with self-love and confidence. I became pregnant and homeless at 27 due to my addiction and bad decisions.

I've learned so much in my time at Mothers' Home, especially gratitude. First off, I want to say, Mothers' Home is not a shelter to me, it is a safe haven and a place of peace where they don't judge you. I have learned how to use what little you have to give back and how to love myself. Between the staff and all of the volunteers, I have learned so many life skills and how to be a better mother, wife, daughter and a productive member of society.

My goal is to reunite my family. When the time comes, I would like to take my certification to become a peer support specialist. I also want to go back to school to become a drug and alcohol counselor. After the baby comes, I plan on going back to work and when I get a year clean, I can take my certification. I have put in housing applications, but I am trying to work hard enough to be able to move along with the aid of my husband.

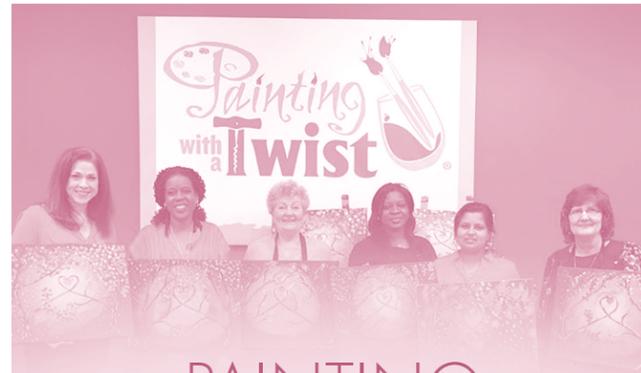
I am currently 37 weeks pregnant with a baby boy and I am due in April. This baby saved my life. When I found out I was pregnant, I was still in active addiction. So I took the steps to turn things around and now I live a clean and sober life. It was the best decision I have ever made and it's all because of this baby.

BOARD Reflection

As I gaze upon my four week old granddaughter, I am again reminded of the miracle of life. Her perfect features, her innate ability to eat, to cry, to sleep, to smile, all attest to a creation truly in the image and likeness of our Creator. If God spent so much time and effort forming such a perfect little person, He must have very special plans for her.

And so with every new baby, there is a divine purpose and plan for each new life that is meant to have a positive impact on our world. I believe that Mothers' Home provides a place for new mothers to fall in love with their babies, and an opportunity to nurture them, so that these precious souls may grow and develop to fulfill God's very special plan for them.

- Mary Pat Mattson
Board Member



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- Gently used infant, children and women's clothing
- Baby equipment
- Toys
- Housewares
- Formula and baby food (if available)
- Diapers and wipes (if available)

And More

FOURTH ANNUAL

Springtime Tea

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

12:00PM – 2:00PM

Mothers' Home

51 N. MacDade Blvd., Darby, PA 19023

Donation of \$20.00 per person

Mail a check to Mothers' Home or bring it to the event.

RSVP to Brigid Risko at brisko@mothershome.org

Parking is available at
Marvil Funeral Home

1110 Main St., Darby, PA 19023

Spend some time with the mothers and babies of Mothers' Home. Come have tea, take a tour and chat with us. Share your good wishes, sign up to volunteer or donate to a wonderful cause. We need you!



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