

## NEW Additions

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

Jacari – 1/11/19

Saige – 2/26/19

Malik – 4/25/19

Kehlani – 4/29/19

Sekani – 5/5/19

Dayton – 6/2/19

Farah – 6/5/19

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# Mothers' Home News

SUMMER/FALL 2019

## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As the summer months wind down at Mothers' Home, we're looking forward to welcoming new moms and babies into our program. We help approximately 40-45 women and newborns per year and thoroughly enjoy watching our women succeed. Our women stay with us for the rest of their pregnancy and up until the baby turns six months old. We are able to watch an incredible transformation for most of our moms as they bring their babies home to a safe and stable environment. Some of our mothers have experienced a great deal of trauma in their lives which ultimately leads to their homeless situations. We are able to offer a private room, a bed, a warm shower, a laundry room, a kitchen, and so many other things our moms are not used to having in their lives. When a mom moves into Mothers' Home, she's taking the first steps to her new life. She's choosing to bring her baby into a loving and caring environment. We are able to do all this with the help of our generous donors and contributors.

We look forward to every day as each day brings a new adventure and a new beginning for our moms. We love being a part of the team that helps make the change these women need in their lives.

- Brigid Risko, Executive Director  
brisko@mothershome.org

## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Tiffany

I grew up in Southwest Philadelphia in a home filled with love and support. Even though my parents struggled at times to care for our family, they laid a great foundation for me and my brothers and sisters. We moved there when I was four, and slowly the neighborhood went down and crime increased. I lost many friends due to violence. I married young, at the age of 23, but unfortunately, my marriage did not last, and we separated 8 years later. Two years after that, I found myself at the age of 32 pregnant and in jeopardy of becoming homeless and fired from my job.

I worked my way up from the bottom at my job and became an Assistant General Manager, making enough money to support myself and become independent. I gave my life to a job that eventually let me go two days after signing a new lease to my apartment. After being evicted from my apartment and getting my car repossessed while 8 months pregnant, I was at a loss. I was receiving prenatal care from HUP who told me about Mothers' Home.

I've learned so much and grew so much while being a resident of Mothers' Home. I've learned to appreciate the small things in life, and to budget my money and save. I've learned so much about being a mom from classes and advice from staff and other residents. I've set up many plans for my future. Landing a job, finding daycare for my son, applying for housing (but prepared to do it on my own without assistance). I was offered a position back with my old job which made me feel appreciated and wanted, so I look forward to returning.

My son's name is Chad and he was born on September 20th. He has completely changed my life! I've never been so motivated and in love. I will never be back in this situation again because he keeps me focused and driving. All I want to do is keep him safe and loved always.

## CONSIDER A

# Legacy Gift

### TO MOTHERS' HOME

Please consider remembering Mothers' Home in your will or as a beneficiary under a life insurance policy or retirement plan. Such a legacy gift to Mothers' Home is a magnificent way to carry on the life-sustaining mission of Mothers' Home even after you pass on to the Lord yourself, and such a bequest is a living testament to your commitment to our wonderful mission. The process is simple, and need only identify "Mothers' Home of Darby, Pennsylvania", as the beneficiary under your will or other beneficial instrument. If you need assistance in drafting your estate plan to include Mothers' Home, our staff can refer you to attorneys who will provide this assistance at reasonable and discounted rates. Thank you for considering Mothers' Home for such a life-sustaining gift!

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Joanne Tierney



Joanne Tierney was a member of our Board for many years and dedicated a great deal of time and passion to Mothers' Home. We dedicated our new kitchen to Joanne before her passing. She was a truly remarkable woman.

Dr. Alfred J. Carlson, Jr. MD



Dr. Alfred J. Carlson, Jr. MD was a long time giver to Mothers' Home and had many connections with the staff and Board of Mothers' Home. He was an incredible pediatrician and true gentleman.

Monsignor Joseph Corley



Monsignor Joseph Corley was the pastor of BVM parish and a long-time supporter of Mothers' Home. Without Monsignor Corley's kindness and generosity we wouldn't be what we are today. He was a wonderful priest and man.

## A BOARD REFLECTION

### The Daily Inspiration of Mothers' Home

As a lawyer who represents individuals with disabilities and their families, I often say that I receive inspiration from my clients every day. Without reservation, I can say the same about Mothers' Home, and the inspiration I receive every time that I walk through the doors of our life-sustaining mission is remarkable. Whether I am attending a board meeting or a special event at Mothers' Home, as soon as I walk through the front door, I see the joy on the faces of our expectant mothers, our new mothers, and the beautiful faces of our newborn children. Joy and inspiration permeates Mothers' Home, and the work of our staff, from our Executive Director, Brigid Risko, our Program Manager, Charlotte Gordon, and our Residential Supervisor, Khaleelah Washington, and of our dedicated staff and volunteers, is a daily testament to the goodness, decency, and compassion of the human spirit.

While Mothers' Home is a program for homeless pregnant women and their newborns, once a woman steps into her bedroom at Mothers' Home (often the first private room she has ever experienced), she is no longer truly homeless in our eyes or in the eyes of God, as every woman now has a home to call her own and a family of concerned colleagues and new friends with whom she can share her joys and anxieties, and to be sustained and uplifted every day.

The Board of Mothers' Home works diligently with our devoted staff to maintain Mothers' Home as a sanctuary for homeless pregnant women and their unborn and newborn children. It is only through the constant support of our loyal supporters that we are able to make this sanctuary a daily reality. We can't thank you enough for your financial and prayerful support!

- Dennis McAndrews



## GOLF OUTING

Sunday, September 29, 2019



Upper Dublin Golf Club  
1400 Twining Rd., Dresher, PA 19025  
Phone 215-659-9917

Tee Time: Shotgun Start 9 a.m.  
Scramble format

**\$90**

includes golf, cart, buffet dinner,  
lunch (hot dog + soda), prizes

Golf registration is available through our donation page at [mothershome.org](http://mothershome.org). Please make a notation that your donation is for the golf outing and all pertinent information.

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For questions or information on outing, contact  
John Duffin at [jduff1973@comcast.net](mailto:jduff1973@comcast.net)

## MOTHERS' HOME PRESENTS

# designer bag BINGO

Friday, October 18, 2019

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Bring one baby item to receive an  
additional door prize ticket.

21 or older to attend.

All proceeds will benefit the women  
and children of Mothers' Home.

