



# New Additions

- Aseam - 10/14/2019
- Ryder - 11/11/2019
- Rhythm - 1/10/2020
- Su'haylaa - 1/30/2020
- Josiah - 2/2/2020
- Amari - 3/25/2020

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# NEWS

## SUMMER 2020



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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

During this very difficult and challenging time, I hope you and your families are safe and healthy. All of us at Mothers' Home felt it was important to let our friends and supporters know that we are doing well and continue to serve the needs of our residents and their babies.



We've been operating with a reduced staff, no visitors, social distancing and proper COVID-19 protocols in place. While it has been a challenge for us, it also has been very gratifying to be able to provide a safe, healthy environment for our residents to shelter in place. As you can imagine, being pregnant or taking care of a newborn during this crisis can be very stressful and worrisome.

We are blessed to be open and staffed to help our Moms through this and are most grateful for your support. Thank you to everyone who has checked in on us, dropped off donations, had a dinner delivered or just said a prayer for us. We appreciate all of you! I would also like to thank my amazing staff for their hard work and dedication to the well being of our residents. It has been a group effort, and we could not have remained open without them and our supporters and friends.

Please stay safe and stay tuned for more information on our rescheduled fundraisers. Now more than ever, we will be counting on your financial support and greatly appreciate your continued generosity. We thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Mothers' Home, our residents and beautiful babies.

- Brigid Risko, Executive Director  
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## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

### LeAngel

My name is LeAngel. My son and I are currently residents of Mothers' Home. My journey here has been a long one. It has taken me a little over a year to gain financial stability and to learn how to effectively co-parent. With the help of Mothers' Home staff, I've been able to gain a myriad of life skills such as how to build a healthy rapport with my employer and employees; how to conduct myself during interviews, grammar writing and how to continue to find my self-worth after being labeled "homeless". This journey, as a woman and a mother, hasn't been easy as I was fleeing domestic abuse prior to me living here. I was in desperate need of a place to live. I was pregnant and scared.

When Mothers' Home opened their doors to me I knew instantly that I made the best decision for both myself and my child. The staff here is incredible and they push me to strive and reach my

highest potential. I've worked closely with my case-worker to set goals each month. Two of my goals were to fix my credit score and buy a house. I've since worked so hard and not only have I raised my credit score tremendously, but I've also been able to save a substantial amount of money to purchase my future home. Although my goals aren't complete, I am way farther than I was a year ago. I've become more disciplined with my earnings and I'm learning to love myself through it all. I love my children and whenever I feel overwhelmed, sad or defeated I remember them; I remember why I am here. Mothers' Home has certainly lived up to their name. I've made some friends here and truly feel like this is a home away from my future home. I am inspired to help other women after I leave this journey in hopes of becoming an advocate and support system to those working towards self-sufficiency.

Our Designer Bag Bingo in October was a huge success!

Over 200 Bingo enthusiasts gathered in the Bonner/Prendie cafeteria for a fun night with lots of winners. Beautiful handbags were donated by our board members and supporters and many local establishments donated to our raffle.



*Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.*

*We hope to make this an annual event!*

## Designer Bag Bingo



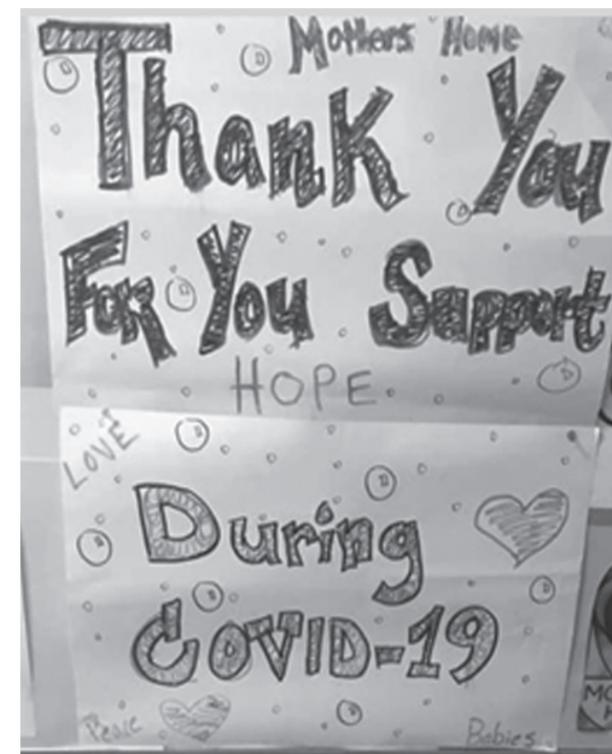
# QUARANTINE DAYS

*Without the normal structure of daily classes and workshops, our residents and staff have found creative ways to stay active.*

- Virtual pregnancy and parenting classes were offered to our Moms by Pettaway Pursuit which provided valuable information for them as new and expectant Moms.
- Puzzles, crafts, art projects were donated to provide activities to keep busy.
- Social distancing Bingo was a hit with our residents, including prizes for the winners!
- Movie night was also a nice way to unwind and destress.



## A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM OUR RESIDENTS



## MOTHERS' HOME CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

We were extremely disappointed to have to cancel our Charity Golf Outing at the beautiful, newly renovated Paxton Hollow Country Club. Stay tuned as we work on rescheduling that event. We are very excited for our new venue at Paxton Hollow and are looking forward to a fabulous day of golf, dinner and friendship. Thank you to John Duffin and Mike Fromhold for organizing a great committee of passionate members who worked hard on our brochure and will ensure a successful event for Mothers' Home at a later date.