Four Gifts from God

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My overall experience was great; everyone here helps out so much, and I’ve learned so much about life skills and am blossoming as a mom. Having my baby, getting my first job, I feel like I have grown up more since I’ve gotten here. My favorite thing about living here was all of the nice staff and all of the wonderful support. Thank you everyone here, for everything you guys do. I’m going to miss you all.

- E.

I like my overall experience of living here. I’ve saved some money, and I have changed big-time responsibility-wise and with anger. What I like most about living here is the support.

- A.

I loved being around staff, eating dinner with the girls, and being able to feel like a family.

- J.

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Rebecca Kiessling to Give Keynote at Visitation House Annual Dinner

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Celebrating the Sacraments
It is always a joy when a resident decides to have her baby baptized. Baby Emily and her big sister, Alia, were baptized in the Visitation House chapel over the summer.

And in September, Father Roy christened baby Aurielle.

Life Skill Highlights:
Joyce Aucoin presented an 8-week program designed to raise self-awareness and self-esteem. South Bay conducted another session of their weekly mothers’ support group that was very popular with residents. Fran Cournoyer and her daughter, Sarah, gave a very informative presentation on using cloth diapers. Phyllis Trainor taught the important skills of goal setting and budgeting. Kathy Gervais, RN, is starting another round of her classes for new mothers. VH staff members have taught classes on sanitary food preparation and cooking skills, the dangers of STDs and the health risks of artificial birth control, the root causes of poverty, and the importance of education for future success. Staff and residents work together weekly on healthy meal planning.

IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN A UNITED WAY WORK-PLACE CAMPAIGN, YOU CAN DESIGNATE VISITATION HOUSE AS YOUR CHARITY!
Many donors have set up an automatic monthly donation through their employer.

Become a sustaining member of the Visitation House family. You can sign up for EFT (electronic funds transfer) by filling out the form on our website and mailing it to Eve at the address provided. Or you can donate safely and easily using PayPal.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!
We are grateful to Cindy Garabedian who tidied up our front yard and planted some beautiful perennials and to the CSAW group from North American Martyrs, St. Brigid, and Our Lady of the Assumption who tended our flower beds during the summer.

Third graders from Immaculate Conception in Lancaster made bibs for our babies, and third and fourth graders from St. Joseph’s in North Brookfield made adorable “Jesus Loves Me” onesies (and even made gift bags for them to go in). Students from St. Mary's Religious Ed program (pictured below left) did yard work and house work in October. And Holy Cross SPUD students come weekly to spend time with residents and help out with projects around the House. We would like to thank all of these groups and everyone else who has made contributions large and small in 2015. We appreciate you sharing your time and talents and being a part of the important ministry of Visitation House.

Thank you, Volunteers!

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