In her own words:
Living in Visitation House is definitely an experience. I remember when I first got here and didn’t know anybody, I used to cry and cry. Then when I started to get to know staff members and residents, I became more comfortable with being here. As I became more comfortable, the tears subsided and turned into laughter and joy. I greatly appreciate the things that this place has done for me. Being here has molded me into the individual I am today: strong, grateful, happy, and independent. Thank you, Visitation House. —T.

There is no foot so small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world...or in our hearts.

We thank God for the short but precious life of baby Genesis, born in December, three months premature. We are very grateful to our chaplain, Fr. Michael Roy, who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism at the hospital on February 28th and helped us to support Genesis’s mother and her family during the very difficult experience of losing a child.

Baby Genesis
December 1, 2011—February 29, 2012

We’re always happy to hear from former residents about their progress after leaving Visitation House.

• One mom visited recently with her toddler to tell us the great news that she just earned an “A” in her writing class at community college and that she’ll be starting an internship at a state agency. She hopes the experience she gains will help her get back into the workforce.

• Below is an email from a former resident who, since leaving Visitation House, married her baby’s father and welcomed another son.

Dear Sherry,
Attached are some photos of the boys (hope you enjoy); they are growing so fast!!!! And we will be visiting very soon; I have not and absolutely will not forget about you guys...you guys have changed my life forever and I could never be where I am today without you guys....THANK U SO MUCH!!! Just know that what you guys do (helping out women and their children) does not and has not gone in vain!!!!

Blessed are You, loving Father, for all Your gifts to us. Blessed are You for giving us family and friends to be with us in times of joy and sorrow, to help us in days of need, and to rejoice with us in moments of celebration.
We had a full house for our 7th annual dinner.

The Visitation House benefit dinner, held on April 26 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, was a smashing success. We want to thank all of the many people who helped us put on this great community-building event. It is always wonderful to bring together the Visitation House family to reconnect and enjoy each other’s company. We were blessed to have Bishop McManus, Bishop Reilly, and many priests join us, as well as Ambassador Raymond Flynn, our keynote speaker, whose words were uplifting, entertaining, and inspiring. If you’ve never made it to one of these fun fundraisers, we hope you can join us next year! Contact Eve Lindquist at 508-798-0762 for details.

We are very grateful to those who have given:

- your time and talent
- your prayers of support
- in honor of friends or family or in memory of a loved one
- in celebration of special occasions, e.g., birthdays or anniversaries
- through United Way by Designating Visitation House as your charity

Your generosity allows us to continue to help mothers who need support to give their babies a healthy start!

Some donors have set up an automatic monthly donation through their employer.

We’ve made it easier to donate through our website: www.VisitationHouse.org. You can sign up for EFT by simply printing the form from our website and mailing it to Eve at the address provided. Or you can donate safely & easily using PayPal.

You’re invited: One weekday evening a month we have Mass in our chapel at 5:30pm followed by a big dinner in the dining room. Eve likes to plan the dinner menu and direct meal preparation, and the residents have a great time learning tricks of the trade from someone who loves to cook! We’re always happy to have guests join us for Mass and dinner. If you’d like to come, please call Eve to find out when the next Mass is scheduled.

A big thank you for helping us...

November 2011
Holy Cross SPUC students visit often during the school year to spend time with residents and act as peer role models.

December 2011 & April 2012
St. Joseph’s Life Teen Group washed windows and woodwork, moved furniture, and did yard work.

Special thanks to:
- Horizons for Homeless Children
- Jim Hudson, our webmaster
- Joanne Casiello for donating grass-fed & organic meat from her son’s farm
- Jim Ridick, who goes above and beyond for VH every month
- The sewing club at St. Mary’s Elementary School in Worcester (our next door neighbors) for making beautiful bibs for the babies and bringing them over
- September Thompson for sharing her wisdom through life skills classes
- All of the parishes and schools who have been extremely generous in donating their time, talent, and treasure
- The many individuals who have donated baby items and clothing for the moms

Home Improvement

We are making good progress on the capital improvements and repairs on our “To Do” list:
- Install sump pump in basement: $12,000 — completed!
- Finish replacing our roof: $15,000 — just completed!
- Fill and pave the driveway: $5,000

Can you help with the driveway project? Do you know any contractors who would be willing to donate time or materials?