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5th Annual Potluck Benefit Dinner

On March 23, 2010, we gathered for our 5th Annual Potluck Benefit Dinner in the Cenacle at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Friends and supporters joined us to listen to His Eminence Justin Rigali's hopeful and inspiring address, with the *Visitation* at its core. We also enjoyed an array of aromatic meals served at hosted tables, fellowship among so many in the pro-life community, a silent auction and raffle. This year's Ruth V. Pakaluk Award was presented to Marilyn Sullivan by Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly for her support of Visitation House. We are grateful to all of you who made this fundraising event a success. As always, we are reminded that you are Visitation House. We are comforted and encouraged in knowing that your faith in action is what buoys us up in being able to provide a home to the women and infants who pass through our doors. How blessed we are by you. ~



Skills for Tomorrow...

A struggling economy and job market have made us sure of one thing... we need to be prepared for the future. Visitation House residents who are enrolled in GED, certificate and degree programs or who are seeking employment have been able to take advantage of software trainings made possible through a generous grant provided by the Order of Malta. Training Associates is providing a skilled instructor for six-week courses in basic and intermediate Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. These trainings are vital in helping residents to become competitive candidates in the goals that they set for themselves in education and in the workplace. Visitation House hopes to continue to assist residents and former residents through these trainings. We are grateful to the Order of Malta for giving us the opportunity to impact our residents' futures. ~



Prayer for the Feast of the Visitation May 31st

*Eternal Father,
You inspired the Virgin
Mary, mother of Your Son,
to visit Elizabeth and assist
her in her need.*

*Keep us open to the working of Your Spirit,
and with Mary may we praise You forever.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and
ever. Amen.*

Welcome! Sophia



Ava



Visitation House Celebrates Our 5th Anniversary with an Open House

Looking back since opening May 31, 2005, we feel so blessed in having reached five full years of operation. On *Saturday, June 5th*, please join us in celebrating our 5th Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:00pm, celebrated by Bishop Daniel P. Reilly and Fr. Michael J. Roy, followed by an open house. We celebrate all of you and we thank you for your presence and support throughout the years of planning and these last five years in serving 81 women. We look forward to the next five years and beyond. ~



REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS

We are so privileged to make Visitation House a home for our residents in this former convent where we are blessed by Jesus' presence in our chapel. Prior to opening, extensive work had to be done to operate as a place of lodging. At this point, we continue to make much needed repairs to the physical building constructed in 1925.



Recent capital improvements:

- Repaired the roof and rotting soffit over the front porch due to the leaking widow's peak.
- Replaced a skylight window blown out during a winter storm and repaired the roof areas affected by it.
- Repaired/reinforced the unsound roof/ceiling structure over the rear porch/playroom. Moved a fire sprinkler pipe.
- Much needed storage space was added to the first floor by replacing what remained of a fireplace.

Urgently needed capital repairs:

- To save money and to run more efficiently, our furnace is in need of two new zone valves. We hope to be able to afford this repair before the next heating season begins.
- Our roof, which is over 25 years old, urgently needs to be completely replaced. Are there any roof angels among our donors?

Needless to say, all this work necessitated spending thousands of dollars budgeted for operating expenses. *Please consider an additional contribution* to help us cover these critical maintenance items. You are our sole support in helping us to literally *keep a roof over the heads of our residents* - women and infants in need. ~

Visitation House Wish List

1. gift cards for local supermarkets and department stores
2. household supplies, e.g. laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper
3. a vacuum cleaner
4. wall-to-wall carpeting for porch and playroom
5. kitchen floor

Thank you for your support!



Faith in Action

CCD students from North American Martyrs Parish, Auburn, hosted a baby shower for Visitation House and delivered baby items just before Mother's Day. ~

Another Way to Give

Now it's possible to donate to Visitation House by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your checking account. Please call Eve Lindquist, Executive Director at 508-798-0762 to arrange. ~

Ways to Give

- in memory of a loved one
- in honor of friends or family
- in celebration of special occasions, i.e. birthdays, anniversaries
- planned gifts, bequests
- a tax-deductible contribution before the end of 2010
- a United Way contribution by designating Visitation House as your charity

Did you know?

- Visitation House, Inc. is a 501(c)3 private non-profit organization.
- We are the only Catholic home for women in crisis pregnancies in Massachusetts.
- We do not accept state funding because of our Catholic, pro-life stance.
- We do not receive funding from Partners in Charity.

Resident News

Visitation House is full of new life. Our nine residents and two infants keep us hopping. Two babies are expected in the next month. Several residents continue with their studies. V. will complete her high school diploma and has been accepted to Becker College. K. will return to work part-time and continues her studies at QCC. J. is working on her GED. K. pursues her culinary arts certification at Salter College. J. is enrolled in a job readiness training. L. is applying for a CNA program. J. will resume her GED program in the next month. Kudos! ~



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