IN THEIR OWN WORDS
Former residents share their experiences:

K. stayed at Visitation House for a week before moving in with her family:
“This house has been an absolute blessing. I only was here for a week, but it was the first week in a while that I slept in a bed and felt comfortable. I wanted to share my first 2 journal entries...Thank you for everything!”

Day 1: Last night was the first night I slept in an actual bed...I went from sleeping outside to having my own room. When I first got here, I just cried. I wonder if these women are actually angels that God has sent here to reassure us in our times of suffering that He is still here. In the events of the last couple months of my life, I’ve questioned the Lord, and as I sit here now, warm, in my very own bed, fed and safe—I know without God this place couldn’t exist. He’s got to be up there smiling somewhere. Thank you, God.

Day 2: I’m still not used to this. First day in so long that I didn’t have to worry about where I was going to sleep tonight or how I was going to eat. I ate 3 meals today—something I haven’t done since I found out I was pregnant. God has blessed me. And maybe, just maybe, everything is going to be OK.

F. stayed at VH for 6 weeks until reconciling with her mother and returning home to have her baby:
“Hey, so I wanted to send a letter and thank you for helping me out with everything. You helped me realize how important family is, and I love you for that, because I love my family and my baby girl. So I will keep you updated. I’m hoping sometime soon we will come to visit.”

We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.
Pope Benedict XVI

OH BOY, OH BOY, OH BOY!

Check out these handsome little guys growing and thriving at Visitation House.

Another Baptism! On Sunday afternoon, October 23rd, Jackie was welcomed into the family of God. He was baptized by Fr. Thaddeus Stachura, pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, right down the street from Visitation House. Several residents joined Jackie and his mother to witness the sacrament and join in the celebration afterward. Congratulations to Jackie and his family!

A few words from a current Visitation House resident:
The Visitation House is a godsend. To a pregnant woman in distress, this home brings much comfort. With all the resources available, women can actually focus on healthy living and bettering the quality of their lives. Most appreciated are the women who coordinate the whole thing. They are wholesome women with large hearts. They really go the extra mile — one woman is even teaching a resident how to hem her pants. This really makes a difference in our lives.
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!

Make a donation before the end of the year and take advantage of a 2011 tax break.

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.

Helping Hands

Special thanks to:

- Anna Maria students for weeding, planting flowers, mowing the lawn, and thoroughly cleaning the chapel
- St. Brigid’s Youth Group for weeding, cleaning and organizing a storage area, and running errands
- Holy Cross SPUD students and Horizons for Homeless children
- Bill Falcone for sanding and refinishing a bedroom floor
- Chuck Warich & his family for painting the entry way and visitor room
- Billy Reilly for bringing donations of nutritious food that help us keep our grocery costs down
- Pat DesRoches for providing babysitting for our moms
- Jim Hudson, our webmaster
- Bishop Reilly for designating Visitation House as the recipient of the proceeds from a dinner held to honor him by the Knights of Columbus
- The many individuals, parishes, and schools who have donated baby items, diapers, and beautiful baby blankets or who’ve held fundraisers.

Home Improvement

These capital improvements and renovations are still on our “To Do” list:

- Finish installing our roof: $13,000
- Fill and pave the driveway: $5,000
- Dig a trench and put a sump pump in the basement: $12,000

Can you help with these projects? Do you know any contractors who would be willing to donate time or materials?