LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR VISITATION HOUSE FAMILY!

In their own words:

I loved living here. All staff was very nice and supportive. I loved the classes, Mass and dinner, and the staff. I was able to work things out with my baby’s father, and I started working on my GED. When I first came here I was ready to give up, and I was afraid to reach out to God. But being here helped me realize that I have a reason not to give up and stay strong. I felt like I was surrounded by God’s presence, and I just felt like reaching out to Him and praying would help me out a lot. And it did. I’m going to leave here strong, confident, and connected to God, and I’m glad. —F.

I am grateful for being here. It has opened a lot of doors for me. The staff has been very supportive of my schooling. My son will have everything he needs when he’s born. I’ve made a best friend, and I know I’ll stay in contact with people when I leave. —S.

VISITATION HOUSE HAS BEEN HELPING MOTHERS IN NEED SINCE MAY 31, 2005, WHEN WE OPENED OUR DOORS ON THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION. OUR EARLY RESIDENTS ARE NOW “BIG KIDS.” LOOK AT THEM NOW WITH THEIR PROUD MOMS!
DON’T MISS THE 2013 VISITATION HOUSE DINNER!

Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us on Thursday, April 25th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel’s Parish Center for our 8th annual benefit dinner. Once again we will be blessed with a wonderful guest speaker. Erika Bachiochi holds a BA from Middlebury College, a JD from Boston University School of Law, and a MA in theology from Boston College, where she was a Bradley Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Religion and Politics. In 2004, Bachiochi published The Cost of "Choice": Women Evaluate the Impact of Abortion, and in 2010, Women, Sex & the Church: A Case for Catholic Teaching. Bachiochi’s most recent publication, entitled "Embodied Equality: Debunking Equal Protection Arguments for Abortion Rights," was published in the Summer 2011 issue of the prestigious Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy. Her writing has appeared in Crisis Magazine, Human Life Review, Touchstone Magazine, the Washington Times, the NY Post, National Review Online, and at Public Discourse. Bachiochi speaks at colleges, universities, and law schools on feminism, abortion, the law, and the Church and keynotes various conferences and retreats for Catholic women. She and her husband live outside of Boston with their six young children. You can learn more on her website: http://erika.bachiochi.com.

Some donors have set up an automatic monthly donation through their employer. You can sign up for EFT (electronic funds transfer) by filling out the enclosed form and mailing it to Eve at the address provided. Or you can donate safely and easily using PayPal.

We are very grateful to all of you 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!

New Staff Member

Kat Gadbois, daughter of recently ordained Deacon Brian Gadbois, joined our staff in September to help cover some evening and weekend shifts. (We’re here for our residents 24/7.) We’re happy to have Kat on board to share her time and her faith with the residents.

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You’re Invited:

One weekday evening a month we have Mass in our chapel at 5:30pm followed by dinner in the dining room. After our October Mass we had a big Thanksgiving-preview dinner with turkey and all of the fixings. The residents spent all day prepping and cooking with staff. One of our former residents came to dinner to show off her now 8-month-old baby. If you’d like to join us for this special family night, please call Eve at 508-798-0762.

A Night on the Town

A generous donor gave us four tickets to “A Night of Music and Comedy” at the Hanover Theatre—a benefit for St. John’s Parish. Food for the Poor. Louise took three Visitation House residents to the show, one of whom had never been to a live performance. Everyone got dressed up, did their hair and make-up, and made a real special occasion out of it. They had a wonderful time!

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• Members of the Knitting and Crocheting Club from St. Roch Parish for making beautiful handmade baby hats, booties, and booties
• Wendy B., the mother of one of our residents, for hosting a baby shower here at the house
• Horizons for Homeless Children
• Jim Hudson, our webmaster
• 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

Life Skills: In September, Jeff Legendre, a Knight from St. Bernadette’s Parish, taught a CPR and first aid class for Visitation House staff. He will be returning in November to teach those skills to our moms as well.

Home Improvement

Thanks to a large bequest from a generous benefactor, we’ve completed several major maintenance projects we had to undertake to keep “this old house” in good shape for our mothers and babies.

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