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Wanted: Women Who Rock ‘n’ Role

Visitation House is looking for women who want to rock ‘n’ role…rock a baby and be a role model to a young mother. Share your life-experience and your pro-life and pro-family values; give advice and encouragement. Walk with someone through their struggles, and celebrate their victories. Commitment would be one day a week. If you’re interested in exploring the possibility of volunteering your time in this way, come to our monthly Mass and dinner, take a tour of the house, get acquainted with the residents, and see if this opportunity might be right for you. We have piloted this program recently (see Patty’s story at the bottom of the page) and would like to expand it to offer one-on-one support to more of our residents.

Thank You, Donors!

Dearest Donors,
Thank you for all the time and efforts you have made to impact the life of my baby girl. She is 5 weeks old now. She was born 10/12/2013 @ 6:03pm and weighed 7lbs 10oz. Your acts of kindness make all the difference. During hard times like these, Visitation House is a blessing. If you happen to pray, always keep her in mind, for prayer is a powerful thing, and faith can move mountains. Because of you, beloved donors, I am confident of our future together.
Happy Holidays!
Sincerely,
Lorena

A Love Letter to Visitation House

“My beloved late husband, Richie, put his talents as a handyman to work at Visitation House after his retirement. Richie would come 2 or 3 times a week and busy himself doing odd jobs around the house and the yard until he became ill and was no longer able to. After Richie’s passing, although my days were pretty full with kids and grandkids, I found myself searching for something that would make me feel like I was doing more than just getting to the next day. I expressed my feelings to Richie’s brother, Fr. Michael Roy, the VH chaplain, and yup, you guessed it, here I am.

During my first visit to VH, I was overwhelmed as I walked from room to room recognizing different things that Richie had told me that he had worked on. I wanted so badly to run out the door, get in my car, and just let the tears roll. After all, this was his place to be, not mine.

I was wrong. Somehow, with God’s guiding hand and Richie’s gentle reminder in my head that “Anyone can do easy. And you are not just anyone,” I managed to hold it together, stayed for Mass and dinner, and started coming one day a week to help out. Since that first visit, I have gotten to know some of the staff and volunteers. I am in awe of you. You quietly go about the business of providing a safe home for young women and their babies. You accomplish small miracles each day with your commitment to the possibility of a good life for each new baby that enters your door by supporting that child and its mother with loving and caring hearts.

Though I am acquainted with some of the residents, most of my time at VH has been spent with Gina and her darling Savannah. Gina is always very appreciative of the time that I spend with her. What she doesn’t know is the impact that getting to know her has had on me. I watch her as she deals with her struggles. I see her love for Savannah and her tenacity in doing what she needs to do to keep her. I find myself wishing that her struggle could be made easier. I pray that God will help her on her journey to always do the right thing as she goes about making a life for herself and her children. She is a beautiful young woman with a big heart. She inspires me.

Thank you VH. By allowing me to be part of you, I am now doing more than just getting to the next day.”

—Patty

(See Patty’s full letter on our website.)
What can you get for the person who has everything? Give a gift to Visitation House in honor of someone you love!

As a Christmas present
For a significant birthday or anniversary

Maybe ask for a gift to Visitation House on your wish list this Christmas.

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.

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.

Special thanks to:
—Anna, from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, who asked friends and family celebrating her 13th birthday to bring something for Visitation House instead of buying her a gift! Anna came to VH with her mother and younger brother in October to drop off household supplies, toilettries, a baby monitor, and a gift card she collected. During her visit, she had a chance to meet some of the babies who will benefit from her generous spirit. Thank you, Anna! ——>

—Sandi Curran, and her “Soul Sisters” from St. Roch’s in Oxford, who knit baby layettes for all of our new babies.

Life Skill Highlights: We have expanded our life skill offerings to include a class on female anatomy and reproduction, which generated a lot of good questions and great discussion. Following up on that class, Callie Foster taught natural family planning again to the new group of residents. Her presentation was so popular that residents requested she come back for a second session. These classes help cultivate an appreciation for the amazing design and capabilities of the human body. During November and December, residents will learn baby CPR and first aid as well as take classes on addiction and smoking cessation.

Save the Date!
Our 9th Annual Visitation House Fundraising Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 10th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel’s Parish Center. This year’s speaker will be Gary Cangemi, creator of the Umbert the Unborn comic strip. Umbert appears weekly in the National Catholic Register and over 100 other publications. Umbert is a feisty, outspoken pre-born infant who loves life and wants respect. Umbert often appears in various stages of development from a single cell to a near term baby. Umbert’s purpose is to give a voice, personality and humanity to the unborn child and to change the hearts and minds of the “born” and the way we view life. You can learn more about Umbert and his mission at www.umberttheunborn.com.

Congratulations! We are very proud of two residents who recently completed their GEDs. They worked hard and persevered through hours of testing to take this important step forward in their lives; they plan to continue their education at a community college. Another resident will be taking her tests next month. A former resident visited recently and was excited to report that she just completed the program at Salter that she started while at VH.

There are now 3310 Choose Life plates on the roads of MA! They are a great pro-life witness, and some of the money raised from these plates supports Visitation House. Why not get yours today?

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It is always a cause for joy when a resident wants to have her baby baptized. We are grateful to Fr. Roy for taking the time to help residents prepare for this sacrament. We are expecting to host another baptism in our chapel in the next few months.

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Sherry, Natalie’s godmother, getting her all ready for the happy occasion.

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