God has answered a Mother’s Prayer

It was 15 weeks into Eurika’s pregnancy when her amniotic fluid burst. Eurika’s doctor could not find her baby’s heartbeat, she was told that if she didn’t have an abortion, she would end up with a life-threatening infection that would take her life too. Eurika refused the abortion. She told the doctor, “If my baby isn’t going to make it, I will die with my baby.” Visitation House staff member, Janice found Eurika a pro-life doctor who set up an appointment with her the very next day.

It was time to find a heartbeat. Eurika’s new doctor tried seven times with no results. Eurika knew her baby was alive and insisted the doctor check one more time. On the eighth try they found it! They heard a strong healthy heartbeat and then saw the baby kicking.

On several occasions throughout her pregnancy, Eurika had to be admitted into the hospital due to complications. Concerned doctors told Eurika that it may come down to another choice; they may only be able to save one life when the time comes to deliver. Eurika told the doctors, “Save my baby.” Eurika went back home to Visitation House and made arrangements for a new guardian for her unborn child.

The countdown began. Residents and staff would come to check on Eurika as she remained on bedrest in the weeks that followed. When it came time to give birth, doctors discovered that the baby had her umbilical cord wrapped around her neck three times. The doctors brought Eurika’s baby girl into the world safely at full term. Only a half hour after her birth, Eurika’s baby girl was giving everyone her first smile. Eurika named her baby Eliana Roni Nyhira meaning “God has answered, Mighty Counselor, Blessing.”

Eliana is now four months old and perfectly healthy. Eliana always has her eye on her mother and is constantly mimicking her mother’s speech patterns. Often we hear Eliana say ‘ma’ and ‘love’. Everyone at Visitation House anticipates great things for this baby girl as she is learning quickly in the arms of her loving mother.

“Thank you for your prayers, support and donations. God bless you richly. You saved a life.” ~ Eurika
A Fairytale Ending

When Nana Ama Esuah found out she was pregnant in 2015 she considered having an abortion after evaluating that she could give very little to her unborn child. Her relationship had ended, she was in a foreign country, and found herself homeless. After touring Visitation House, she made the decision to choose life for her beautiful baby girl, Jewel. A year and a half later, she is working at Visitation House as a staff member and giving back to the community that helped her in a time of need. Nana is a wonderful example and role model for the new residents of Visitation House. Little Jewel, social and lovable, comes to work with her mother learning at a young age what a wonderful gift her life is and that it is never too early to start giving back to others. This November Nana will be taking a new step in her life. She is engaged to Jewel’s father.

A New Path Forward

“When I found out I was pregnant, I didn’t understand my life the way it was; it was like I should have been someone else. Coming to Visitation House was the best decision I ever made. I needed a break from my relationship. The separation was good for us. My boyfriend is working on himself and I’m working on myself. When I first told my boyfriend I was moving here, he said he’d never speak to me again. I love him but I had to do what was best for me and the baby and he came around. He came to all my appointments. Now we see him every day. He’s been very supportive of me and the baby and now even has a job and is saving to support us.”

Not just a Shelter

“My favorite part about the house is that it doesn’t feel like a shelter; Visitation House really is a home. When I first came here everyone was really friendly. I’ve really enjoyed participating in the parenting and yoga classes offered here. I was even doing yoga every day up until the day I gave birth. I still use techniques I learned from one of our healthy relationship classes when communicating. I was looking to do the best thing for my child and Visitation House was it. He has everything he needs. What makes me even more grateful is that people don’t have to give but they do. I’d like to say to the donors, ‘Thank you for everything you do for us.’” - Amir’s Mother
Did You Know?

Pregnant women with little means of support and feelings of alienation often choose abortion, thinking it is their only viable option. Approximately 59 million abortions have been performed in America since Roe v. Wade in 1973. The loss of new life is resulting directly from a lack of funding, housing, and programs available to assist women in their time of need. Visitation House addresses these very issues of homelessness and poverty by identifying the needs of pregnant women who have nowhere else to go for help.

To house, feed, and nurture a new mom after her baby is born, it costs...

- A Day $98
- A Week $785
- A Month $3,140

Since our opening in 2005, we have assisted over 300 women!

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Become a monthly donor!

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“I can’t imagine not having what I need and that makes me want to help because I can.”

“I love that I can be a part of the community I am growing up in. It’s good to help out and give back.”

“It’s important to help others because it makes you become more grateful for what you have.”

any government funding for our work to help pregnant women in crisis.
Thanks to you,
We celebrated our birthdays!

Jun.12th  Sept. 21st  Sept. 8th  Oct. 23rd

We’re Expecting Four More!
Mar. 17th  -  Jan. 19th  -  Dec. 1st  -  Feb 26th

Words from Fr. Roy
Visitation House Chaplin 12 years

“When a mother comes back with her first ultra sound she’s excited and wants to show everyone around the table. She says ‘look at my baby!’ and there is no question that child is a child. Today, everything has become disposable. Sometimes when you see the problem you want to walk on the other side of the road. Visitation House’s ministry gives us a chance which enables us not to do that.”

Your gift helps our life saving ministry to continue its good works.
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Highlights of Life Skills Classes
- Y on Wheels
- Car Seat Safety Check
- Paint Night, Fit Pregnancy
- Prenatal Stretching, Pilates
- Fit Postpartum
- Postnatal Stretching
- Baby and Me
- Baby sign language
- Job Corps
- HiSet (G.E.D.)
- Culinary Arts
- Protective Services
- CPR
- First Aid
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- Certified nursing assistant
- Healthy Relationships
- Computer Classes
- The Training Associates

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“This just keeps on getting better and better. At Visitation House, every day is a birth day.”
~Executive Director Eve Lindquist