Happy Autumn from Visitation House!

Saving Lives
Empowering Women
Strengthening Families
Building Community

Meet Our Newest Bundle of Joy
Emmanuel Isaiah

Top Six Reasons our Donors Give to Visitation House

1. Aligned beliefs, values, and mission.
2. Confident their donation benefits 100% of Moms and Babies in our care.
3. Assured our operational and fiscal stewardship is in good standing.
4. Paying it forward for the good of community.
5. A means for healing, consolation, and redemption.
6. Investing in raising-up a culture of life for future generations.

Believing it is important to show people they are worthy and have gifts to be shared with the world, Maureen gives because she sees the value and dignity in every human life.

"It’s about going out and making a better life for someone else."

-Maureen Coughlin, mother of 4 adopted children and active Visitation House supporter, both donor and volunteer.

A New Program: “Higher Me”
Introducing the Visitation House Learning Center

A Recap of our Fiscal Impact 2017-2018
Statistics, Stories, and More

Transform a Life x 2
Additional Ways to Get Involved

Mark Your Calendars

14th Annual Benefit Dinner
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Join us for a fun night with Silent Auction, Cash Bar, Food, Friends, a Surprise Keynote Speaker, and more!

To reserve your seat or host a table contact
Eve Lindquist @ 508.798.0762

Event to take place at St. George’s Orthodox Cathedral Hall, 30 Anna Street, Worcester, MA 01604

Details to follow...

Achieving Goals

Resident Testimony

“I’ve come a very long way and I’m not giving up anytime soon! It’s AMAZING! I have blessing upon blessing coming my way...”

Former resident, Megan, who chose life despite pressure from family and friends. Now, accepted & reunited with family!
"Higher Me" - Introducing the Visitation House Learning Center

Introducing the launch of our new learning center, now equipped with ten laptops.

- **Paid Professionals** - Experts in their fields, teaching in a bright and structured atmosphere.
- **Weekly Mentorship Meetings** - Connecting goal setting to classes for greater success.
- **New Technology** - Training for the most up-to-date skills-sets for higher-wage job placement.
- **New Baby Care Program** - Volunteers assisting mom for better focus during class times.

**Updated Class Topics** -
- Self- and Baby-Care - Personal and Professional Development.
- Child Development
- Parenting
- Nutrition & Fitness
- Health & Safety
- Self-esteem/Self-image
- Personal Finance
- Career Development
- Computer Skills-Microsoft Office
- Planning and Time Management
- Resume Writing and Interview Skills
- Drug Awareness and Prevention.

All classes are free of charge to residents granting opportunities to help mom take new strides towards independence.

**Live and Learn Model: Steps to Transformation**

*Guiding Women towards a Future of Hope for a Strong Family Unit*

### Basic Needs

Providing basic needs gives mom a time to pause and allow her to nurture mind, body and spirit for the wellbeing of her future family. Mom and baby grow together as a family in a safe and secure environment during the most critical stages as their new family begins.

### Goal Setting

Working with residents one on one, identifying areas of opportunities for growth, helping mom to identify her self-worth and capabilities while planning for a future filled with hope and promise through encouragement and support.

### Applied Learning

Living in one big class room, our residents are able to apply and learn new skills and healthy habits in our home through life-skills classes, household chores, volunteering, and participating in social community events, while living in a family environment.

### Independence

Mom takes a leap towards independence securing housing and stability for a future as an independent family unit. Mom is able to raise above her struggles and challenges becoming a strong, healthy and contributing member of society and ultimate role model for her new baby.

**Special Thanks to...**

Visitation House would like to thank the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation and the Donald D. Lynch Family Foundation for providing funds for new computer hardware and software, helping us launch our new learning center program.

Still hopeful for funding from other foundations to subsidize the cost of life-skill classes.

We also thank our new volunteers for their commitment to run our baby care program.
A Recap of our Fiscal Impact 2017-2018

Because of Donors Like You!

42 Lives welcomed
14 Instructors
89 Hours of classes
100+ Topics taught
0 Infant mortality

Grateful to YOU for making life with a future of hope possible!

Life After Visitation House FY 2017-2018
Former Residents in our Care....

80% are working and/or furthering their education.
80% reconnected with extended family.
80% have stable housing.
80% are living a healthier lifestyle.
90% work in human service related fields.

When Asked, the Majority of our Former Residents Would...

.... Say Visitation House played a major role in helping them to choose life for their baby.

.... Refer Visitation House to a woman with an unplanned pregnancy contemplating to choose life for her baby.

.... Attribute Visitation House as having played a major role in helping them get back on their feet.

Grateful to YOU for helping us meet our FY 2017-2018 budget - keeping our operation running.

Reaching the American Dream
Former Residents: Maritza and Jayden

“Thank you for giving my baby everything he needs!”

Looking for a place to turn, Maritza came to Visitation House back in 2017 with an unplanned pregnancy and almost no knowledge of the English language. Thanks to gifts made by our donor community, Maritza was mentored from residents and staff and was able to grasp the American Dream. She is now fluent in both Spanish and English, holds 2 jobs and owns her own car. Raising her little boy, Jayden, is the joy of her life.

Making a Life Worth Living
Former Residents: Laura and Alana

“This house saved me!”

After years of drug use, Laura can stand proud and say she celebrates 20 months of sobriety for the first time. Choosing a future of hope for herself and her new baby girl, Alana, Laura is financially stable with her own car and apartment. She is making plans to further her education so she can become a drug prevention counselor - using her experiences to bring about positive change in the world and be the ultimate role-model for her baby.
Transform a Life X 2

Visitation House relies on individual donors like you, as our primary source of income to stay in operation. We receive no federal funding.

SEEKING MONTHLY DONORS

The 2018-2019 Budget for our Home is $430,500

Did You Know?

GuideStar Gold is a seal indicating fiscal transparency. Learn more about us at guidestar.org

Strengthening Family – Strengthening Community


John and Joyce, married for 31 years, strengthen their family while strengthening other families through their commitment to tithe and new dedication to volunteer.

“As Catholics I think we’re called to act on our principles. John had the grace to receive the message to tithe and together we had grace to act. Now tithing is like brushing our teeth.”

- Joyce

John dedicates his time and talent as our volunteer cantor and musician for monthly Mass held at the Visitation House Chapel.

How to Become a Monthly Donor

1. Mail: Mark your calendar each month. Mail a check to:

Visitation House, Inc.
119 Endicott Street
Worcester, MA 01610

2. Automatic: Set up Monthly Withdrawals using PayPal or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Fill-out form at:

visitationhouse.org/resources/donate

Make Your Gift Today

Your gift covers costs that grants and foundations are not able to provide.

With five more babies expected by December, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Other Ways to Get Involved

1. Join our email list to get monthly updates. Stay Connected

2. Make a one-time gift with the inserted envelope

3. Connect your business, group, or club to host a fundraiser.

4. Make a matching gift through your employer

5. Choose Visitation House on Amazon Smile

6. Share our cause with your friends

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