





**WINTER 2020** 

# **Special***Delivery*

News and Announcements from Our Lady's Inn

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These precious babies were born at Our Lady's Inn July – December 2019. Amelia King Brvson Kingston Dy'ReeEmarie Kizaire Harlow Lily Ma'Riyah Isabella Jersey Raiden King Zaire





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While expecting her child, Annie was not only experiencing a high-risk pregnancy and stress-induced seizures, but also abandonment by her boyfriend. It was during a hospital stay that she learned about Our Lady's Inn. She was encouraged that her other children could come with her, though she feared what it might be like. Annie lived at Our Lady's Inn for four months and then joined our 2-year Aftercare Program. She continued to work two jobs, while saving for an apartment. Her case manager assisted her in applying for housing programs that helped secure a safe place to live for Annie and her children.

Once she had stable housing and a good job, Annie knew it was time to continue her education and career! She completed her Bachelor's Degree in social work, which she uses in her job at a local nonprofit helping expectant mothers. She often refers her clients to Our Lady's Inn! She is also currently earning her Master's Degree in social work.

Today Annie lives in her own townhome with her children and knows that she can call Our Lady's Inn any time. She says that "the Aftercare Program is amazing-I can't say enough about it." We know this is just the beginning for Annie and her family, and we are honored to be a part of her journey.

90% of moms particpate in OLI's two year Aftercare Program.

#### Mark these dates on your calendar:

Angel Gala Sunday, April 19th Old Warson County Club Planned Giving Learning Session Wednesday, May 13th Greenbriar Hills Country Club Tee Off For Life Golf Tournament Monday, June 15th Greenbriar Hills Country Club Luncheon For Life Thursday, September 24th Defiance Ridge Vineyards

Please consider sponsoring an Our Lady's Inn signature event with a personal or corporate sponsorship. Your sponsorship demonstrates your commitment and encourages others to support Our Lady's Inn.



#### from the Chief Executive Officer

On January 22nd, Our Lady's Inn celebrated our 38th anniversary. We are blessed to have been able to welcome into our home more than 7,000 pregnant women over those years. A woman in an unexpected pregnancy, pressured to secure an abortion, is too often abandoned by family and friends when she chooses life for her unborn baby.

Our Lady's Inn exists to fill the void which accompanies that abandonment. We lift her up in her choice, offering the material, emotional and spiritual support she needs to continue to choose life each day throughout her pregnancy. We prepare her for birth by ensuring appropriate prenatal care and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. We prepare her for parenting or parenting through adoption in order that she can make the best decisions for her child.

We assist her in achieving the goals she has set for herself regarding education, employment and permanent housing. For moms living with the effects of trauma, we offer counseling and a path to healing through our Trauma Informed Care program methodology. For moms with a history of substance abuse we support them in their sobriety, connecting them to treatment and offering support groups. Whatever her needs, we do our best to address them.

When a pregnant woman walks through our door, although she is in crisis, she does so with hope for a bright future for herself and her child. We walk with her into that hope, helping her prepare for the next step in her future. Thank you for all you do to support these brave mothers!

- Peggy Forrest -

## What's Happening at OLI...

#### The Galik family of O'Fallon Lights

chose OLI to benefit from their St. Louis Blues-theme light display over Christmas this year. Thanks to the generosity of the Galik family and their visitors, they collected funds and supplies for our St. Charles home. Donations collected included everything from furniture, to household products, to diapers!





The Holy Redeemer Athletic Association generously shared a portion of their tournament proceeds to support our moms and children. We thank OLI's St. Louis House Advisory Board for their hard work at the concession stand.

Many, many thanks to **St. Margaret of Scotland Church** for holding a "Changing Lives" fundraiser and designating Our Lady's Inn for the collections received during one of their Sunday Masses. Our moms and babies are most grateful for your continued support! A great group activity for church or youth groups, scouts, or office departments. For more information on how to participate, contact Katrina at 314.736.1544 or kbecker@ourladysinn.org.





Our Lady's Inn was one of the **grant recipients from the Greater St. Louis Book Fair**. The grant will be used to provide our moms education on pregnancy, infancy, parenting, life skills, and more! The 2020 Greater St. Louis Book Fair will take place April 16-19 at Queeny Park.

### Ways to Donate and Make a Difference...

#### Monetary Donation

Make a gift to directly benefit homeless pregnant women in crisis. You may donate using cash, check, credit card, stock or other marketable security.

#### **Matching Gifts**

Many companies will match your donation. Check with your HR office to obtain a matching gift form.

#### **Endowment Gift**

Help to ensure our future by making a gift to our Endowment Fund, which provides perpetual funding in support of the Our Lady's Inn mission.

#### **Planned Gift**

Make a planned gift today or a charitable gift as part of your estate.



#### Memorial and Tribute Gifts

Honor friends and loved ones while contributing to the spread of a culture of life.

#### Appreciated Stock

Stock donations offer tax advantages and may cost less than cash gifts.

#### **Outside Fundraising Events**

Planned through your club, group or business can provide unique opportunities to educate about the OLI's mission.

#### Support while you shop

Amazon Smile: Enjoy the convenience of online shopping at Amazon, while supporting Our Lady's Inn. Sign up at smile.amazon.com and enter your Amazon account information to start today. Schnucks eScrip Card: If you shop at Schnucks, you may request an eScrip card by emailing Katrina Becker at kbecker@ourladysinn.org. Each time you use it, 3% of your purchase price will be donated to Our Lady's Inn.

#### Donate Items

We greatly appreciate new or gently used baby items, children's clothing, and other supplies. For a current list of urgent needs please visit: https://ourladysinn.org/wish-list/.

#### Become a Monthly Donor

Monthly giving is a wonderful giving option for both you and homeless, pregnant moms supported by Our Lady's Inn. Your monthly gift provides a steady source of income that will provide weeks, months and years of a safe and supportive environment in her choice to give life to her unborn baby. Help us save lives by signing up at: https://ourladysinn.org/recurring-donation/.



#### Gifts Given in Memory of... July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

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The Board, Staff, Volunteers and Families of Our Lady's Inn Offer our Sincere Condolences to the Families of....

Marilyn Abkemeier Longtime OLI Volunteer Karen Skinner Sister-in-law of Ed Puzzella OLI Board Member Bennie Stewart Father of Denise Fondren OLI Staff



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Check out the Community Programs Our Lady's Inn is involved in:

