



SUMMER 2020

# Special Delivery

News and Announcements from Our Lady's Inn

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*Jack Dwyer is the Managing Director at Sunpointe Investments and member of the Board of Directors at Our Lady's Inn. His first job after college was as an Army Officer. He commanded a 184 soldier bridge Company that was responsible for all the military bridging in the southern half of Iraq. Jack's leadership and extensive background in finance investments brings a great deal of expertise to Our Lady's Inn.*

### How did you get introduced to Our Lady's Inn?

My dad has been donating items to the Twice Blessed resale shop for years. Then I got to know OLI a lot better after Peggy's daughter, Christy, taught my twin daughters in 6th grade at Holy Infant. I got to know their family and a couple of years later OLI was looking for some expertise in finance and investments. Peggy reached out and asked if I would join the board. As I got more involved, I found several acquaintances were already active at OLI and they all had great things to say about the mission and organization.

### What about OLI's mission motivates/resonates with you?

The fact that OLI reaches some of the most vulnerable and really makes a significant difference in their lives motivates me. In retrospect, it makes sense, but I did not initially realize how much support OLI's clients needed other than shelter. Women who enter OLI's residential program have almost always experienced significant trauma and often need as much emotional support as physical. That is why I am so proud of the work that OLI staff are doing with implementing trauma informed care.

### What has your experience as a board member been like?

Being a member of the OLI board has been very humbling. Board members bring an impressive and diverse set of skills; Dr. Amy Bilyeu's insights as an OB help me better understand clients' situations. I am in awe by the sheer number of hours and years that someone like Vice Chair Jean Flanagan has given to OLI.

### What do you wish other people knew about OLI?

Providing shelter and services in our two homes is only the tip of the iceberg. Just as important is the two years of continued Aftercare support to each family following the residential program. This program provides continued case management, material supports, advocacy, and housing referrals.

### What would you tell someone who is thinking about donating/volunteering?

Like Nike says, "Just Do It!" It is a great way to get involved with some amazing people and support the vital mission of supporting women who have chosen life for their unborn babies.

*These precious babies were  
born at Our Lady's Inn  
January – June 2020.*

*Amira*

*Gia'Vona*

*Kennedy*

*Loran*

*Messiah*

*Micah*

*Micah*

*Michelle*

*Olivia*

*Serenity*





*from the*  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Just as families across the globe have been forced to do, the Our Lady's Inn family has rallied to meet the challenges which have arisen in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.

We have been sheltering in place for months now, while continuing to house and support pregnant women in need of our help.

Just as hospitals, nursing homes, police stations, fire houses and other essential services were not able to shut down operations, we too remained open to serve. We were without a full complement of staff, with several team members falling into the high-risk category. Nor could we welcome visitors or our faithful volunteers into the homes. However, we employed creative strategies utilizing technology and a dedicated team of employees to continue to offer our full array of services. We continued to take in new pregnant women in crisis by retrofitting the caretaker house on our St. Charles property to serve as a quarantine facility where a family could live for two weeks prior to joining the group of families at either house.

We developed and are following a phased approach to getting back to business as usual; a cautious but thoughtful approach informed by guidelines coming from the CDC, the health departments, hospitals and governmental leadership. As always, our focus remains on our mission. We are called to help save the lives of the unborn by offering long term support to their mothers; and we will not allow COVID-19 to stop us!

Pray for us, as we pray for you!

- Peggy Forrest -

## OLI 2020 Essential Services Impact Report

**61**  
Children served



**47** Pregnant women served



**16,596**  
Meals provided



**11** Babies born



**7,207**  
Nights of shelter



Our Lady's Inn has continued its life-saving work throughout the pandemic, ensuring that pregnant mothers in crisis have a safe and stable place to live.

## What's Happening at OLI...

**Summertime at OLI means our gardens are in full swing!** This year we will have plenty of healthy and delicious meals with our harvest of lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, beans, chives, basil, cilantro, and oregano.



OLI staff member Tracy put a lot of TLC into redecorating the rooms at our Defiance location. In loving memory of her mother, Tracy has created a warm, inviting, and colorful space for moms to prepare for their new babies. We think the rooms turned out great!

OLI families took a "trip" to the circus. They had a fantastic time watching the **Circus Flora Virtual Circus** from the living room, while enjoying fun circus-themed snacks and glow sticks. Thanks Circus Flora for a great night for the moms and kids!

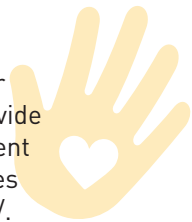




Don't forget to visit Amazon Smile to designate Our Lady's Inn as your charity while doing your shopping. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to OLI. Tell your friends!

## 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://ourladyinn.org/recurring-donation/>.



## Gifts Given in Memory of... January 1, 2020 – May 31, 2020

### Marilyn Abkemeier

From: JoAnn Raisch  
John Schwabe

### Betty Amend

From: Shawn Lawder

### Catherine Anstey

From: Jerome and Bridget Shen

### Christine Baker

From: Ken and Marti Figlioli

### Anne Bannon, M.D.

From: Marilyn Godar

### Norma Bekebrede

From: Pat Lilge

### Dorothy Branch

From: Jerome and Bridget Shen

### Sandra Buschmann

From: Dianne Lordi

### Margie Capps

From: David and Jane Boyd

### Lauren Chapin

From: Tammy Kayser  
David and Diane Snively

### Chopp-Dowd Family

From: George and Gerry Chopp

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### Robert Cova

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### Mike Criscione

From: Don and Gretchen Hermann

### Dorothy Dorey

From: Katherine Higgins

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Diana Hoy

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Kimberly Yarnell

### Ann Duggan

From: Peggy Forrest

### Rosemary Dunn

From: Donna Regan

### Father Jim Edwards

From: Helen Risse  
James and Judy Winfrey

### Margaret J. "Peggy" Enberg

From: Akeley Family  
Barnes Family  
Daniel and Patty DeClue  
Forbes Family  
Bruce Horlick  
Jacqueline Hussey  
Anthony and Donna Manning  
Louis and Evelyn Naeger

Jeff and Michelle Passmore  
Mary Walker

### John Evrard

From: Bob and Laura Voigt

### Barbara Ferretti

From: Margaret Mantia

### Daniel J. Ferry, Jr

From: Tom and Judy Allen

Cathy Barsanti

Richard and Jill Benkelman

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boyce

Bart and Ellen Brnjac

Thomas and Dorothy Caspari

Thomas and Diane Daly

D. J. and Nancy Diemer

Dejan Dokovic

Doe Flannery

Peggy Forrest

Thomas and Barbara Hilton

Russ and Carol Ann Isaak

Donald and Maureen Kaminski

Carole Less

Bob and Susan Maloney

Mark and Meg Mannion

Lou and Patsy Medler

Patrick Murphy

Gay Noonan

Deanie Reis

Darryl and Ellen Ross

Don and Nancy Ross

Steve and Joann Rull

James and Carol Spehr

Al and Peggy Toczykowski

Timothy and Jane Walsh

Richard and Jacky Weber

Michael and Jeanne Zychinski

### Joan Florida

From: Bob and Laura Voigt

### Gregg Forrest

From: The Gibson Family

The Williams Family

### Lou Fournier

From: Barb Fournier

### Humbert and Mary Ghio

From: Father John Ghio

### Toby Giovinazzo

From: Peggy Forrest

### Catherine G. Graham

From: Don and Linda Bene

### Vince Gruca

From: Raymond and Lori Stone

### Tom Howe

From: James Busch

### Sarah Human

From: David and Kathianne Crane

### Jennifer Anne Janson

From: Bob and Laura Voigt

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### Loretta McGuire Deken

From: Tom Deken

### George Meisel

From: Joy Meisel

### Frank Metzger

From: David and Diane Snively

### Dorothy Moore

From: Jack and Laura Anderson

### Janet Mueller

From: Ron and Maryann Battelle

Susie Bickel

Our Lady's Inn Staff

### Julianne Pieknik

Mother's Day

From: Chris and Olivia Pieknik

### Jean Pisoni

From: Sam and Gloria Lee

Our Lady's Inn Staff

### Fran Randolph

From: Jeff and Laurie Jost

### Michael Raskob

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From: Diane Lordi

### Zoretta Schoonover

From: Bob and Laura Voigt

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From: Janet Seiler

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From: Joyce Morrison

### Chris Smith

### Jim Slama

From: Lisa Slama

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From: Dolores Stratmann

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From: Cheryl Street

### Rita Sutter

From: Bob Sutter

### Lu Ann Trupiano

From: Tony and Gayle Trupiano

### Mrs. Charles Vatterott, Jr.

From: Richard and Kathleen Valenta

### Niko Vrhovac

From: Kate Haisch

### Loretto Wagner

From: Kathleen Hannegan

### Gerri Warren

From: Mary Tumulty

### Judy Webre Livaudais

From: Jerome and Bridget Shen

### Deacon Norman Werner

From: Mary Werner

### Neal Wessler

From: Snooks Wessler

### Eugene Wetzel

From: Mr. and Mrs. John Wetzel

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

### Jack Freund

Father of Maggie Rother  
OLI Staff

### Tony Jokerst

Longtime OLI supporter

### Florence Krause

Longtime OLI supporter

### Janet Mueller

Sister of Jean Flanagan  
OLI Board Member

### Bill and Pat Olwig

Longtime OLI supporter

### Jean E. Pisoni

Mother-in-law of  
Joan Pisoni

### Mary Sauerburger

Mother of Mark Sauerburger

Mother-in-law of

Pat Sauerburger

Longtime OLI supporter

# UPCOMING events

Mark these dates  
on your calendar



## Tee Off For Life Golf Tournament

Monday, October 19th  
Greenbriar Hills  
Country Club

## TRIVIA

Saturday,  
January 16, 2021  
Christian Brothers  
High School

## Angel Gala

Sunday  
April 18th, 2021  
Old Warson  
County Club

We are closely monitoring state and local guidelines to offer the safest experience for all event attendees.

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.

## Gifts Given in Honor of... January 1, 2020 – May 31, 2020

### Happy Birthday!

**Betty Anderhalter**  
75th Birthday  
From: Leona and Jeff Larkin

**Aunt Julie**  
From: Noah and Megan Christensen

**Stacey Macko**  
From: Marianne Russell

**Astelle Wies**  
From: Blake and Amanda Hanlen  
Cynthia Hanlen  
Michael and Rita Manzotti  
Sarah Oliver  
Trevor and Alisa Wies

### Mother's Day!

**Sue Bono**  
From: Michael and Sue Bono  
Theresa Gonzalez

**Barbara Fournier**  
From: Don and Marge Haefliger

**Linda Gillick**  
From: Katie McClean

**Shirley Masters**  
From: Laura Skidis

### All Moms

From: Michael and Sue Bono  
**Katherine Schwartz**  
From: Michael and Helen Jung  
**Pam VanMater**  
From: Mr. and Mrs. Raulandy VanMater

### For Your Wedding Anniversary!

**John and Ona Doyen**  
60th Wedding Anniversary  
From: Doug and Glenda Amey

**Pat McDerby**  
Our 50th Wedding Anniversary  
From: Jim McDerby

### Healing

**Don Carmody**  
From: Megan Foster  
Peggy Forrest

### In Thanksgiving and Celebration!

**God**  
From: Diane and David Snively

**In Honor**  
**Monica Alabrudziwski**  
From: Terrence Councilo

### Kara Cummings

From: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cummings

**Team "DKM"**  
From: Susan Newsom

**Ronald and Kathy Fishbeck**  
From: Jacqueline Koenig

**Jean Flanagan**  
From: Jim and Kelly Lehn

**Julie Gettemeyer and Baby Boy Gettemeyer**  
From: Sandra Parker

**Patty Gibson**  
From: Douglas and Elizabeth Van Horn

**God and Jesus**  
From: Michael Janitch

**Cindy Granville**  
From: Marianne Russell

**Marge Haefliger**  
From: Barb Fournier

**All Healthcare Workers**  
From: Patricia Greenblatt

### Elizabeth Herrington

From: Terrence Councilor

**Carol Higgins**  
From: Barb Montanye

**Bill and Patty Jones**  
From: Becky Davis

**Bryan Kirchoff**  
From: Justus and Meghan Arnett

**The Klobe and Stefanski Families**  
From: Joseph and Peggy Klobe

**Judith Kacmar**  
From: Terrence Councilor

**Sam and Gloria Lee**  
From: St. Norbert Respect Life Apostolate

**Tom and Mimi McDonough**  
From: Erin McDonough

**Shelter-Staff Workers during Covid**  
From: Megan Foster

**Anna Mae Wesloski**  
From: Nathan and Elizabeth Thompson