

The Long Road Home

While many expectant moms spend their third trimester anticipating with joy the birth of their baby, preparing a nursery, folding baby clothes and attending baby showers, Sara was looking for safe shelter. She had been abandoned at a hospital at 6 months pregnant. Thankfully, she and her 3-year-old found Our Lady's Inn. In the year that her family lived at the Inn, Sara was supported in preparing for birth and was nourished physically and emotionally. She participated in many in-house programs and completed 30 college credits. She says, "I learned to gather a community of people around me and my kids. I was able to have a safe harbor and we were able to thrive."

After completing the program, Sara stayed connected with Our Lady's Inn through the 2-year Aftercare Program. Case Managers offered her continued guidance and support, help with diapers and other material needs for her baby, and never-ending encouragement. She loved that there was someone to "help me stay on course and cheer me on." Since then, we've had a lot of reasons to cheer for her!

Sara has fulfilled her career goal of becoming an accountant, and recently purchased her first home. She has worked diligently to set herself and her family up for continued success and stability. As she reflects on her time at Our Lady's Inn and where it has led her, she shares this: "I have worked hard to make a community for me and the kids because being a single parent is not easy. I have my kids in a lot of different programs to make sure they have everything they need to be a success when they are older."

We are wishing Sara the best for her family as they continue toward a hopeful future!



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From the Chief Executive Officer



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT 40 YEARS

It is such an exciting year for Our Lady's Inn as we look back and celebrate forty years of walking beside pregnant mothers in crisis. We have come a very long way from those early days in terms of services and numbers of women we can house; even the homes in which we welcome them have changed.

We began in a very small home offering each mother a private bedroom, home cooked meals, clothing, baby items and an abundance of encouragement and loving support. Today, we have an expanded program services offering which includes nursing support, counseling, an aftercare program, child advocacy and educational support, sober living support-all delivered utilizing a best practices trauma informed care approach. Over time we expanded our capacity from one small home to two large ones allowing us to provide for thirty pregnant women and their children each day.

We opened our doors with one paid staff person and a handful of dedicated volunteers; today we employ fifty mission driven staff persons, many of whom are degreed and licensed in their

areas of expertise. We are grateful to be supported in our work by hundreds of volunteers, each sharing their gifts of time and talent. As we look back to what has been accomplished-seven thousand five hundred mothers saved from the despair and lifelong regret of abortion, and their beautiful babies allowed to live, we recognize the hand of God.

As we revisit our history, we must also plan for our future. There remain so many pregnant women in crisis needing support, encouragement, and a place to call home. We recognize the need for increased capacity and longer stays for post-partum mothers. Our largest facility is aging, and its location and design limits how we serve.

So, we have begun to consider a new home, in a safer location, with a design which will allow for greater wrap around supports for the new family and a more gradual transition from homelessness to long term independence and stability. This effort was disrupted by pandemic, but the Board of Our Lady's Inn has made this a focus for 2022-23.

As we move further down the path of planning, we will share our progress with you. Until then, pray for this effort and for all those women and children we continue to wholeheartedly serve each day.

Peggy Faust

Our Lady's Inn opened our doors on January 22, 1982 — just one week before the infamous Blizzard of '82!

Since that unforgettable first week, we have been operating 24/7/365 journeying with over 7500 moms and their babies.

Chief Program Officer Gloria Lee, who has been here since the beginning, describes the early days:

“It was a grassroots endeavor. I remember when we were renovating the building, we had no idea where the money was going to come from, but it always showed up. Miracles happened all the time.

Missouri Citizens for Life would run our little quarterly newsletter on their mimeograph machine if we bought the paper. We started getting regular monthly donors, some of whom continue their support to this day 40 years later. I still remember many of our first clients from 1982 well, because I was one of the live-in staff at the time and got to know them well.”



Gloria Lee at the first Our Lady's Inn.



Our Lady's Inn Participates in Upcoming Maternity Home Study through Heartbeat International & University of Notre Dame.

An upcoming University of Notre Dame study will consider the impact and evolving role of maternity homes in the United States, in the hope of better serving pregnant women in circumstances of crisis.

After months of planning and prep work, the study is projected to launch this spring and continue for three to five years. It is a collaboration between the pro-life organization Heartbeat International and the University of Notre Dame's Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities. It will center on five maternity homes in the South and Midwest, to include Our Lady's Inn in St. Louis.

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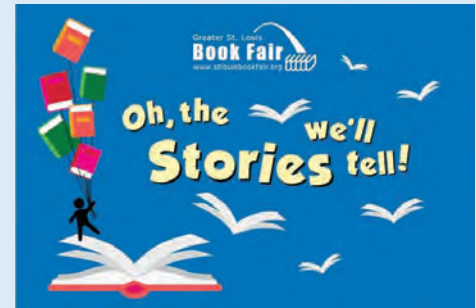
What's Happening at OLI...



These precious babies were born at Our Lady's Inn from July 2021 – December 2021.

Bohdi	Jordan	Michelle
Charles	Miracle	Olivia
Elijah	Myle	Serenity
JaVaughni	Micah	

welcome baby



\$5,000 Grant from Sign of the Arrow

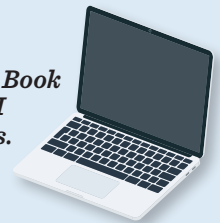
We were very grateful and humbled to be selected by Sign of the Arrow for a \$5000 grant in November! We welcomed Sign of the Arrow volunteer Diana Fendya, who nominated OLI, to our St. Charles location, seen here with CEO Peggy Forrest and Program Director Denise Fondren. This grant is being put to good use in helping us support our moms with healthy pregnancies & healthy babies. Thank you very much!

Our Lady's Inn was one of the grant recipients from the Greater St. Louis Book Fair.

The grant will provide computers for OLI clients to use for such things as homework, job searches and housing. The 2022 Greater St. Louis Book Fair will take place **June 9-12 at Queeny Park.**

THANK YOU!

Greater St. Louis Book Fair provides OLI clients computers.



2022 Angel Gala
Sunday, April 24, 2022

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DR. BEN CARSON

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Gifts Given in Honor of... August 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Happy Birthday!

Benjamin Bruno
From: Liesel Schneider

Julie Connors
From: Marianne Russell

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From: Chris Jones
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Healing

Larry Wibbenmeyer
From: John and Sharon Pisoni

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Lee and Pat Hanley
From: Ann Duer

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50th Wedding Anniversary
From: Joan and Mike Grady

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50th Wedding Anniversary
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Rob and Linda Telhorst
From: Sally Adams
Lisa Klempert
Joe and Linda Licata
Lucy Telthorst

Frank and Lucy Vatterott
50th Wedding Anniversary
From: Sam and Gloria Lee

In Honor

Marilyn Abkemeier
From: Michael and Joan Trull

All Moms
From: Craig and Diane Abt

Joan Andrews
From: Ryan Andrews

Ben and Judy Barton
From: Tricia Barton

Casey Bengé
From: Maggie Gebhardt

Bruce Bradley
From: Craig and Betsy Rebholz

Michelle Breihan
From: Tim and Stacy Breihan

Dr. Kelly Burch
From: Paul and Kelly Molaskey

The Children
From: Jan Kroen

Christ
From: Michael Janitch

Sammy Chunn
From: Ron Chunn

The Dowdy Family
From: Laura Dowdy

Pat Drury
From: Janet Gaia

Jack Dwyer
From: George and Carol Milne

Teresa Farrow
From: Margot Carr

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From: Robert Heideman

Mrs. Mary Pat Glauber
From: Frank and Ruth Stroble

God and Jesus
From: Michael Janitch

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From: Teresa Tichy

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Jean Hitt
From: Eileen Franke

Eugeniya Ilyashov
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Child Jesus
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From: Bradley Hornburg

My Daughter
From: Bonnie Dee

Nash Grandchildren
From: Sue Nash

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

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Longtime OLI friend and supporter

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Father of OLI staff Deb Draper-Shaw

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2022 Angel Gala
Sunday, April 24, 2022
Old Warson Country Club

Tee Off For Life Golf Tournament
Monday, June 27, 2022
Greenbriar Hills Country Club

Luncheon for Life
Thursday, September 22, 2022
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.

