

# **Preparing** for the **FUTURE**



This is such an exciting time in the life of Our Lady's Inn! While we are enormously proud of our decades-long history of serving expectant women in crisis and grateful for God's grace which has carried us thus far, it is to the future that we look at this moment in time.

Under the guidance of the Board of Directors, the organization is moving forward on plans designed to deepen the impact of the work we have been called to accomplish and to ensure the sustainability of the mission well into the future.

Over the last decade, we have seen a steady increase in the number of St. Louis County women seeking our services. In recent years, more than 50% of those we serve have been St. Louis County residents. Our decades of experience taught us that serving individuals where they are in proximity to their medical providers, schools, employment opportunities and where they desire to establish a home is the most effective service delivery methodology. So, to meet the growing need for maternity home services for the women of St. Louis County, the Board determined these women and children would be best served close to their home environment, rather than continuing to shuttle them to our homes in St. Louis City or Defiance.

A multi-year search for a location resulted in the identification of a piece of land upon which we could

build a maternity home. Our search covered all options including vacant schools, convents, churches and long abandoned multi-resident facilities. In the end, retrofitting an old space, performing asbestos and lead abatement and replacing plumbing and electrical systems proved a less satisfactory option than a new build. Now, the long-hoped for addition of a new maternity home in St. Louis County will be realized with the 2024 purchase of a multi-acre property in unincorporated St. Louis County on Big Bend Road.

The ranch style home, which will house up to twelve expectant women (and their children) has been designed and a new building campaign is being launched with a plethora of naming opportunities.

We are so very grateful for your continued support as we restore hope to pregnant mothers in crisis. Hope comes in many ways—the safety of a private bedroom, the reassurance of daily meals, compassionate care, and being treated with respect and dignity. *Thank you for your partnership in this restoration of hope!*  We offer a prayer of gratitude for the years of service rendered to Our Lady's Inn by retiring Board Members Joseph Herrmann, M.D. and Libby Gallogly. Joan Pisoni, after decades of Board service has been appointed to OLI's Advisory Board and Development Committee, where she will continue her work on behalf of the women and children we serve. Thank you, Lord, for these wonderful people and their commitment to our mission.

# Putting It All in Perspective

I am often asked what my role entails; and that question can be difficult to answer. No two days are the same and I work from each of our locations, but no matter where I am, there are things I must do which can be described as business administration. Our Lady's Inn is an agency guided by its mission but must be run like a business. My weeks entail regular meetings with staff, Board members, grant funders, and partner agencies. I have oversight responsibilities and support our leadership team members in their respective areas of finance, operations, programming and advancement. I am daily and actively engaged in HR, fundraising, and strategic planning, which includes being deeply involved in the design and planning of our new St. Louis County maternity home and related building campaign activities.

The best part of my week happens when I am in one of our maternity homes, and a new mom with a 6-week-old baby runs up

to show me her little guy in his first pair of jeggings (stretchy jeans) or another mom who has recently secured employment and is franticly asking for help to get a baby food stain out of her new work clothes. These moments put my business focused efforts into perspective and remind me why I do what I do. A giggling toddler hiding under my desk helps me remember that ensuring bills are paid and food is on the table for these women and children we serve is a very necessary part of what must happen to fulfill our mission. Sharing a meal with all the families, in a less than quiet dining room, wiping up spills and listening to their stories motivates me. Welcoming a new mom to the Inn fills me with joy. I am blessed to witness the fruits of our labor.

Preggy Forest Chief Executive Officer



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## How the Missouri Maternity Home Tax Credit works:

A donation of \$100 or more may be eligible for a Missouri Maternity Home Tax Credit equal to 70% of your donation amount. Donors may claim up to \$50,000 in tax credits per tax year; credits may not exceed taxpayer's state tax liability for the year. The tax credit which cannot be claimed in the tax year the contribution was made may be carried over to the next year.

To learn about eligibility for a tax credit or to request an application, please call Sandy Rustige at 314-736-1544.

	Donation Amount	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,000
CroAX	Missouri Maternity Home Tax Credit	70%	70%	70%
TOT	Tax Credit Benefit For Filing Your 2025 Missouri Income Tax Return	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$700
The state	Net Cash Out-of-Pocket	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$300

## Make a Donation Online



ourladysinn.org/ donate-now

# What's Happening at OLI...

# These precious babies were born at Our Lady's Inn between July 2024 and December 2024.

Aamani Amaira April Ayden Chase December Majesty Emilia Mouhamed Fatima Nigel Filipo Ur'Legend Je'ssiah

-welcome baby



Angel Gala

# Sunday, April 27, 2025

Honoring BEBE C. KENNEDY, PhD Special Guest Speaker JOHN O'LEARY

JOHN O'LEARY

Master of Ceremonies MARK GUYOL

Presenting Sponsor Darryl & Ellen Ross

# **Old Warson Country Club**

9841 Old Warson Road, Saint Louis, MO 63124

Cocktail Reception 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm

### \$200 per person

Cocktail Attire – Jackets Required Complimentary Valet Parking

Register Online at ourladysinn.org



For more information, contact Ann Moloney at 314-736-1544 or amoloney@ourladysinn.org

Memorial Cards and Prayer Enrollments available for loved ones and special occasions



Contact Ann Moloney at amoloney@ourladysinn.org or 314-736-1544 to receive any needed materials.



Our Lady's Inn is a grateful recipient of a grant from the Greater St. Louis Book Fair. We thank them for their ongoing support of the women and children residing at Our Lady's Inn!

2025 Greater St. Louis Book Fair May 1–4 at Queeny Park

Please join us in supporting this wonderful community event.

## Gifts Given in Memory of... July1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

All the Aborted Babies from: Melvin and Tina Bishop

Robert D. Atchison from: Tom and Mary Dyer

Pauline Banken from: Robert and Mary Schoonover

**Pete Baricevich** *from:* Jeff and Laurie Jost

**Evelyn Barron** *from:* Gary and Mary Lee Barron

Margaret Baxendale from: Katheleen Higgins

Lauri M. Bertschmann from: Katrina Becker Peggy Forrest Sam and Gloria Lee Patti Sturm Nancy Sullivan

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Raymond Brockland from: Dan and Teresa Stoeckel

David Brophy from: Patricia Brophy

Merle Brown from: Don and Kathy Goedeker

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Dan Carlsen from: Betsy Carlsen

Ross Carrabino from: Our Lady's Inn Staff Don and Kathy Goedeker

**Rosemary Childress** *from:* Anthony and Patti Sgroi

Bob Daley from: Don and Kathy Goedeker

Reverend John C. Deken from: Janet Deken

Ed Desloge, George B. Desloge, Patrick Desloge from: Mary Rose Desloge

Shirley A. Diehl from: Mike and Renee Dennison Dennis and Kathleen Ditch

#### George T. Dooling, Sr.

from: Martha Adams Oliver Block Jean Flanagan Peggy Forrest Garry and Becky Hicks Pamela Kalkbrenner Wesley and Mary Kempfer Nick and Kathy Ohlman Emil and Dianna Pozzo Anne Prendergast Jan Schmitt Brian and Lara Smith Kay Simokaitis Alice Younger

#### **Janice Dusold**

from: Bryan and Deb Meyer

Margaret Flanagan from: Kevin and Laura Flanagan Helen Goelitz Garcia from: Charles and Richelle Flecke

**Thomas J. Gilliam, Sr.** *from:* Tom and Molly Gilliam Don and Kathy Goedeker

Ray and Evelyn Goedeker from: Steve and Kathy Wieland

Holly Goodman from: Lillian Goodman

Mary Jean Gunderson from: Mark and Paula Bobak

David Hammann from: Don and Kathy Goedeker

**Bill Hannegan** *from:* Bob and Mary Garcia

Debbi Heffern from: Pat Heffern

Stanley Heinemann from: Rose Marie Heinemann

Carl J. Heumann, Sr. from: Angie Heumann

Bill and Bea Human from: Bob and Christy Hughes

The Hunt Twins from: Liz Leingang

Alecia "Peggy" Klobe from: Joseph Klobe

Ralph G. Klocker from: Mark and Theresa Klocker

Doug Kriete from: Kathy Benage Joan Grady Jean Kustura Clarence Novick

Ann Marie Lavite from: Randy and Patricia Adolph

Ann Marie Liese from: Al Liese

Robert Long from: Don and Kathy Goedeker

Marian R. Martin from: Raymond and Judy Jones Bobbie Myer Paul and Pat Spradling

Rich and Jane Mazurek from: Steven and Teresa Mazurek

**Rita McManus** *from:* Sean and Elisabeth McManus

Margaret G. Phillips McPherson from: Susie Phillips

Rudy Mendez from: Tom and Mary Dyer

Christopher Miller from: Don and Kathy Goedeker

Our Moms, Jane and Marie *from:* Joe and Joan Gleich

Dorothy Moore from: Jack and Laura Anderson

Raymund Mueller from: Greg and Charmaine Mueller

Barbara Mullarkey from: Mullarkey Associates, Inc.

Virginia D. Murphy from: David Murphy

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Anne Nolan from: C. K. Nolan

Paulette M. O'Donnell from: Steven and Erin O'Donnell

Joanne Brooks O'Neill from: Peggy Forrest

Bill and Pat Olwig from: Steve and Roseanne Schroeder

Our Deceased Parents from: Ken and Carol Kuehler

Our Deceased Parents and Grandparents from: Jim and Clare Martin

Rosemary K. Petruso from: Lenore Petruso

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Walter and Julianne Pieknik from: Chris and Olivia Pieknik

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

Lauri M. Bertschmann Former employee Marian R. Martin Twice Blessed volunteer Mary Ann Shay from: The Friday Morning Prayer Group

Virginia Lee Simpson from: Gary and Nancy Trimble

Mel and Carol Sitner from: Joseph and Geneline Mazzola

Audrey M. Smith from: Lawrence and Lucy Smith

Bill Sommer from: Margaret Sommer

Souls in Purgatory from: Jim and Jeanne Higdon

Dan W. Steinmann from: Mel Steinmann

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Joseph F. Viviano, Sr. from: Joe and Beth Viviano

JoAnne K. Vogt from: Edward and Theresa Vogt

Loretto Wagner from: Dorothy McKenna

Shirley J. Weinmann from: Edward Weinmann

Wayne Wibbenmeyer from: Don and Kathy Goedeker

Jaci Winship from: Sam and Gloria Lee

Ken and Mary Wolf

from: Tom and Judy Wolf

## Gifts Given in Honor of... July1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**Ben and Judy Barton** from: Tricia Barton

**Blessed Virgin Mary** from: Randy and Patricia Adolph

**Blessings Received** from: Liesel Schneider

**Glenn and Becky Boland** from: Mark Bass Skip and Nancy Herndon Nadine Schwaigert

**The Cooley Family** from: David and Alison Raymo

**Ginger Cox and Her Students for** Life Group from: Jay and Karen Savan

Jean Flanagan - Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma from: Jim and Kelly Lehn

Lee and Pat Hanley from: Ann Duer

Jill Jacobsen from: Erik Jacobsen

**Jesus Christ** from: Michael Janitch

Dr. and Dr. Thomas Keeline, Jr. from: Mark and Rebecca Niesen

Velda Mae Keller from: David and Vicki Keller

**Kevin F. Jones** from: Mary Carol Jones

**Harold and Catherine Leeman** from: Marcia Kistner

**Andy and Angelica Loeffler** from: Lisa Loeffler

Ray and Mary Lou Maassen from: Gary and Ann Maassen

All Mothers and Grandmothers from: Carmen Charleston

All the Mothers Who Said Yes to Life

from: Melvin and Tina Bishop

**Archbishop Joseph Naumann** from: Dave and Diane Snively

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Niesen, III from: Mark and Rebecca Niesen

**Evelyn Puleo** *from:* Laura Krueger

Marc and Heidi Radabaugh from: Kathryn Rengel

**Saint Anthony** from: Christine Page

Lisa Schaefer from: Bert and Lisa Schaefer

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Schaefer, Jr. from: Susan Meyer

**Dolores Schoener** from: Marcella Avery

Grant Smith. Jr. from: Grant and Sharon Smith

Father Leo Spezio from: Kristin Callahan

**Mrs. Kaaren Veatch** from: Jim and Mary Anne Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wagner from: Jim and Mary Anne Hall

**Heather Ward** from: Erik and Jill Jacobsen

The Brave Women Who Said Yes from: John and Cathy Dobrynski

Happy Anniversary!

**Tom and Sally Jost's 50th** from: Jeff and Laurie Jost

**Jerry and Rosemary Pieper's 60th** from: Tom and Mary Dyer

#### Happy Birthday!

**Father Joe Kempf** from: Kristin Callahan

Marriage Blessings!

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Duda from: Peggy Forrest



#### Work Anniversary

**Susan Johnson** from: Heather Boschert

#### **Retirement**

**Gloria Lee** from: Mike and Marisue Balek Don and Kathy Goedeker

Mark and Jill Mueller from: Jim and Rita Gibbons

#### Service & Volunteerism

The Ladies from Messiah **Lutheran Church in Weldon** Springs who serve: Barb, Nancy, Valerie and Diane from: Rebecca Hood

Mary Thuet, 40-year Volunteer for **Our Lady's Inn** from: Jane Hughes

# ST. LOUIS **WOMEN'S** CHAMPIONSHIP JUNE 18-22, 2025 | WHITMOOR CC An Official Event on the ANNIKA Women's All Pro Tour

# **Early Access to Pro-Am** for Supporters of Our Lady's Inn

#### The "Early Access" Package includes

- 3-person team in the Pro-Am: \$1,500 per team
- Free entry into the putting contest and all on-course contests
- Listing of team in the event program
- Six (6) tickets to the Pairings Party
- Pass to the VIP tent during the competition
- Our Lady's Inn Money Clip includes free beverages during Pro-Am



To register, go to ANNIKATourStl.com Click on Pro-Am Package and Select Our Lady's Inn Package. Our Lady's Inn is honored to be one of 3 benefiting organizations from the St. Louis Women's Championship Golf Tournament, June 18-22, 2025 at Whitmoor Country Club.

Thank you for your past support of OLI's golf tournament! This year, because we are benefiting from the ANNIKA Tournament. which is scheduled for the same time in June that we typically hold our own tournament, this will be our only golf event for 2025. We would love for you to continue to support Our Lady's Inn through golf by participating in the ANNIKA tournament.

Go to ANNIKATourStl.com to register. Click the Pro-Am Package button, then select the Our Lady's Inn Package!



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# **SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS IN 2024**

