

A Thankful Mother and Son



When I found out I was pregnant, I was alone and scared. I didn't know what to do. I knew I had a responsibility to this unborn child to give it the best life I could. If you were to ask me, "Where do you see yourself in the future," I would have answered, "I don't know."

When I first came to Our Lady's Inn, I was scared, ashamed, alone and felt broken because I still didn't know how I was going to raise my child on my own. It was very hard for me to adapt in the beginning, but with the warm hearts and guidance of the staff, I soon adjusted very well.

I remember the first few days I was there, the Program Director was always there with a tissue to dry my tears while telling me, "It will be ok." I so appreciated her guiding me and giving me a second chance.

OLI's nurses helped me prepare for my new baby and guide me through every step of pregnancy and to prepare me for the days to come. I had a special bond and relationship with both of them, along with many other mothers. They were always there if you needed them. They truly do love what they do. I thank them both for giving me the extra confidence I needed to become a good mom for my son.

My journey at Our Lady's Inn was hard at times, but life-changing. They guided me through many of life's obstacles. Many of the staff had faith in me when I didn't and helped me realize I am a strong woman and I could do things on my own.

After I left Our Lady's Inn, the love and support continued with the Aftercare program. Words can't express how thankful I am still to this day for my Aftercare Coordinator and Our Lady's Inn for what they offered me through the program; because of the Aftercare program I was able to have my own apartment.

Having my own apartment gave me a sense of accomplishment that I thought I would never have. Throughout the year, Our Lady's Inn helped me get a job, learn financial responsibility by putting me on a budget to pay my own bills, buy a car and save enough money to open the next chapter in my life.

I want to end my story with all the thanks I can give to everyone at Our Lady's Inn. They are truly a blessing to my son and me. I am so grateful that you all believed in me when I couldn't. Because of you and your kind hearts and many years of support, I am a proud mother of a healthy, very energetic little boy and a loving wife to my husband.

Thank you all so much!

Updates from our CEO

This summer has seen much activity at the Inn. Since early in the year, we have housed record numbers of children who are arriving at the Inn with their mothers. We have been blessed by the presence of several very special kiddos—one whose mobility depended upon a motorized wheelchair, two others who've been diagnosed on the Spectrum and another with speech delay. Our Child Advocates work closely with the families to secure appropriate resource supports and referrals for services which had not yet been accessed. All of the children with us have reaped the benefits of a variety of recreational opportunities: day camps, swimming at the YMCA, a night at Circus Flora, and attending a Cardinals game. Tickets and access to these activities were donated for the benefit of our families.

Substantial wind and hail damage was sustained at our Defiance home on May 16th; much time and effort has been spent on getting all the repairs completed. I must credit our Facilities Operations Manager, who coordinated with a multitude of vendors, securing and analyzing bids. Repairs are underway!

In recent weeks, we have launched our Comprehensive Campaign—*Preparing for the Future*—to support the construction of our new maternity home in St. Louis County while also sustaining annual and planned-giving, thus ensuring Our Lady's Inn's legacy of housing pregnant women and children in crisis. The Campaign allows for one-time and multi-year gift commitments as well as naming opportunities. Gifts to the Campaign may be eligible for the Missouri Maternity Home Tax Credit. Please visit the Campaign page on our website to learn more.



Now in our 44th year of sheltering and supporting pregnant women in crisis, we continue the mission with your faithful support. Know that we pray for you each day and are filled with gratitude for all you do for mothers in crisis.

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campaign online at
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Exterior Rendering



Aerial View
of Property

What's Happening at OLI...

These precious babies were born at Our Lady's Inn between January 2025 and June 2025.

A'Kai	Jahmir	Luka
Akasha	James	Prescious
Avery	Kashlyn	Shiloh
Da'Leijah	Lola	Zamari

welcome baby



Highlights from April 27th

Angel Gala

This year's Gala was a wonderful gathering of supporters. We are humbled by the generosity and encouragement of all the sponsors, attendees, and donors. Thank you!

Here are just a few of the moments that made the evening memorable. We honored BeBe Kennedy with the Angel of Life Award. John O'Leary inspired us to be "On Fire for Life!" Thank you to Mark Guyol for leading us through the evening.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year! Thank you again for the support!



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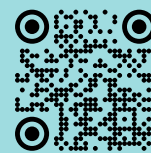
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Effective August 29th, 2025, the cap on the Missouri Maternity Home Tax Credit will **increase** from \$50,000 **to \$100,000**. Donors may now claim up to a \$100,000 tax credit per tax year; the credit may not exceed a taxpayer's state tax liability for that year. The tax credit may be carried over to the next year if it cannot be claimed in the tax year the contribution was made.

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

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Donation Amount	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Missouri Maternity Home Tax Credit	70%	70%	70%
Tax Credit Benefit For Filing Your 2025 Missouri Income Tax Return	\$70,000	\$7,000	\$3,500
Net Cash Out-of-Pocket	\$30,000	\$3,000	\$1,500

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The Victims of the Uvalde School Tragedy

from: Travis Coleman

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from: Snooks Wessler

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from: Tom and Judy Wolf

Birthday Remembrance

Lucille Jockenhoefer's Sister
from: Dave Jockenhoefer

Julianne Pieknik

from: Chris and Olivia Pieknik

Father's Day Remembrance

Walter A. Pieknik

from: Chris and Olivia Pieknik

Robert Schisla

from: Barb Montanye

Mother's Day Remembrance

Julianne Pieknik

from: Chris and Olivia Pieknik

Alma Schisla

from: Barb Montanye

My world is composed of
people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

It will do great work,
if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts
to many causes, if I am a
generous giver.

It will be a world of loyalty
and love, of fearlessness and
faith, of compassion, charity,
and mercy, if I, who make
it what it is, am filled with
these same things.

Therefore, with the help
of God, I now dedicate
myself to the task of
being all the things that
I want my world to be.

Amen

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

William Ross III

Son of Special OLI Friends

Joseph G. Lipic, Sr.

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Archbishop Joseph Naumann's 20th Anniversary of Installation as Archbishop of Kansas City

from: Peggy Forrest

Our Lady's Inn 43rd Anniversary

from: Ann Moloney
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Christopher and Olivia Pieknik's 36th Wedding Anniversary

from: Christopher and Olivia Pieknik

Vince and Marybeth Strauss' 20th Wedding Anniversary

from: David and Colleen Shekleton

Monsignor Ted Wojcicki's 50th Ordination Anniversary

from: Peggy Forrest

Happy Birthday

Patricia Nesbitt

from: Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt

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Friendship

My Long Friendship with Mary Ann Shoptaugh

from: Judith Witzel

Gratitude For

My Family

from: Mark and Jean Flanagan

A Favor Received

from: Dave and Diane Snively

Healing

Good Health for Joan Suntrup

from: Lisa Geraghty

Marriage

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Mother's Day

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from: Joe and Elena Switzer

Recovery

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from: Mary Angela Tumulty

Retirement

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Saturday, November 15, 2025
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● **Silent Auction**
● **Contest Prizes**
● **Raffles**

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Thursday, September 25, 2025
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*Thank
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To those of you who responded to our Tornado Relief Appeal—we are truly grateful for your gift!

On May 16th, tornadoes caused substantial damage in Defiance at Our Lady's Inn: twenty-seven windows needed repair, as does the fencing surrounding the property, and all four of our vehicles sustained damage. After the insurance payment, our out-of-pocket costs to complete the necessary repairs are nearly \$60,000. We are happy to report that repairs are underway.

At the St. Louis City Inn, OLI is serving as a partner in the relief effort by taking in pregnant mothers and their children displaced by the tornado. We are also helping women in our Aftercare Program to navigate alternate housing and have provided needed supplies.

We are continuing to accept donations online for this specific need. Please go to ourladysinn.org/donate. Thank you!

