



New Additions

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6/5/2024 - BOY

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8/8/2024 - GIRL

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8/29/2024 - GIRL

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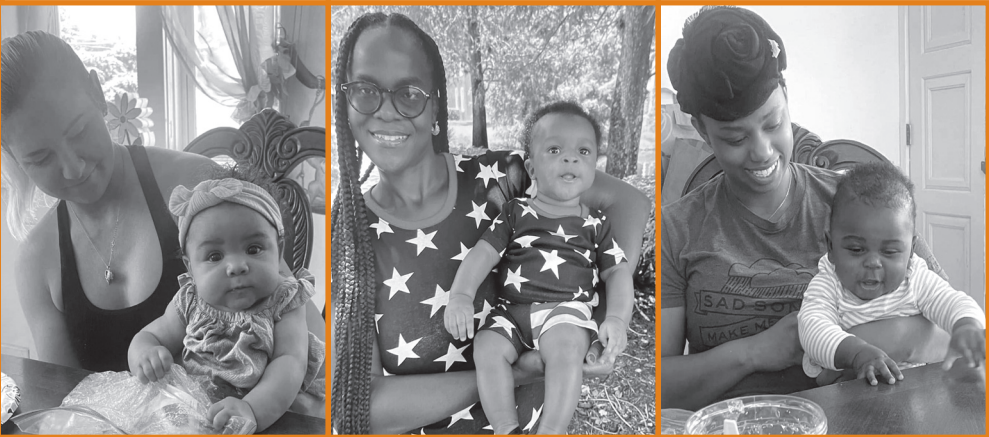


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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello Friends!



I hope you enjoyed a restful summer and had time with family and friends. After a quiet, peaceful summer, our residents are looking forward to the fall and the upcoming holiday celebrations and the love and support they feel from the community. The long, hot summer days remind us how fortunate we are to be able to provide a respite from the heat for our residents and their infants, who if not for Mothers' Home, may have been living in their cars or on the streets. We are grateful to our donors and supporters who assist us in providing a safe space for the women who seek us out. Please take a moment to read the letter/testimonial in the Resident Spotlight section from our former resident. Her story is similar to so many of the women who find their way to Mothers' Home and her journey is inspiring. Shortly after writing this letter, she achieved her goal of finding an apartment for herself and her daughter due in December and has moved out to begin a new chapter of her life. She is confident in the skills she developed at Mothers' Home and her ability to live independently and provide for her child. We are extremely proud of her and know she is on the road to a brighter future. She was truly an incredible resident who we hope to continue hearing great achievements from in the future.

Once again, our Annual Golf Outing was a huge success! We are so grateful to all of our sponsors, donors and golfers, and to the Golf Committee, especially Mike Fromhold and Brooke Keith, and the staff at Paxon Hollow who helped make it a fabulous event. This is our one major fundraiser, and we are thankful to all who contributed in any way. Our Board continues to work hard to fill the gap from the loss of our state funding.

We are sincerely grateful to all of you who continue to support us and our mission of providing safe housing and assistance to pregnant women in need and their newborns.

Enjoy the beautiful fall days ahead!

- Brigid Risko, Executive Director
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WSFS DAY OF SERVICE

Thank you to employees of WSFS who spent the day working in our diaper and donations rooms, and deep cleaning our kitchen!

FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES



Thank you to Joyce Harden who teaches our Financial Literacy classes. Joyce is an employee of Villanova University working on her MBA. She teaches critical skills such as budgeting, saving, salary negotiation, reading a lease and much more! She is preparing and empowering our residents to live independently with a sound financial plan.

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE TRAINING



Training for our staff on trauma related behavior with helpful guidance from Katie Fries, MSW, LCSW, a Psychotherapist with extensive knowledge on all things related to trauma.

Thanks to our donors, we are able to provide this essential training for our staff.

STAFF RECOGNITION: *Kaye Washington*

Well-deserved recognition from CHOP's Homeless Health Initiative for our Program and Residential Services Manager, Kaye Washington. Kaye has dedicated herself to the well-being of women and children and is a cherished member of our staff. We are beyond fortunate and grateful to have Kaye on our team and for our partnership with CHOP. Together, we can make a difference in the health and well-being of women and children in our communities.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

My journey at Mothers' Home has been one of the most life changing, empowering, and challenging journeys I've ever experienced. Since Mothers' Home decided to welcome me in, with open arms and safety/security, I have developed in so many ways. Mothers' Home has helped me become more independent, responsible, mature, and through it all I've received so much love. I grew up in the heart of North Philadelphia, in a very rough neighborhood, with a single mom of 3 girls. My life was never easy. I found out at age 26 that I was pregnant, with my baby girl and I had been previously homeless for almost 2 years, until Mothers' Home welcomed us in. Since being at Mothers' Home, I have learned how to become completely independent and self-sufficient. I have learned to set healthy boundaries, I have learned to make better decisions health wise and overall, I have learned to be less impulsive and more intentful, I have learned to trust the process, I have learned to have stronger faith, I have learned to never give up, I have learned financial literacy skills, I have learned to adapt to my surroundings, and I have learned that

it is okay to ask for help or guidance when needed. My goal is to save as much money as I can, and to provide a safe haven for my baby girl so that we can be together as a family. I work sun-up to sun-down to achieve that goal and I am so close to reaching my goal. I am due in December, and I plan to be back on my feet, in our home, sooner than my due date. My baby girl means everything to me, she is my world, my motivation, my blessing, my JOY. God has blessed me, and this is only a testimony of deliverance, of faith and how I can overcome anything. If it wasn't for Mothers' Home, I don't know where we would be, and by the Grace of God. I thank Mothers' Home for accepting me, keeping my baby and I safe, and for trusting me to do the right thing. If I can do it, I know any Mother can! We are all strong, brave, beautiful, and bright! Thank you!!!

Sincerely,
A Mothers' Home Resident, Believer, and Achiever!

Did You Know?

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA to a qualified charity. QCD distributions are tax free as long as they're paid directly from your IRA to an eligible charitable organization (which Mothers' Home is). QCDs can also count towards your RMD for the year.

A win-win!

Check with your tax/financial advisor for details.

