



MARY'S REFUGE

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Hi, I'm Allison.

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. As I step into my new role as the Director of Mary's Refuge, I bring with me a wealth of experience and a heart dedicated to nurturing and empowering those in need.

With a decade-long tenure at St. Joseph School, where I served as a teacher and preschool director, I have honed skills that are directly transferable to my new responsibilities. Guiding young minds through their early years taught me the importance of patience, empathy, and fostering an environment of growth and learning. I am excited to channel these qualities into ensuring that Mary's Refuge remains a haven of support for mothers-to-be, fostering an atmosphere of trust and encouragement.

My journey as the coordinator of the St. Joseph Angel's ministry, for 16 years, has allowed me to work with the same population we now serve at Mary's Refuge and has shaped my commitment to serving the community..

Through this role, I have extended a helping hand to mothers in vulnerable situations, embracing the values of compassion and solidarity. This experience has further fueled my passion for creating an environment at Mary's Refuge where every mother feels valued, understood, and equipped to navigate the challenges ahead.

On a personal note, I am celebrating 25 years of marriage and am blessed with three wonderful children. We moved to West Virginia in 2006 and have attended St. Bernadette's Catholic Church in Hedgesville. I love gardening, cooking, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Stepping into the role of Director at Mary's Refuge is an honor I hold close to my heart. I am eager to combine my educational background, community involvement, and personal values to create an environment where each mother can find the strength, resources, and support needed for her unique journey. Every life is precious, and I am committed to upholding the dignity and potential of both mothers and their unborn children.

Quick update on the home, we have two mothers in the home and both have had their babies since their arrival. One mom is working on learning how to build a resume, interviewing and applying for jobs locally. Our second mom just had her baby boy on August 6th and is recovering. She plans to attend classes at Blue Ridge.

WARM REGARDS

Allison Ferrell

HELLO



JAXEN

BORN AUG 6, 2023
and came home on August 14, 2023.

Since he has been home, he is thriving and has
gained over a pound!



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SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 9, 2023



SHALL WE

SAVE YOU A SPOT?

Scan the QR Code or visit marysrefuge.com/gala to reserve a table or purchase tickets.

CURRENT NEEDS

SUPPORTING NEIGHBORS AND LIFE.

Our work is only possible because of private donors like you who go the extra mile. Currently, our maternity home has a small list of needs that will make a huge impact.

- ✓ Bottle & Nipple Brushes
- ✓ Baby Bathtubs
- ✓ Baby Towels
- ✓ Toilet Paper
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Diapers Sizes 3, 4, & 5

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CURRENT WISHLIST

OUR MOMS ARE LOOKING FOR A
FEW CREATURE COMFORTS.

- ✓ Baby Sound Machine
- ✓ Organizers/Space Savers for
- ✓ Mother's Bedrooms
- ✓ Face Masks
- ✓ Hair Ties
- ✓ Monthly Planners



Volunteer Spotlight.

Carrie W. is one of our home volunteers. She comes to the home once a week, cooks dinner, visits with moms and babysits so mom has a break. Thank you for all of the support you provide, Carrie!