



MARY'S REFUGE



FROM THE RESIDENTS

Our moms are busy building brighter futures—attending beauty school, driving school, externships, GED classes, culinary school, working in the daycare, and starting new jobs, including a peer recovery support specialist.

Fall has also brought fun and celebration: cooking pumpkin rolls, carving pumpkins, visiting pumpkin patches, and enjoying all the seasonal traditions as we look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We also had a very special visitor: Jolene, a service dog who brought joy and comfort to our residents.

WARM REGARDS

Allison Ferrell

From the Desk of the Executive Director:

We may have skipped over Summer, but it was far from quiet at Mary's Refuge! This season, we are proudly housing 11 mothers and 12 children—with 4 more little ones on the way. We have been incredibly blessed by the generosity of our coalition of churches, individual donors, and those contributing items from our wishlist.

Exciting changes are on the horizon: renovations in our attic will create transitional apartments for mothers who have completed our program but need a little more time before fully stepping into independence. This extra support allows them to save for the first month's rent, a car, or other essential expenses—helping us break cycles of poverty, one step at a time.





Community

SPOTLIGHT

In September, the **Junior League** featured Mary's Refuge as one of their sponsored community partners. From donating essential items to inviting us to share our mission at their monthly meeting, their support is invaluable. We are thrilled to partner with them on their signature project, Box of Basics (BOB), which equips young adults with the skills and confidence to thrive in the kitchen and beyond.



HELLO

BABY

**BORN JULY 24 &
AUGUST 25, 2025!**

This summer, we welcomed two beautiful baby girls into the Mary's Refuge family! Each new life is a precious reminder of the love, hope, and new beginnings that grow within our home every day.



Our case worker, Haliegh, joined one of our mothers in a roadside cleanup with the Junior League—a perfect example of community in action!

Help Us Stock the Kitchen

Our cooking classes at Mary's Refuge are growing—and so is our need for supplies! These classes provide moms with practical skills, confidence, and a sense of community as they learn to prepare healthy meals for their families.

As we expand, we're refreshing our kitchen essentials and would greatly appreciate your help! We're currently in need of:

- mixing bowls
- knife sets
- hand mixers
- cutting boards
- can openers
- tongs
- measuring cups
- pots and pans

Every donation helps us continue to create a warm, nurturing space where moms can learn, grow, and share the joy of cooking together.



PLAY IT FORWARD

THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS GIFT

This **Giving Tuesday**, your generosity could turn into the hottest gift under the tree. We're raffling off a PlayStation 5 Pro bundle valued at over \$1,000—and every ticket helps us continue our mission of Mary's Refuge.

TICKETS \$25 — 5 FOR \$100
EACH BEST VALUE!

PRIZE INCLUDES:

- PLAYSTATION 5 PRO CONSOLE
- EXTRA DUALSENSE CONTROLLER
- PULSE 3D WIRELESS HEADSET
- \$100 PLAYSTATION STORE GIFT CARD



Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day, add an item to a box and drop off in the collection "pack n play" at your church. Pick up will be January 5, if you have items after January 5, please schedule a drop off time.



EVERY ITEM
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE

Scan QR code for the
full calendar of items
to donate.

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2026

CURRENT NEEDS

SUPPORTING NEIGHBORS AND LIFE.

- Cookware set
- Cooking utensil set
- Glass measuring cup set
- Mixing bowls
- Knife sets
- Hand mixers
- Cutting boards
- Can openers
- Tongs
- Mini first aid kit
- Blood Pressure & Stethoscope Kit
- Broom and dustpan

SEE OUR WISHLIST HERE



WHERE EXPECTANT MOTHERS
NEED HELP

LEARN MORE AT [MARYSREFUGE.COM/HOW-TO-HELP](https://marysrefuge.com/how-to-help)



Volunteer Spotlight

We're so grateful for the incredible generosity and dedication of Chris Curtin and his son, who have become an essential part of the Mary's Refuge family. From providing handyman services and delivering donations to hanging items and installing baby gates, they're always ready to lend a helping hand—no matter the task.



Their willingness to step in wherever needed makes such a difference in keeping our home safe, welcoming, and well cared for. Thank you, Chris and son, for your kindness, reliability, and the heart you bring to every project!

MEET THE NEED VOLUNTEER

If you would like to volunteer, please fill out our application on our website. Virtus and background check is required.

- ✓ Stable Housing
- ✓ Educational Resources
- ✓ Prenatal Care
- ✓ Parenting Classes

JOIN THE CRADLE CLUB



LEARN MORE AT [MARYSREFUGE.COM/CRADLE-CLUB](https://marysrefuge.com/cradle-club)

THE IMPACT

The Cradle Club is a special way to support moms and babies at Mary's Refuge by providing consistent monthly donations. **We're looking for 10 people to join each month and make a lasting impact!** Every contribution helps create a safe, nurturing space for mothers to build brighter futures.

- ✓ Building Maintenance
- ✓ Food & Clothing Necessities
- ✓ Maternity Home Utilities
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Stable Staffing