



MARY'S REFUGE



From the Desk of the Executive Director:

The past few months at Mary's Refuge have been full in the best way! Full of life, growth, and moments that remind us why this work matters. Our 4th annual Gala was a beautiful evening of hope, shared stories, and gratitude, with more than 200 members of our community standing beside us in support.

Inside the home, this season brought simple but meaningful joys. Cooking classes became shared meals, with our mothers caring not only for their own children but for the whole household. Thanksgiving was lovingly prepared by parishioners from St. Bernadette, and Christmas overflowed with generosity through Angel Tree gifts, support from our local fire department, and The Hose Family Foundation. Each mother prepared a dish that reminded her of home, filling the house with warmth, laughter, and tradition. We even welcomed Santa into our chapel.

We celebrated Valentine's Day together with games, fellowship, and plenty of smiles.

During the winter storm, we were reminded of the importance of being prepared and caring for one another. Now, we look toward spring with hope and anticipation for warmer weather and outdoor activities.

FROM THE RESIDENTS

Two of our mothers graduated from the program this winter and are now stepping into independent life with new jobs, apartments, and reliable transportation. Watching them move forward with confidence is one of our greatest joys.

We also opened our first two transitional apartments. These new spaces provide a gentle next step more time to save, plan, and build stability. Their move also opened two rooms in the maternity home, which were filled within the same week, reminding us how great the need continues to be.

Residents stepped into leadership by helping lead classes in basic Spanish, hygiene, and crafts. Encouraging one another and building confidence along the way.

WARM REGARDS

Allison Ferrell





Community SPOTLIGHT

The Martinsburg Initiative Parenting Program has begun meeting with our mothers twice each week, offering encouragement, practical guidance, and steady support as they grow into confident, capable parents.



HELLO

BABY

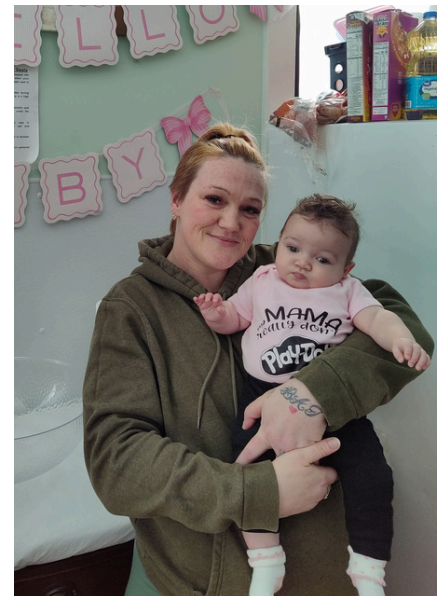
BORN NOVEMBER 3 &
DECEMBER 8, 2025!

This winter, we joyfully welcomed three beautiful babies into the Mary's Refuge family — twins (a boy and girl) in November and a sweet baby boy in December. Each precious arrival is a powerful reminder of the hope, love, and fresh beginnings that fill our home each day.

Prayer
REQUESTS

Please pray for the health of our children and families, especially those facing seasonal illness, and for continued strength and peace within our home.

winter memories in photos



JOIN US ON
THE GREEN



*drive
impact*

Proceeds will benefit our
Fatherhood Program,
supporting dads as they grow,
lead, & build strong families.

APRIL 27

2026



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Gala

NOVEMBER 6

2026

CURRENT NEEDS

SUPPORTING NEIGHBORS AND LIFE.

- Diaper Rash Cream
- Twin Waterproof Mattress Pads
- Shower Caddy
- Collapsible Wagon Cart
- Down Pillows
- Broom & Dustpan
- Mini First Aid Kit
- Laundry Detergent
- All-Purpose Cleaner Spray
- Wipes
- Diapers sizes 6 & 7
- Paper Towels & Toilet Paper

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

Volunteers from St. James, St. Joseph, and St. Bernadette have given their time and hands to demolition work and window installation at our new property. Their quiet, faithful service is helping create space for more mothers and babies to be welcomed and supported.



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
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JOIN THE CRADLE CLUB



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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

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