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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF NEW
BEGINNINGS – A HOME FOR MOTHERS

MILWAUKEE, WI



WHERE DOES HELP COME FROM?

At New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers, we are reminded of the words from Psalm 121:1-2: “I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Navigating through life comes with many hardships, and for the mothers we serve, those hardships can often feel insurmountable. Many come to us as having never experienced a true “break” in life. For these women, finding faith and trusting in God’s plan can seem like an impossible task. Yet, our mission is to meet these mothers where they are in their faith journey and help them see that God’s love and guidance are ever-present.

Our program is designed to nurture both spiritual and personal growth, providing a foundation where hope and faith can flourish. Through daily devotions, we encourage mothers to reflect on their past and current struggles in light of God’s promises. These devotions serve as a reminder that even in their most challenging moments, they are never alone—God is ALWAYS with them, guiding their steps and shaping their future. By fostering an environment of trust and faith, we aim to help these women build stronger connections with God and discover the strength they need to overcome life’s obstacles. With His help, they can begin to see a brighter future not only for themselves but for their children as well.

PRESENTATION & INFORMATIONAL REQUESTS

Interested in learning more or helping spread the word about what exactly New Beginnings does? Reach out to our Case Manager, Ruth Westphal, to schedule a presentation, today! Call **414-376-0595** or email her directly at **ruthw@homeformothers.com**.

WELCOME E & BABY BOY!

I was born in Milwaukee then moved to Texas when I was 9 years old. I have 4 sisters and 2 brothers. We grew up going to church our family is big on Christianity. I grew up becoming selfish and stubborn after my dad died when I was 14, being the oldest of 6 and I felt I did not get enough attention. I eventually got pregnant at the age of 18. I did not tell anybody until I was 4 months pregnant, because I didn't know what to do. Eventually I turned to God, and he began to remove and add people to my life. My mom and a community shelter helped me to get into New Beginnings so I can start my journey as a single mom. I am hoping to feel like myself again, like when I was 12 years old. I was happy and loved going to church and reading the Bible, I know New Beginnings can help me with that. Teen pregnancy is hard, but I know New Beginnings can help me succeed with my future life with my baby.



WELCOME E & BABY GIRL!



I was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I have no biological siblings. I am the only child to my mother and father. My mother and I were very close before her passing; my father was never really involved in my life. Due to my mother's passing I ended up in foster care, jumping from home-to-home, group home to group home, until I aged out of the system at 18. I tried creating stability for myself, having a job and my own apartment. Things weren't easy but I managed, I made mistakes along the way I went from one toxic relationship to another toxic relationship which led me to getting pregnant. I decided to keep the baby and leave the toxic relationship. It was the best decision I've made.

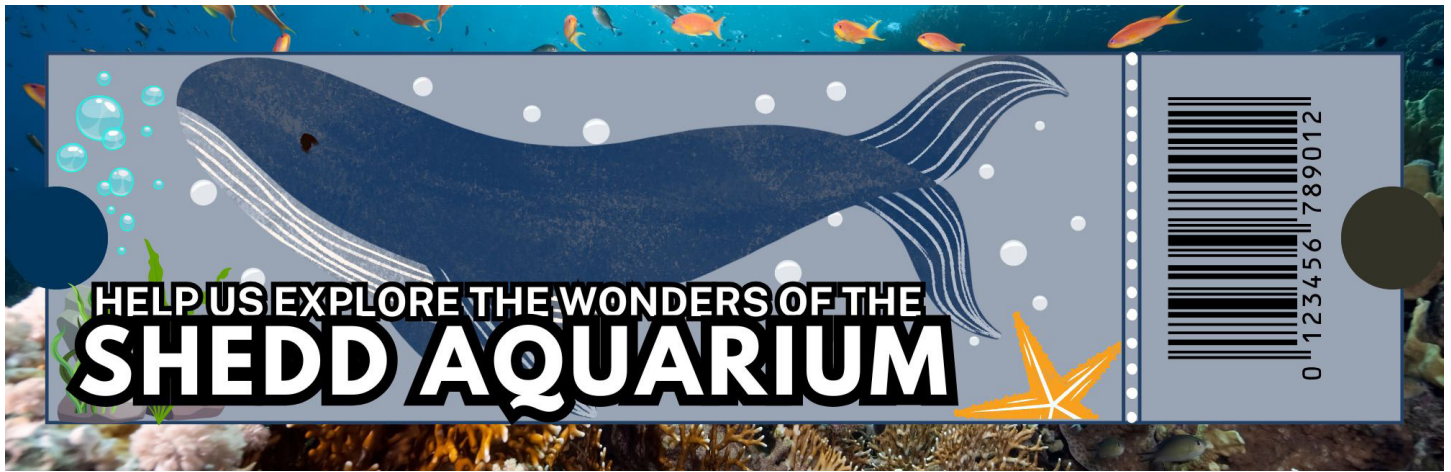
IT'S FREEZING!

Now more than ever, we are in need of volunteers! This is Wisconsin, and it is COLD outside! Our mothers are pregnant or have a small child in their care. They need rides to appointments, to pick up prescriptions, and to get groceries. Help us keep these women safe and warm by contacting us today if you can assist with transportation. Together, we can make a difference in their lives by showing them the love and support they need to thrive.



NEW BEGINNINGS LEARNS TO PAINT

Rachel Rosenberg, a local artist and Art teacher at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, came to New Beginnings on January 20th and taught the residents and staff how to paint a picture using canvas and acrylics as the medium. We all had a wonderful time, and Rachel has agreed to come again in the future!



Winter can feel long and isolating, but New Beginnings is planning an exciting trip to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, IL, to bring a little adventure and joy to our residents. This outing is more than just a day away; it's an opportunity for our moms and children to bond, explore the beauty of marine life, and learn together in a fun, educational setting.

This trip will also give our residents a chance to beat the winter blues and enjoy a much-needed break from the routine. However, we need your support to make this experience possible!

Your donation will help cover the cost of transportation, tickets, and meals for this unforgettable experience. Every contribution, big or small, will bring us closer to giving our residents this day of discovery and joy. Scan the QR code or use the enclosed envelope to donate!



Thank you for helping us create lasting memories and brighten the winter for our New Beginnings families!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The silent auction for the Cambridge Property has closed, thank you to all who took part in taking us one step closer to our goal! The auction of belongings and equipment on the property netted over \$50,000 for the Capital Campaign. Soon, we will make the property available for purchase.



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