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A Home for Mothers located in Milwaukee, WI

Growing Branches



MAY FLOWERS

by Carmelita Aufdemberge, Executive Director

As we enter May and leave April behind, I cannot help but reflect on the past. Many changes occurred at New Beginnings, and I am not just talking about mothers, babies, or the staff. The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated a rapid response that dramatically changed the way we have always done things. Church is a great example of this. If you are like me, you had grown up in an environment where Church was a place to gather to hear the Word of God and be encouraged by fellow Christians. The pandemic removed the physical gathering of Christians for a number of weeks in order to protect lives. Yet, we are still a family of believers – each given gifts to be used for HIS glory. 1 Corinthians 12:20-28 says:

"But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'; nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor

to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the member should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ and members individually."

So, what do we do? We stay connected. Much like we do when a loved one who has moved to another state, we still find a way to stay in touch. We write, email, call, and video chat to maintain the bond of fellowship and to encourage one another in the performance of good works (Ephesians 2:10). We cherish the bond we share when we are gathered together in worship. When unable to gather, we still encourage.

Meanwhile, the babies at New Beginnings are blooming as they grow in a safe, Christian home, and the mothers of New Beginnings are blooming as they learn about their Savior! The women at New Beginnings are continuing with career coaching and Christian counseling, and they have just completed their parenting class! The work continues.

Thank you for your support! ♦

A MESSAGE FROM TALEYA, OUR PREVIOUS OPERATIONS MANAGER

Being a part of the New Beginnings team for the last 3½ years has been such a blessing in my life. I've truly enjoyed the ability to bring help and God's Word to members of our community who are in need. While I am moving on to another employment opportunity, I will keep this ministry and the families we serve in my prayers. I trust that God will bring along the right person to fill this role and continue serving his people through this position. Thank you to all our donors and supporters who allow this ministry to thrive!



Taleya was a great Operations Manager, and we were so grateful to have her on the team!



Hello from the new Operations Manager! Brenda Henning:

Hello, my name is Brenda Hennings. I am the new Operations Manager at New Beginnings-A Home for Mothers. I am blessed to have this opportunity to grow in faith while sharing my knowledge with others, and learn from them as well. I have spent the past 28 years working at a diverse family owned business which allowed me to grow in my role from Office Manager to Human Resources Manager. I hope to use my talents and skills at New Beginnings by helping the organization, as well as the residents, continue to grow in their mission. I pray God will use me in this ministry to change lives. I enjoy spending time with my family which includes Lady, our Miniature Pincher.

GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

Our Change for Life program was hit hard by COVID-19. It is our largest fundraising effort each year, and because churches had to stop gathering, many churches could not participate as they usually do. Our Change for Life program incorporates themes for each giving season, and our theme for May is "God's Greatest Gift." The program is simple to organize at your church or workplace. However, if your church or workplace is still not gathering in person, consider an online or over-the-phone donation instead. Learn more by emailing Christina at christinap@homeformothers.com. Please consider participating in this life-changing project!

OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

New Beginnings took the necessary steps to protect our residents, staff, volunteers, and donors during the COVID-19 pandemic. We canceled social events, practiced social distancing, moved the career coaching and parenting classes to an online platform, video conferenced the moms' continuing Bible classes with Pastor Robinson from Fairview Ev. Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, allowed the staff to work from home and communicate with the residents via telephone or videoconferencing, and restricted visitors and volunteers from entering New Beginnings.

In addition, we asked people to hold off bringing in-kind items to New Beginnings unless they could go through an enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedure. By the time you read this issue, we may have already lifted those restrictions.

You can still help!

We've made adjustments in our routine during the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Yet, your support in the following areas will keep New Beginnings thriving. Consider providing any of the following:

- Unopened packages of diapers, baby wipes, and any items that can be shipped directly from a store (new items).
- Gift cards and monetary donation to purchase necessary items for the women and babies currently living at New Beginnings.
- A financial donation of any amount which is critically needed on an ongoing basis.



We appreciate your support! Those who have supported us through the pandemic will receive a letter from the New Beginnings' family along with a button with baby Noah in the background! Wear your button to show your support!



WELCOME, SHAQUONE!

Shaquone gave birth to her daughter, Naomi, in March!

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?

You can support our ministry while you shop online! Simply start at smile.amazon.com, rather than the regular Amazon page. Select "New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers" as your charity (smile.amazon.com/ch/84-1215090), and a portion of your purchase goes to the mothers and babies we serve.



New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers is a Christ-centered ministry for single mothers and their children operated by Christian Life Resources. The home has been serving residents since 1993. It is supported entirely by the generous support and prayers of those who are committed to sharing Christ and reflecting his sacrificial love.

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New Beginnings appreciates your prayers to our gracious God on our behalf. We also appreciate your gifts.

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Where to find the Card ID #: MC/Visa/Discover: 3-digit code on back; AMEX: 4-digit code on front.

☐ I want to support this ministry on a regular basis. Send me information on becoming a monthly donor. *Required
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Meijer, other grocery stores)
Diapers size 3-5

Baby clothes (boys) sizes 3-24 months
Baby clothes (girls) sizes 3-6 months
Hand soap

Complete list: **homeformothers.com**
Mail large packages to the home:
9215 W. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53226

Additional ways to give material
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Amazon Wish List**



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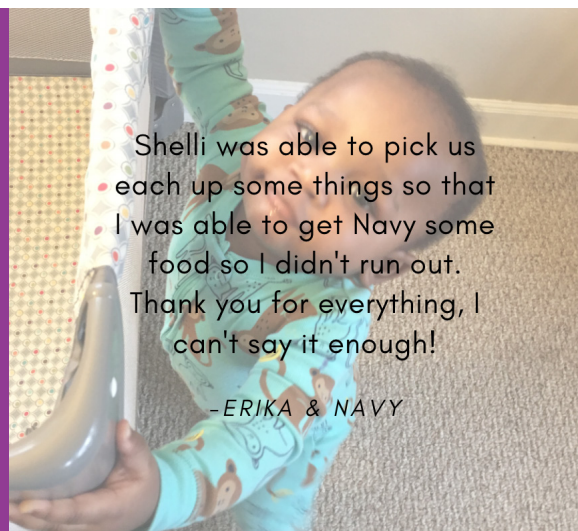
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During the stay-at-home order, the moms were running out of needed supplies and food. Through your monetary donations, our case manager, Shelli, bought needed items, and our director ordered groceries that the moms asked for. Some of you also responded to e-mail and Facebook requests by donating food. Erika has a message to all donors who helped during this crisis.



Shelli was able to pick us
each up some things so that
I was able to get Navy some
food so I didn't run out.
Thank you for everything, I
can't say it enough!

-ERIKA & NAVY

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