

February 2025

Heart to Heart



Mission

Mary's Inn is a maternity home dedicated to the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of single pregnant mothers and their developing babies. It is a safe haven where they can stay while learning the skills they need to make a better life for themselves and their babies.



Celebrating
10th Anniversary

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Dear friends,

February is one of those months that is easy to both love and hate. I love it because it's the month of love (can you say "St. Valentine's Day?") but I also love it because we're one month closer to spring. On the other hand, I hate it because it is still bone-chilling cold and even though it's the shortest month it can seem to drag on forever.

This love/hate relationship also applies to the work we do. I love the moms and admire them for their courage in choosing life for their babies, and to bravely move into a home where there are rules and expectations that they are not used to. In spite of their fear they still make that step. Yet I hate the trauma and abuse they've been through that has shattered their hearts and lives into little pieces. The world can be a cruel place.

That's why I'm so grateful for Mary's Inn. In a world that can be selfish and mean and cruel, Mary's Inn is a place where moms and babies are shown the unconditional love of Christ. He is the only one who can heal them and restore them to be the women He intended them to be. If you are looking for meaningful work and want to make a difference in the lives of moms and babies, we are looking to hire, especially for the Monday & Tuesday overnight shifts (10 pm – 6 am). If you, or someone you know, loves third shift, please have them contact me. (Contact info is at the bottom of page 2.)

May God bless you & your loved ones!

Colleen Pasnik

Director
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10th ANNIVERSARY Events

- **Women of Hope Luncheon**
May 7 • 2025
11:30 (Registration) 12 Noon- 1pm
Dubuque Country Club
- **10th Anniversary Dinner & Program**
June 8 • 2025
5 pm Mass • Dinner program to follow
St. Raphael Cathedral Hall
- **Sacred Music Concert**
Sunday • December 7 • 2025
2 pm
Nativity Church



Happy Birthday

2/17 – Meghan Blatz

2/27 – Rich Runde

Homeless Stat

Twice a year (January & July) agencies in Iowa do what's called a Point in Time (PIT) count. The PIT is a survey of every person experiencing homelessness on one night. The purpose is to get a snapshot of what homelessness looks like in Iowa for one single night. The Winter PIT count was done on the night of January 29-30th. Locally, our PIT group identified 13 individuals who slept outside in Dubuque County and 1 individual in Delaware County. That night the temperature was in the mid-twenties.

New Staff



Bobbie Jones

Volunteer Drivers



We could use some **volunteer drivers**. We have four residents and none of them have cars, but all of them have places to go. We are also looking for some "church angels" who could pick up a resident or two and take her to church with you. It's hard to get everyone in one car on Sundays! If you can help with either of these needs, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Joni Lucas at (563) 543-1459 or marysinnvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance.



Consider being an InnKeeper.

InnKeepers KEEP the INN open! Help us keep the lights on, bills paid & babies fed.

Would you consider \$10 a month for our 10 year Anniversary?

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