

Aid for Women[®]

PREGNANCY CARE CENTERS
AND MATERNITY HOMES

Jamiela, at the Aid for Women
Chicago Downtown center

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2025**



BOARD & STAFF

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Beth Rodriguez

President

Gary Ziols
Vice President

John Large
Treasurer

John McEnroe
Secretary

Mary Lou Bartlett

Mary Anne Bobrinskoy

Karen Dalton, MD

John Fox

Claudia Goodrich

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Susan Ryan Barrett

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Robert Lawler, MD

BOARD OF ADVISORS

Most Rev. Mark Bartosic

Rev. Steve Bauer

Barbara Berens

Kate Berley

Kathleen Bindley

Katie McDonnell Bredemann

Tita Christoffel

Deacon Larry Chyba

Kris Cortes

Penny Crowley

Patricia Daily

Kelly Dean

Joyce Duriga

Kristina Ferraro

Mary Hallan Fiorito

Natalie Furfine

Matt Gerken

Bob Gilligan

Rev. Peter Gnoinski

Mary Anne Goldberg

Dave Goss

Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob

Most Rev. Francis Kane

Margaret Kerner

Alane Malicay

Most Rev. Michael McGovern

William Moran, DO

Gregory O'Leary

Anna Paprocki

Most Rev. Thomas Paprocki

Will Phillips

Dan Proft

Megan Ratliff, DDS

Rev. Marc Reszel

Tim Rivelli

Val Sander

Rev. Paul Seaman

Molly Shapiro

Tom Sommers

Joseph Stoll

Barb Sunko

Bonnie Trainor, LCSW

Alyssa Varsanik, MD

Mary Ann Weicher

Kelly White

Sharon Wilko, RN

STAFF

Cecilia Amoros

Development Associate

Giselle Arellano, RDMS

Sonographer

Jordan Billingsley, RN

Staff Nurse

Dorothy Boland

Development Assistant

Jazzmine Brown, RN

Staff Nurse

Monica Carvajal Reinoso

Residential Assistant

Faith Cintron

Maternity Homes Manager

Joanne Crame, RN

Clinic Manager

Donna David, RN

Staff Nurse

Abigail Decker

Advocate

Noemi Del Real

Vitae Corps

Victoria Dissmore

Graphic Designer

Victoria DuBose

House Mom

Johanna Duncan

Senior Advocate

Sheila Fennessey, RDMS

Sonographer

Tatiana Gilman, RDMS

Sonographer

Connie Golestani

Advocate

Briseida Gomez, RN

Staff Nurse

Jazmine Labra

Reporting Assistant

Maria Lazcano, RN

Staff Nurse

Allyson Lucero, APRN, FNP-BC

Nurse Practitioner

Sofia Reed Maldonado, RN

Staff Nurse

Mary Beth Martin, RDMS

Sonographer

Emily Mayorga

Advocate

Karen McDermott, RN

Staff Nurse

Natalie Mieras, APRN, CRNA

Volunteer Nurse

Anne-Marie Miller

Senior Advocate

Vivian Okorie

Vitae Corps

Kathleen Penner

Development Manager

Tina Peters

Advocate

Heidi Rattigan
Advocate

Mary Rauen, RN
Staff Nurse

Kellie Rohrer
Advocate

Sully Salgado, RDMS
Sonographer

Lucia Shine, RN
Staff Nurse

Lynn Taylor, RDMS
Sonographer

Marie Trudgen, RN
Charge Nurse

Angelica Veitch
Advocate

Michaela Walther
Vitae Corps

Sharon Wilko, RN
Volunteer Nurse

Aubrey Winn, RDMS
Sonographer

Shimonica Wong, RDMS
Sonographer

Renee Zachar
Development Associate

Dear Friends of Aid for Women,

We continue to see significant, positive trends at Aid for Women as we share this 2025 Annual Report with you. We are reaching more women than ever before with life-saving options that affirm vulnerable mothers and their unborn children. Clients continue to be overcome with joy as they discover their inner strength and their maternal instincts once they are given the supportive tools to do so.

Pro-abortion forces in Illinois and nationwide use extreme tactics to try to rationalize abortion and make it more accessible than ever before. We see firsthand the damage this causes. Yet even while this complicates the work we do, evil in the abortion industry does not weaken our resolve. Instead, it unites and motivates us to be an ever-stronger force for good.

Highlights of 2025 include:

- We are on target to serve more than 11,200 at-risk individuals in 2026, which is a 25% increase from 2025 and our largest number ever served;
- Our eight pregnancy care centers have seen an increase in the number of women who are referred to us by others – we had 255 new clients in December alone;
- More women are regretting their abortion sooner, some in time to save their babies, which is a hopeful sign for all who know that an abortion is nothing but a tragedy for everyone involved. See our latest video to learn more: www.helpaidforwomen.org/media/;
- We have established a partnership with Infinite Worth registered nurses (infinetworth.org) so that our clients can get the help they need 24/7 through a phone call or text;
- Through Heartbeat International and other organizations, we see vast, enthusiastic support for Life among young adults nationwide.

Your involvement with Aid for Women means more than I can say as we keep building on our mission. As always, we rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and humbly watch whenever we see God's handiwork in action as a client smiles at her baby's ultrasound, or joins in a support group game, or looks in awe at the face of her newborn child. Thank you for being instruments of God's love, by supporting Aid for Women and sharing in the promise of the future with us.

For Life,

Susan

Susan Barrett
Executive Director



OUR MISSION

Founded in 1978 on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church, Aid for Women helps thousands of women each year in the state of Illinois who find themselves troubled by an unexpected pregnancy. Each woman is provided with the emotional, practical, and spiritual support that she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to provide a better future for herself and her child.

ON THE ABORTION FRONT LINE

Urgency characterizes much of our work offering alternatives to abortion in 2025. Efforts continue in Washington to stop mail-order abortion pill distribution nationwide and convince the FDA to do a new, more in-depth study of its negative impact on women. There are now almost 1,200 abortions PER DAY in the United States because of this widespread distribution and the surgical procedures done on healthy mothers and babies. Legal cases continue to emerge across the nation, as men easily obtain the abortion pill and put it into the coffee or soft drink of their wives and girlfriends, causing them to abort their babies against their will.

In Illinois, pro-choice extremists continue to promote clinics that willingly end the lives of fully viable children, up to 34 weeks in a pregnancy, calling it “compassionate abortion care” when, in

EACH WOMAN IS PROVIDED THE SUPPORT SHE NEEDS
TO *choose life* FOR HER UNBORN BABY
AND PROVIDE *a better future* FOR
HERSELF AND HER CHILD.

reality, their services completely ignore the inalienable rights of one of the two lives involved in each abortion, and they minimize or disregard the regret and pain that often traumatizes women later.

Yet, we are finding that more and more people are speaking up against the evil of abortion. The clients we see and the supporters we meet are increasingly vocal in their belief that abortion is not the solution to anything. We continue our efforts to reach more vulnerable women, to let them know that they have options! And we ask for your continued prayers for all those affected by each loss of precious life.



OUR 2025 RESPONSE



8,985

At-Risk Individuals
Served



4,477

One-on-One
Consultation Sessions



\$107,105

Material Goods
Provided



3,329

Nights of
Housing

SERVICES & PROGRAMS

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER SERVICES

Aid for Women helps thousands of women each year throughout Illinois who find themselves facing unexpected pregnancies. Each woman is provided with the emotional, practical, and spiritual support that she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to provide a better future for herself and her child. Our life-affirming services are offered to clients free-of-charge and include:

- **24-Hour Helpline**
- **Ultrasound Exams**
- **Telehealth**
- **Community Referrals**
- **Options Consultations**
- **Abortion Pill Reversal**
- **Adoption Referrals**
- **BrightCourse**
- **Pregnancy Tests**
- **Medical Referrals**
- **Parents-to-Be Support Groups**
- **Maternity Homes**

Many Aid for Women clients consider abortion because they lack adequate housing or will be otherwise homeless if they choose life.

OUR LOCATIONS

Maternity Homes

Heather's House and Monica's House

Heather's House

Heather's House provides a safe and nurturing home where pregnant women and their babies can live. Heather's House offers residents an opportunity to develop the life skills, education and job skills necessary to become independent and loving mothers.

Monica's House

Monica's House serves as a transitional home for Heather's House residents who have had their babies and are either going to school or working. Monica's House provides these new mothers greater independence while they work toward completing their goals.

Pregnancy Care Centers

Chicago Loop - 8 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1418, Chicago, IL

Carbondale - 2015 W. Main Street, Carbondale, IL

Edgewater - 6145 N. Broadway Street, Chicago IL

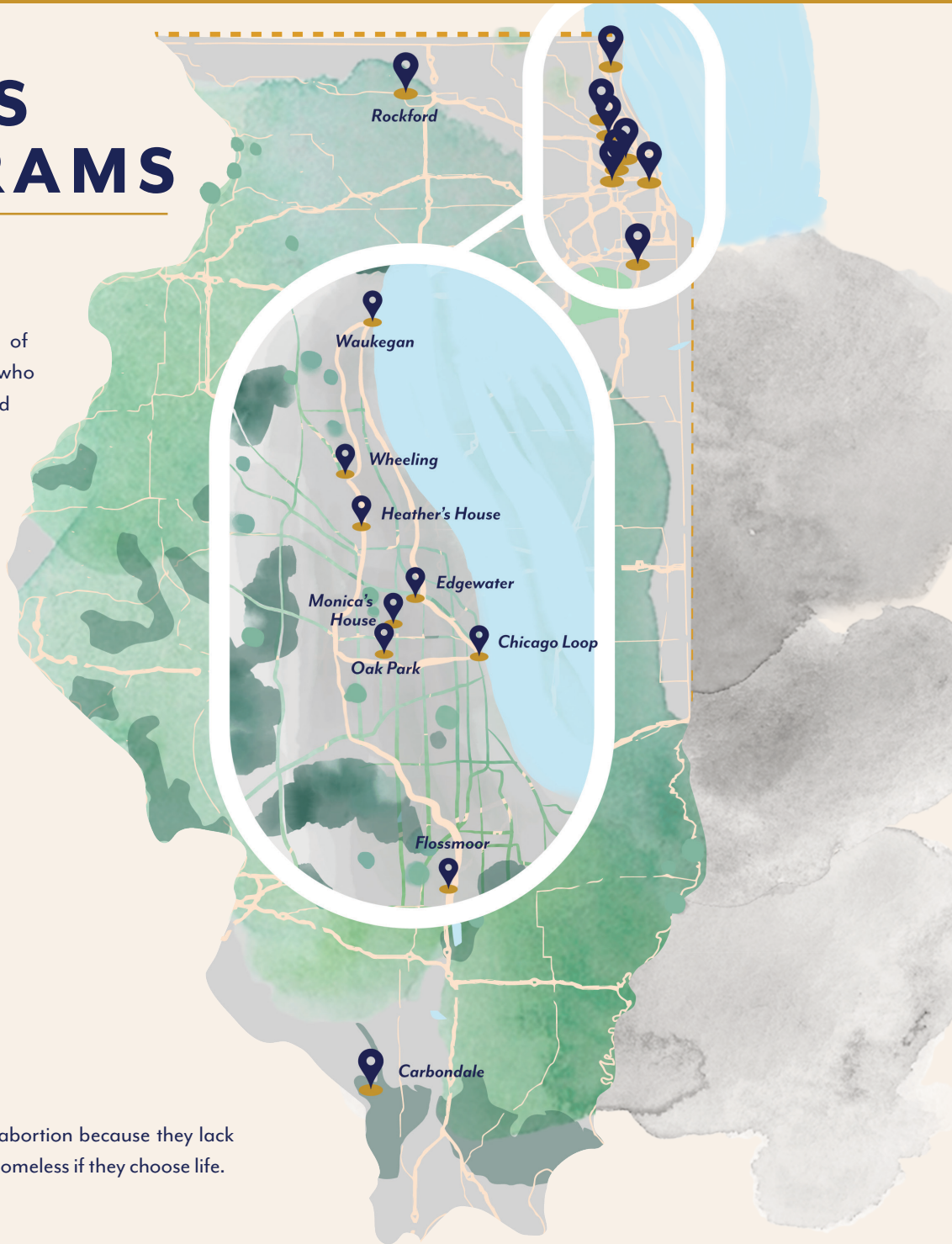
Flossmoor - 3347 Vollmer Road, Flossmoor, IL

Oak Park - 1515 N. Harlem Avenue, Suite 203, Oak Park, IL

Rockford - 1235 N. Mulford Road, Suite 210, Rockford, IL

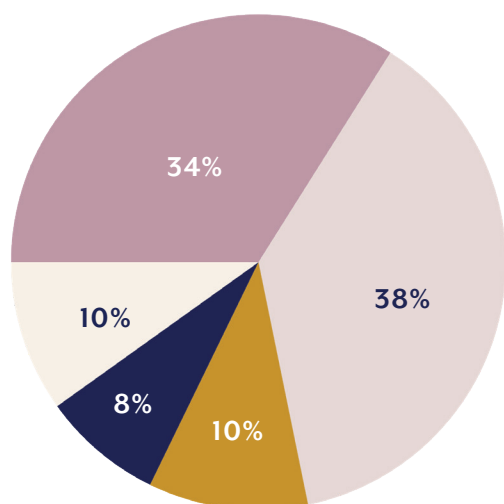
Waukegan - 1334 N. Lewis Avenue, Waukegan, IL

Wheeling - 115 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, IL



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

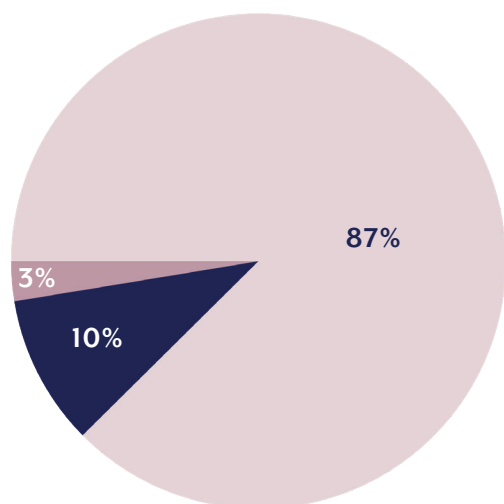
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025



REVENUE

Where our support comes...

● CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,306,561
● GRANTS	\$1,456,174
● DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES	\$401,565
● EVENTS	\$304,247
● ENDOWMENT	\$380,151
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,848,698



EXPENDITURES

Where your contributions go...

● PROGRAMMING	\$2,964,363
● FUNDRAISING	\$336,625
● ADMINISTRATIVE	\$87,724
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,388,712
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$459,986

Aid for Women is grateful to Dr. Carl J. Johnson for establishing an endowment fund in memory of Margot A. Johnson and in honor of Mary Anne Goldberg. As of December 31, 2025, the endowment fund was valued at \$1,325,906.

Aid for Women is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization funded by tax-deductible gifts from private donors. The 2025 statement of activities is unaudited. Audited financial statements are available upon request.

PARISH ACTION PLAN

Aid for Women offers a Parish Action Plan, under the USCCB's Walking with Moms program, that allows parishes to support Aid for Women's pregnancy care centers and maternity homes.



Host a Baby Shower or Diaper Drive

Aid for Women will provide a list of needed items, and parishioners can bring the items to church or order the items on our online gift registry.



Host a Fundraiser

Operating eight pregnancy clinics and two maternity homes requires substantial financial resources. Your parish can help by hosting a baby bottle drive, second collection or becoming a sponsor at our annual benefit dinner.



Host a Gift Card Drive

Donated gift cards allow us to purchase basic items for our moms such as cribs, strollers and car seats.



Pray with Us

Pray for our moms or come join us in the celebration of Mass or a holy hour at any of our six locations where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved.



Host a Food Drive

Help stock the pantries at Heather's House and Monica's House by providing food items and paper products.



Print Pregnancy Resources in Your Bulletin

Commit to printing pregnancy resource information in your bulletin every weekend.



Become a Mom Mentor

Provide one-on-one support to a mom who needs additional help.



Volunteer as a BrightCourse Instructor

BrightCourse is an online tool that Aid for Women uses to help our moms learn about pregnancy and parenting. Topics include prenatal care, parenting, relationships, life skills, and more.



Maternity Home Graduation

Help a mom transition from our maternity homes to her own apartment by providing basic household supplies and helping with the move.



Become a Nursery Helper

Help our moms at the maternity homes when they are feeling overwhelmed with responsibilities and need extra support.



Volunteer as a Tutor

Many of our moms and children need additional help in pursuing their educational goals, and one-on-one tutoring can be extremely valuable.

For more information, email contact@aidforwomen.org.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heart and core of Aid for Women! Without their time, talent and dedication, we could not impact the lives of so many. In 2025, the individual volunteers who support our pregnancy care centers and maternity homes gave an astounding 8,892 hours of service to Aid for Women's mission of serving God by promoting and defending life. We are deeply grateful. Visit helpaidforwomen.org/volunteer to learn more about these rewarding opportunities.



VOLUNTEERS *continued*

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rev. Pawel Adamus | Lauren Feld, MD | Terri Lyke | Andrea Sanchez |
| Luis Alejo | Charli Feliciano | Danielle Marcoux | Evelyn Semik |
| Marian Araneta | Monica Fisher | Oliver Marcoux | Kaya Shibata |
| Daniela Arguello | Greg Gildea, MD | Lindsay Mahler | Linda Smith-Parnell, RN |
| Ezequiel Arrieta | Max Gilman | Caroline McDermott | Bob Shudy |
| Rev. Leo Austin, Ph.D. | Tommy Gilman | David McWilliams | Rev. Boromeo Soe, SVD |
| Janet Back | Mary Anne Goldberg | Rev. Robert Melnick,
OFM, Conv. | Barb Sunko |
| Gabriel Bak | Francisco Gomez | Natalie Mieras | Filip Szeszko |
| Jacob Ballmaier | Margaret Grano | Madeleine Miller | Mary Talen, MD |
| Mauren Bernardi | Melanie Gurrell | Michael Miller | Sister Antonia Tirkey, SMMI |
| Janet Black | Kelly Harrold | Kaito Mion | Guadalupe Toledo |
| Grace Booher | Skye Harrold | Brooke Morgan | Manny Toledo |
| Kathy Booher | Laurey Hui | Sue Murray | Keegan Trudgen |
| Jey Brannan | Elma Javieor | Karen Navarre | Rev. Juan Vargas |
| Noelle Brannan | Juan Joven | Natalie Dominguez Partida | Christina Villa |
| Katie Bredemann | Patti Kane | Angela Pecora, PA-C | Varun Vincent |
| Rev. Jesus Briones, SVD | Rev. Marcin Karwot, SVD | Katherine Phelps, MD | Ann Waris |
| Catherine Callaghan | Barbara Klapinska, DDS | William Phillips | Anne Weigland |
| Dominick Carrillo | Tim Kresmer | Meredith Predum | Nancy Wemhoff |
| Estefania Castellanos | Rev. Jan Krutewitz | Colleen Renaud | Sharon Wilko, RN |
| Kamila Chavez | Michael Kwarta | Steve Rudolfi | Mike Zelski |
| Sister Maria Chettiar, SMMI | Jan LeTourneau | Wayne Sainsbury | |
| Brandon Cintron | Deacon Pete LeTourneau | | |
| Rev. Cruz Colunga, SVD | | | |
| Ellen Coman | | | |
| Sarah Connelly | | | |
| Eric Cui, MD | | | |
| Vicki Cullen | | | |
| Kennedy Dishaw | | | |
| Amy Dye, LMFT | | | |
| Michele Ecklund | | | |
| Avraham Eisenstein, MD | | | |
| Jason Evans, MD | | | |
| Paul Fairbanks | | | |



GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

Aid for Women would like to express our sincere thanks to the following parishes, organizations and community groups for their invaluable support, service and fellowship with the women, babies and families whom we serve at our pregnancy care centers and maternity homes.

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| 40 Days for Life Flossmoor | Illiana Right to Life | Knights of Columbus #1112
Divine Mercy Council | Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish |
| Abortion Pill Rescue Network | Illinois Club for Catholic Women | Knights of Columbus #11981
Holy Family Council | Our Lady of the Ridge Parish |
| Alliance Defending Freedom | Illinois March for Life | Knights of Columbus #12639
St. Patrick of Wadsworth Council | Our Lady of the Rosary Parish |
| American Heritage Girls | Illinois Right to Life | Knights of Columbus #13267
George Cardinal Mundelein Council | Our Lady of the Wayside Parish |
| Americans United for Life | Immaculate Conception | Knights of Columbus #13448
Our Lady of the Grove Council | Perfection & Grace |
| Ascension Resurrection Family
Medicine Residency | Immanuel Lutheran Church | Knights of Columbus #14562
St. Liborius Council | Pre-Born! |
| AmPhil | Infant Jesus of Prague Parish | Knights of Columbus #15296
St. Joachim Council | Pro-Life Action League |
| Apostles for Life | Jesus, Shepherd of Souls Parish | Knights of Columbus #16369
St. Francis of Assisi Council | Project Rachel |
| Archdiocese of Chicago | Kirby Rehabilitation Center | Knights of Columbus
St. Liborius Ladies Auxiliary | Relevant Radio |
| Archdiocesan Council of Catholic
Women | Knights of Columbus
Supreme Council | Ladies of Leonard | Roberti Community House |
| Ascension Parish | Knights of Columbus
Illinois State Council | Lake County Right to Life | Safe Families for Children |
| Awesome Blossoms Club | Knights of Columbus #197
Waukegan Assembly | Lawndale Christian
Health Center | Salem Media |
| Blanket Babes | Knights of Columbus #205
Samuel Cardinal Stritch Assembly | Legatus, Downtown Chicago Chapter | Salesian Missionaries
of Mary Immaculate |
| Blessed Trinity Parish | Knights of Columbus #997
Chicago Heights Council | Little Flower Parish | Santa Maria del Popolo |
| Bravely Blooming | Knights of Columbus #1369
SS. Peter and Paul Council | Lumen Christi Home Education
Cooperative | Seven Weeks Coffee |
| Carmel Catholic High School | Knights of Columbus #3602
Nina Council | Marian Catholic High School | Sheil Catholic Center |
| Catholic Charities in the Diocese of
Rockford | Knights of Columbus #3674
Cardinal Stritch Council | Marist High School | Sheila Ray Adult Center |
| Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese
of Chicago | Knights of Columbus #3761
Marian Council | Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish | Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| Catholic Conference of Illinois | Knights of Columbus #3788
St. Bede – Pius X Council | Maryville Academy | Sisters of Christian Charity |
| Catholic Order of Foresters | Knights of Columbus #3954
Queen of Peace | Maryville Crisis Nursery | Sisters of the Holy Family |
| Catholic Women's Club
of Lake County | Knights of Columbus #4238
Holy Cross | Maternity Housing Coalition | Sisters of the Living Word |
| Charity Mobile | Knights of Columbus #4438
American Martyrs Council | Metro Achievement Center | Sisters of the Resurrection |
| Chicago Bears Football Club | Knights of Columbus #4836
Maria Council | Midtown Educational Foundation | SIUC Newman Center |
| Church of St. Mary | Knights of Columbus #4977
Holy Ghost Council | Missionaries of Charity | Spirit Juice Studios |
| Church of St. Mary Women's Guild | Knights of Columbus #6481
Mount Prospect Council | Missionary Sisters Servants
of the Holy Spirit | SS. Faith Hope and Charity Parish |
| Church of the Redeemer | Knights of Columbus #6964
Hoffman Schaumburg Council | Moody Bible Institute | St. Alphonsus Parish |
| Daughters of St. Mary of Providence | Knights of Columbus #6993
St. Mary of Mokena Council | Mount St. Joseph | St. Anne Cradle of Hope |
| DFLA Education Fund | Knights of Columbus #8022
St. Mary of Vernon Council | Mundelein Seminary | St. Anne Parish |
| Diocese of Belleville | Knights of Columbus #8522
Fr. John Guiney Council | My Catholic Doctor | St. Anthony Catholic Church |
| Diocese of Rockford | Knights of Columbus #9689
Precious Blood Council | National Christian Foundation | St. Bernadine Parish |
| Divine Word Missionaries | Knights of Columbus #10858
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Council | NIFLA | St. Clare of Assisi Parish |
| East Lake Academy | | Northridge Preparatory School | St. Clement Parish |
| Embers Elementary School | | Northwest Families for Life | St. Colette Parish |
| Everest Academy | | Notre Dame High School | St. Damian Catholic Church |
| First Catholic Slovak Ladies | | Notre Dame Parish | St. Edward Catholic Church |
| FOCUS | | OptionLine | St. Elizabeth of Hungary |
| Focus on the Family | | Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish | St. Emily Parish |
| Franciscan Health | | Our Lady of Ransom Parish | St. Frances of Rome Parish |
| Gifts from Liam | | | St. Gerard's Circle |
| Grayslake Senior Center | | | St. Gilbert Parish |
| Heartbeat International | | | St. Isidore Parish |
| Hellenic American Academy | | | St. Ita Parish |
| Holy Cross Catholic Church | | | St. James Parish |
| | | | St. John Bosco Church |
| | | | St. John Brebeuf Parish |

St. John Henry Newman Parish	St. Luke Parish	St. Peter Parish	University of Chicago Students for Life
St. John of the Cross Women's Group	St. Mary of Mokena Catholic Church	SS. Peter and Paul Parish	Vision for Life
St. John the Evangelist Parish	St. Mary of Mokena Youth Ministry	St. Pius X Parish	weDIGNIFY
St. John XXIII Parish	St. Mary Magdalene Parish	St. Raphael Parish	Willows Academy
St. Josaphat Parish	St. Mary of Vernon	St. Raymond de Penafort Parish	Wintrust Community Bank
SS. Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish	St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity	St. Rita of Cascia Parish	Women of St. James
St. Joseph the Worker Parish	St. Michael Parish, Orland Park	St. Theresa Parish	WSFI
St. Juliana Parish	St. Nobert Parish	St. Thomas Becket Parish	Zion Lutheran Church
St. Julie Billiart Parish	St. Patrick Parish, Lake Forest	St. Thomas of Villanova Parish	
St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish	St. Patrick Women's Group	St. Viator High School	
St. Leonard Parish	St. Paul Chong Parish	St. Vincent de Paul Society – Our Lady of the Rosary	
St. Liborius Parish	St. Paul Lutheran, Melrose Park	Thomas More Society	
St. Linus Parish	St. Paul of the Cross Parish	Uncle Pete's Ministry	

VITAE SOCIETY

Aid for Women is especially grateful to our donors who have made cumulative gifts in excess of \$50,000 since 2000.

\$500,000 and above

Anonymous
Mr. and Mrs. James N. Perry, Jr.

\$300,000 to \$499,999

Altum Fund
Berens Foundation
Chicago Bears Football Club
Mr. and Mrs. A. Joseph Cramblit
Dr. Carl Johnson
Our Sunday Visitor Institute

\$200,000 to \$299,999

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Bindley
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guzior
Helen Brach Foundation

\$100,000 to \$199,999

American Endowment Foundation
Deacon and Mrs. James Bannon
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bobrinsky
The Estate of Deacon and Mrs. Thomas W. Bresler
Cashel Foundation
Community Foundation of WPA & EOH
Mr. and Mrs. Eoin M. Dempsey
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallagher

Knights of Columbus Charities
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kraemer, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Large
Mrs. Edward W. McCaskey
Mr. and Mrs. Noel G. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Murray
Ms. M. Kathleen O'Brien
Pre-Born, Inc.
SS. Faith, Hope and Charity Parish

\$50,000 to \$99,999

Anonymous
Amtab Manufacturing Corp.
CBOT Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Bradford B. Couri
Mrs. Phillip E. Couri
Mrs. Alexis Crowley
Mr. Derek and Dr. Karen Dalton
Mr. and Mrs. Craig S. Dean
Mr. and Mrs. David A. Dohnalek
L.L. Eisenhower Charitable Trust
Focus on the Family
Emil and Marie Kochton Foundation
Illinois Club for Catholic Women
Knights of Columbus #4977
Holy Ghost Council
Mr. and Mrs. Vince Kolber

Lorrayne, Ltd.
The Donald D. Lynch Family Foundation
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Mantoan
Mr. and Mrs. John McEnroe
Michael J. McGivney Center of Hope and Healing
Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulaney
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mullin
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory O'Leary
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Peabody
Mrs. Paul Purcell
Mr. Robert Schmiede
Mrs. Kim Schuh
Slayton Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Starshak
The Estate of Mrs. Carole Stroh
Ms. Janie Swenson
Sycamore Foundation
Mrs. John Weaver
Mrs. Richard Zwirner

DONORS

The following pages include the names of those who have made monetary contributions to Aid for Women during 2025. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we express our sincere gratitude and thanks to the individuals, families, parishes, organizations, businesses and foundations who have enabled Aid for Women to continue to provide support and hope to those we serve.

\$100,000 or more

Anonymous
The Berens Foundation

\$50,000 or more

Anonymous
American Endowment Foundation
Community Foundation of WPA & EOH

\$25,000 or more

Anonymous
Deacon and Mrs. James Bannon
Mr. and Mrs. A. Joseph Cramblit
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallagher
Dr. Carl Johnson
L.L. Eisenhower Charitable Fund
Mr. and Mrs. John McEnroe
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Meehan
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory O'Leary
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Slawek
Slayton Foundation

\$10,000 or more

Bindley Charitable Trust
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bobrinsky
CBOT Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Eoin M. Dempsey
Emil and Marie Kochton Foundation
Faye and Lee Alport Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. John Fox
Gallagher 312 Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guzior
Helen Brach Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kraemer, Jr.
Lorraine, Ltd.
Mr. and Mrs. Noel G. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mullin
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Murray
Dr. James Napier
Pre-Born, Inc.
SS. Faith, Hope and Charity Parish
Mr. Robert Schmiede
Mr. and Mrs. John Spehlmann
St. Joseph the Protector Foundation

Mrs. John W. Weaver
Mrs. Richard T. Zwirner

\$5,000 or more

Amtab Manufacturing Corp.
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anger
Mrs. Robert Bartlett
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boland
Mr. Michael Cachey
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Coughlin
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Couri
Mrs. Alexius J. Crowley
Mr. and Mrs. Craig S. Dean
Ms. Lorna Ferrell
Ms. Shawn Gavin
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Heldring
Ms. Patricia Hoffman
Mr. Matt Jakymiw
Mr. and Mrs. Vince Kolber
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Large
Mr. and Mrs. William Litgen
Mr. Russell Lundsgaard
Ms. Marcia Marshall
Mr. John Norman
Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. O'Meara
Mr. Gary Ostanski
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Paprocki
Ms. Tonise Paul Harkna
Dr. and Mrs. Terry Peabody
Perfection & Grace
Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Rodriguez
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Savard
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shallcross
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shapiro
Sisters of Christian Charity
Mrs. Donna Stevens
Ms. Margaret Strenk
Thomas More Society
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Van Drunen
Walter J. and Edith E. Best Foundation
Ms. Grace Westrate
Mr. and Mrs. Jojo Yap

\$2,500 or more

Anonymous

Mr. James Berens
Mrs. Mark Berens
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bredemann
Mrs. Lee Brunka
Ms. Colleen Burke
Ms. Patricia A. Clickener
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Costello
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Cummins
Mr. Derek and Dr. Karen Dalton
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. DeMint, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. David A. Dohnalek
Double Scoop Fund
Ms. Rachael Durie
Mr. Thomas Engstrand
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Flynn
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilligan
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Goodman
Mr. and Mrs. David Goss
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hengesbaugh
Ms. Mary Herzberg
Mr. and Mrs. John Holton
Mr. and Mrs. John Iberle
Dr. Barbara Klapińska
Mr. Roger Klass
Knights of Columbus Charities
Knights of Columbus #11112
Divine Mercy Council
Knights of Columbus #16369
St. Francis of Assisi Council
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lawler
Mr. Alan Lei
Ms. Ellen Liebner
Mr. Michael McCarthy
The Doctors Michael
National Philanthropic Trust
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Mr. Dan Proft
Ms. Allison Ray
Relevant Radio
Mr. and Mrs. Mario S. Rizzo
Santa Maria del Popolo
Ms. Joan Schommer
Mr. and Mrs. William Skalitzky
Mr. and Mrs. Colton Smith

SS. Faith Hope and Charity Guild
St. Isidore Church
St. Paul of the Cross
Mr. Jason Stamps
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Starshak
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sullivan
Mrs. Barbara A. Sunko
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Talanges
Ms. Katherine Wetoska
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ziols
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziols

\$1,000 or more

Ms. Ellen Arens
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Babarik
Ms. Christine Baldwin
Mrs. Jacqueline C. Ball-Costello
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Barrett
Ms. Colleen Bernhard
Mr. Alexander Bess
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bichimer
The Bluestone Fund
Mr. and Mrs. David P. Braune
Mr. Dominic Carreira
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cattapan
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cole
Columbus Memorial Club
Ms. Rita Compton
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Costello
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Crane
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curley
Dr. Karen Deighan
Mr. Theodore Dometita
Mrs. James C. Dowdle
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dubuque
Ms. Leonora Duffy
Mrs. Roderick Dunne
Mr. and Mrs. Jason Eden
Mr. James D. Ehret
Dr. Michael Eighan
Mr. Benjamin Ernest
Ms. Vicky Fahey
Mr. James Farina
Mr. John Fixel
Ms. Margaret Feller

DONORS *continued*

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feltman
 Mr. Juan Figueroa
 Ms. Karen Flasch
 Ms. Jane Fojtik
 Mrs. James Foote
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Forcier
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frank
 Mr. and Mrs. James Frazier
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gagliardo
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gardner
 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gaudette
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Giglio
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Goodrich
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Gorman
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Graves
 Mr. and Mrs. James Gross
 Rev. Gerald Gunderson
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gurber
 Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes
 Dr. Nancy Heche
 The Doctors Horcher
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huffman
 Illiana Right to Life
 Ms. Adrienne Jackiw
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary R. Janko
 Mr. Keith Johnson
 Mr. Derrick Kaleta
 Mr. Donald Kindle
 Knights of Columbus #197
 Waukegan Assembly
 Knights of Columbus #4977
 Holy Ghost Council
 Knights of Columbus #8022
 St. Mary of Vernon
 Knights of Columbus #13448
 Our Lady of the Grove Council
 Knights of Columbus #14562
 St. Liborius Council
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Knoll
 Mr. Richard Lazarski
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Leahy
 Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lubawski
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Lukas
 Mr. and Mrs. James T. Maday
 Dr. and Mrs. Richard Mantoan
 Mr. Matthew Martin
 Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maszka
 Mr. Charles Maurer
 Mr. and Mrs. Timothy S. McCarthy
 Mr. William McCarthy III
 Mr. Kevin McCaughey
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. McConnell
 Mr. Christopher McCord
 Mr. and Mrs. Steven McDonnell
 Mr. Daniel McSkimming
 Mr. and Mrs. Craig R. Mengarelli
 Mr. Gary Miller
 Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit
 Mrs. Carol G. Mooney
 Ms. Christine M. Moore
 Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Moorhead
 Dr. and Mrs. William Moran
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mrozek
 Mr. Michael Mueller
 Mr. and Mrs. William Munch
 Mr. and Mrs. John Murray
 Ms. Paulina Nenadovic
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Newman
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nolan
 Edward and Teresa Nolan Family
 Foundation
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Noonan
 Mr. and Mrs. William Nugent
 Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Nybo
 Mr. Joseph E. Overbeck
 Ms. Linda Palazzo
 Mr. and Mrs. James S. Pall
 Paradise Food Italia, LLC
 Mr. Andy Pavlis
 Mr. Mark Proesel
 Purcell Charitable Foundation
 Mr. Lloyd Reinkensmeier
 Relevant Radio
 Mr. Donald F. Roth
 Mr. David Roush
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryan
 Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ryan
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sander
 Mr. Paul Santucci
 Mr. Nathaniel Schetter
 Mr. Ben Schmitt
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schmitt
 Mr. and Mrs. William H. Schramm, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Selin
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Shares
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sharkey
 Ms. Susan Sheehan
 Mrs. James Shults
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Skibicki
 Mr. and Mrs. William Snyder
 Mr. and Mrs. John Sonnier
 Mr. and Mrs. John Soukup
 Mr. Stephen Spencer
 St. Edward Catholic Church
 St. John of the Cross Women's Club
 St. John XXIII Parish
 St. Paul of the Cross
 St. Rita of Cascia Parish
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stapleton
 Ms. Angela Steger
 Mr. and Mrs. David Strenk
 Mr. Joe Swee
 Ms. Janie Swenson
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Synovic
 Ms. Elizabeth Teich
 Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Thein
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Timcheck
 Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Trela
 Mr. David Unger
 Mr. Gregory Urbanik
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Urbaszewski
 Mr. and Mrs. Rob Vail
 Ms. Edelissa Valdez
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Varsanik
 Ms. Karen Verga
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Wagner
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Warnke
 Mr. and Mrs. Craig Weber
 Mr. and Mrs. Rick Weicher
 Mr. Charles Weikel
 Mr. and Mrs. Hans Wolff
 Ms. Frances Wright
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Yerkes
 Ms. Anna Zawadzka
 Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Ziols

\$500 or more

Mr. James Adams
 AmPhil
 Ms. Christina Anderson
 Mr. Arturo Arroyo
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Axelrood
 Ms. Roberta Bacik
 Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bardauskis
 Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bare
 Baxter International
 Ms. Ann Benton
 Mr. and Mrs. John Benz
 Ms. Lisa Berens
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bernacchi
 Ms. Martha Best
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Bestvina
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Biagi
 Mrs. Joan Bigos
 Mr. Patrick Boland
 Mrs. Mary K. Browe
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burke
 Ms. Candra Carol Busse
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell
 Mr. and Mrs. Chris Cannonito
 Catholic Order of Foresters
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cavalieri
 Cedar Cliff Kitchen
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cisle
 Mr. Matthew Clay
 Mr. Christopher Coleman
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Collins
 Mr. Frank S. Collura
 Ms. Julia Conway
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corbett, Jr.
 Mr. W. Patrick Cunningham
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Daily
 Dr. Thomas Dammrich
 Mr. and Mrs. Chris Darrow
 Mrs. Barbara Davis
 Mrs. Gerard Dempsey
 Ms. Caroline Devlin
 Mr. and Mrs. John P. Doherty, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Durler
 Mr. John Dylong
 Mr. and Mrs. George Enriquez
 Mr. Alfonso Fernandez
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flynn
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Francis
 Mr. Michael Frank
 Mr. John Gard
 Mrs. Daniel Garrison
 Mr. and Mrs. James Geldermann
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Gennuso
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Giannelli
 Ms. Susann Gilbert
 Mr. and Mrs. James Gill
 Mrs. Sandy Grady
 Mr. and Mrs. Warren Grienberger
 Mr. Kevin Grisamore
 Dr. Mary Ellen Gruszka
 Dr. and Mrs. John N. Hackett
 Mrs. William Haine
 Mr. and Mrs. Edmond M. Harrigan
 Dr. and Mrs. William Hartsell
 Mr. and Mrs. James Healan
 Mr. and Mrs. James Henegan
 Deacon and Mrs. Jack Herrmann
 Ms. Maureen Hill
 Ms. Darla Hovden
 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Jackson
 Ms. Raminta Jacobs
 Mr. Borys Jarymowycz
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jensen
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Johnson
 Mrs. Georgette Gravel Joyce
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kallil
 Ms. Kristina Karschnia
 Mr. and Mrs. William Kehoe
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kelly

Mr. and Mrs. John Kiener
 Mr. and Mrs. James Klein
 Knights of Columbus #12639
 St. Patrick of Wadsworth
 Mrs. Anne-Judine Knudsen
 Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Koenigs
 Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Koniewicz
 Dr. and Mrs. Donald Koziol
 Ms. Janice Krakora-Looby
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Krebs
 Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas LaBanca
 Mr. and Mrs. Justin Lareau
 Mrs. Vivienne Lato
 Mr. Caleb Lendy
 Mr. and Mrs. Gregry Lendy
 Mr. Paul Leone
 Mrs. Mary Lichtenauer
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Link
 Hon. and Mrs. Dan Lipinski
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loeb
 Ms. Julie Lohmeier
 Mr. James Lyon
 Ms. Jacqueline Macht
 Ms. Denise Mandichak
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Mangiaforte
 Mr. and Mrs. James McCall
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCrary
 Mr. and Mrs. James McEnerney
 Mechanical Component Sales, Inc.
 Ms. Dorothy Mench
 Mrs. Barry Mitchell
 Rev. Timothy Monahan
 Ms. Vera Muir
 Ms. Susan Murphy
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Murray
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Navarre
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson
 Notre Dame Parish
 Mr. and Mrs. John R. Nowicki
 Mr. and Mrs. John W. Nowicki
 Mr. Thomas Olp
 Mr. Collin O'Rourke
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pacer
 Ms. Maria Pasquinelli
 Ms. Christine Pillado
 Mr. Brian Powers
 Mr. Christopher Preston
 Mr. Joseph Raducka
 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rago
 Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rahn
 Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Ritterbusch
 Ms. Pamela Roehl
 Mrs. David Rogers
 Mr. Robert Royal

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schoen
 Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Schorn
 Dr. and Mrs. James E. Schuetz
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schuler
 The Right Reverend Bishop Blair
 Schultz
 Mr. Michael Schuster
 Rev. Paul Seaman
 Mr. Vincent Sellner
 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Sheahen
 Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sheridan
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Show
 Ms. Sue Signorelli
 Ms. Andrya Smith
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sommers
 St. Patrick Church Women's Club
 Ms. Joanne Stevens
 Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Sullivan
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweeney
 Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tagliavia
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Talbot
 Ms. Carolyn Tiongco
 Ms. Marianne Tralewski
 Mrs. Carmen Viramontes
 Ms. Marianne Vivirito
 Mr. Daniel Walker
 Ms. Jacqueline Walther
 Ms. Mary Katherine Ward
 Mr. William Weinsheimer
 Mr. Gerald Wester
 Mr. and Mrs. David Whitecotton
 Rev. Leroy Wickowski
 Mr. Gregory Wilson
 Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wren
 Your Cause LLC
 Dr. Mark Zachary
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zarlengo
 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Zarob

Up to \$500

Ms. Anette Abbas
 Abbott Laboratories
 Employee Giving Campaign
 Mr. Joe Accomando
 Mr. and Mrs. David Ackmann
 Rev. Ryan Ackmann
 Ms. Margaret Adducci
 Mr. Robert Aguilar and
 Ms. Monica Orozco
 Ms. Binta Akintonde
 Mr. and Mrs. Mario Alba
 Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick Albrecht
 Mr. and Mrs. Armando Alejandria
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Alfe
 Mr. and Mrs. Eamon Allbee

Mr. and Mrs. David Allen
 Ms. Kimberly Allen
 Mr. Stephen Allison
 Mr. Maverick Almanza
 Mr. John Amato
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Amoros
 Ms. Barbara Amoroso
 Mr. Frank Anderer
 Ms. Christine Anderson
 Mr. Carlton Anderson
 Miss Jacque Anderson
 Ms. Janis Anderson
 Mr. and Mrs. Leo Anderson
 Ms. Maria Andre
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anen
 Ms. Marlene Annerino
 Ms. Lourdes Anonuevo
 Anti-Seize Technology
 Mr. Jeremy Anton
 Mr. Anthony Antonioli
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Aranha
 Mr. Julio Arce
 Mr. Peter Arduino
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Armstrong
 Ms. Catherine Arneson
 Ms. Denise Auciello
 Mr. and Mrs. David Augustyn
 Ms. Mira Azar
 Ms. Maria Bahena
 Ms. Maria Bak
 Ms. Frieda Baker
 Mr. and Mrs. Geary Baniak
 Mr. and Mrs. Alan Barcelowsky
 Mr. and Mrs. Rotchford Barker
 Ms. Gina Barnhart
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barrett
 Ms. Irma Barrios
 Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Bartusiewicz
 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bauman
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bawolek
 Mr. and Mrs. Issac Beal
 Ms. Marila Beatty
 Mr. Sainclair Beaujour
 Ms. Ellen Beckman
 Mr. and Mrs. William P. Beckman
 Ms. Margaret Bednarcik
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bell
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Belluomini
 Ms. Josephine Belmonte
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Belsky
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Belter
 Ms. Victoria Belyak

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Benish
 Mr. and Mrs. David P. Bennett
 Ms. Elizabeth Berak
 Mr. and Mrs. James Berardi
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Berger
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Berggren
 Ms. Diana Bernacki
 Ms. Brooke Berry
 Mr. Gary Bilinovich
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Billmeier
 Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bing
 Mr. and Mrs. Tadas Birutis
 Mr. Charles Blackman
 Ms. Sandra Blake
 Dr. Evonne Blakey
 Mr. Nathan Blanchette
 Ms. Cynthia Blank
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Bligh
 Mr. Benjamin Block
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Bobak
 Mr. Alexander Bobrinsky
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boden
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boduch
 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Bohlin
 Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bohn
 Mr. and Mrs. James Boland
 Mr. Thomas Bole
 Ms. Joy Bolger
 Ms. Angie Bologna
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bonaguro
 Ms. Zenaida Bongcas-Baltes
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bonucci
 Ms. Evett Borojan
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Borst
 Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bosman
 Mr. and Ms. Pablo Bottari-Tower
 Ms. Loretta T. Brady
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bragiel
 Ms. Nancy Braun
 Ms. Janyce Brengel
 Mr. Ryan Brengle
 Mr. and Mrs. David Brennan
 Mr. Timothy Brennan
 Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Bresnahan
 Ms. Katherine Brizek
 Mr. and Mrs. David Brochu
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Broski
 Rev. Corey Brost, CSV
 Ms. Nan Brouillette
 Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown
 Mr. and Mrs. James Browne
 Ms. Linda Brubaker
 Mr. James Bruen

JAMIELA'S STORY

Many young adults are focused on discovering where their passion and talents lie. Then there is Jamiela, a remarkably mature young mother who is ably caring for her newborn daughter as she pursues two careers at once.

Jamiela came to our Flossmoor center in late July 2025 after her grandmother, Cynita, found Aid for Women on the internet. Jamiela says, "I was concerned finding out that I was pregnant because I'm young, I didn't know if my baby was okay, and because I did not have insurance."

Jamiela and Cynita spoke with Connie, a Client Advocate, and Jamiela had an ultrasound. As Connie describes, "When I met Jamiela, I was impressed with her maturity and composure. I described the programs and services we offer, and I could tell right away that Jamiela was going to be an enthusiastic client." Connie adds, "Jamiela's grandmother was right by her side from the beginning. Her support has been amazing all along."



Jamiela with her grandmother, Cynita at a recent Aid for Women event

As her pregnancy progressed, Jamiela took classes online with Connie that covered such topics as pregnancy, childbirth, and parenting. Jamiela also took online classes to continue her high school education. In addition, Connie referred Jamiela to community partners who helped Jamiela get insurance and essential items for her baby.

When asked what she liked best about her experience with Aid for Women, Jamiela replies, "My client advocate checked on me all the time, kept me encouraged, and helped me get information and items for my baby. I don't know what I would have done without Aid for Women. They are the best!"

Baby Journe (pronounced "Journey") was born on January 7th. As she adjusts to having a new baby, Jamiela says, "I want to finish school, be a hairstylist and help pay for more school to become a teacher. I also want to continue to be a good mom for my baby girl."

Jamiela is very thankful for the assistance she has received over the past year. She says, "Aid for Women made me feel accepted

“

YOU ARE CALLED TO STAND UP FOR LIFE!
TO RESPECT AND DEFEND THE MYSTERY
OF LIFE ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE,
INCLUDING THE LIVES OF UNBORN BABIES,
GIVING REAL HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT
TO MOTHERS IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.
YOU ARE CALLED TO WORK AND PRAY
AGAINST ABORTION.

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

and helped guide me through my pregnancy. I took the online classes, and I even won a crib. They did a lot for me! I am so grateful for them!"

Connie has been impressed by Jamiela's determination to make the most of every opportunity given to her. She says, "Jamiela has grown up so much. She was a great student, always ready for her parenting classes. She made straight A's in school recently too. With that kind of resolve, and positive attitude, the future looks bright indeed for Jamiela and Journe."

Jamiela is optimistic about her prospects, and she welcomes the involvement of her boyfriend, Journe's father, into her life. She says, "Being a first-time mom is scary, fun and overwhelming, but Aid for Women helped me know that I can do it, with help."



Jamiela with baby Journe



DONORS *continued*

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ms. Patricia Bryant | Ms. Gabrielle Carsello | Ms. Samantha Colbert | Mr. Joseph Cwalinski |
| Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bryzgalski | Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cassidy | Ms. Juanita Collaco | Mr. and Mrs. Josh Czarnik |
| Ms. Jacquelynn Brzezinski | Ms. Carolyn A. Casson | Mr. and Mrs. Donald Colleton | Ms. Sandra Czerwinski |
| Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brzezinski | Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Castaneda | Mr. John Collin | Ms. Ann Dahlbo |
| Mrs. Bernie Brzozowski | Ms. Kelsey Castillo | Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Collins | Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dahlgren |
| Mr. and Mrs. Augustin Bucik | Mr. Samuel Castillo | Ms. Nila Collins | Mr. and Mrs. Mack Daily |
| Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Buck | Mr. Adrian Castro | Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Colombe | Ms. Frances Daliva |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Buckman | Rev. Nick Cavallari | Mr. James Colombo | Ms. Natalie Danaher |
| Ms. Debbie Buczkiewicz | Ms. Judith Cavanaugh | Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Conarchy | Mr. and Ms. Darin Daniels |
| Mr. Avery Buffa | Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cerrillos | Ms. Kelly Kathleen Conmey | Ms. Janet Danielsen |
| Ms. Joanna Bugel | Mr. Graham Certain | Ms. Sarah Connolly | Ms. Nancy Dannels |
| Mr. and Mrs. David Burden | Moolailpeedikai V. Chacko | Ms. Kailey Connors | Daughters of St. Mary of Providence |
| Ms. Cristina Burke | Ms. Elizabeth Chaidez | Ms. Catherine Conroy | Mr. and Mrs. John David |
| Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Burke | Mr. and Mrs. Bohdan Chalus | Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Conry | Ms. Laurie Davidson |
| Ms. Susan Burke | Charity Mobile | Mr. Robert Cook | Ms. Virginia Davidson |
| Ms. Maria Burrell | Ms. Phyllis Chatlos | Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper | Mr. and Mrs. Scott Davis |
| Mr. and Mrs. Eric Burrows | Ms. Danielle Chircop | Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Cooper | Ms. Shannon Davis |
| Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Bush | Mr. and Mrs. James Christensen | Rev. Vince Costello | Mr. Thomas Davis |
| Mrs. Sarina Butler | Ms. Erica Christenson | Mr. and Mrs. Rudd Coster | Ms. Valerie de Hueck |
| Ms. Lerma Cachola | Mr. and Mrs. Donald Christy | Mr. Brad Cote | Ms. Linda De La Cruz |
| Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cadigan | Ms. Desirea Chubb | Mrs. Marilyn Cotteleer | Ms. Lynne De Salvo |
| Mr. and Mrs. Enrico Cagadas | Ms. Mary Cieslica | Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Couri | Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Deanching |
| Mr. Neil Calanca | Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cimaglio | Mrs. Phillip E. Couri | Ms. Stephanie Deane |
| Mr. James Callahan | Mr. Joseph Cini | Mr. James Covello | Mr. and Mrs. William Debes |
| Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Canafax | Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Cintron | Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cox | Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Decanto |
| Ms. Mary Canavan | Mr. John Ciprian | Mr. Randall Craig | Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. DeCleene |
| Mr. Ajan Caneda | Mr. Jose Luis Cisneros | Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cregg | Ms. Mary Deegan |
| Mr. Fernando Canela | Ms. Angela Civantos | Ms. Mauro Ezequiel Cretari Mojico | Mr. and Mrs. Mark Delamar |
| Mr. Gabriel Caporale | Ms. Katherine Clancy | Ms. Kim Croisant | Mrs. John J. Delisi |
| Ms. Mary Capouch | Ms. Patricia Clark | Ms. Molly Cronin | Ms. Loretta DeLuca |
| Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cardella | Ms. Cheryl Clextion | Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cunniff | Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. DeMers |
| Mr. Patrick Carey | Mr. Doug Cline | Ms. Judith Cunningham | Mr. Michael Depaldo |
| Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carls | Mr. and Mrs. Brian Clingen | Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Cunningham | Ms. Sharon Derosa-Ostrom |
| Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carlson | Mr. and Mrs. Kevin J. Cogan | Mr. James and Mrs. Susan Cupec | Mr. Arturo DeVelasco |
| Ms. Maria Carrillo | Ms. Joann Cogley | Mr. Christopher Cvengros | Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Devine |

DONORS *continued*

Mr. Salvacion Deyro
Mr. Jose Di Mauro
Ms. Rosa Diaz
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dillon
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dineen
Ms. Lisa Disparte
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dix
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dobersztyn
Ms. Mary Kate Dockery
Mr. Mac Dodds
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Doerr
Mrs. Jean R. Dolan
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dolsen
Mr. Leo Dombrowski
Mr. Paul Dombrowski
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Domm
Ms. Joy E. Donahue
Ms. Melissa Donoghue
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donohue
Ms. Maureen Dooley
Ms. Mary Kay Doorhy
Ms. Marie Dowling
Mr. Daniel Doyle
Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle
Mr. and Mrs. William Doyle
Ms. Peggy Drake
Mr. and Mrs. John Dreixler
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Drinan
Ms. Anna Duff
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dufficy
Mr. Ed Duffy
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome L. Duffy
Mr. and Mrs. James DuFour
Ms. Mary Dugan
Mr. Michael Duleba
Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn
Mr. Timothy Dunn
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Durnil
Mr. Jackson Dwyer
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Dye
Mr. James Dyer
Ms. Judith Dzikonski
Ms. Helena Eadie
Ms. Michele Ecklund
Mrs. John Egan
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Ehlman
Mr. Herbert Eichen
Ms. Loretta Eichenold
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Eide
Mr. Michael Einarsen
Mr. and Mrs. David Erie
Ms. Mary Anne Erzinger
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Esposito

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Esquivel
Ms. Maryann Essig
Mr. James Evans
Ms. Modupe Eyinle
Ms. Christine Faflik
Mr. and Mrs. James Fahey
Mr. Maverick Fahey
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Faig, Jr.
Ms. Mary Farley
Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell
Ms. Christine Fassbinder
Dr. and Mrs. John Favale
Rev. Kevin Feeney
Mr. and Dr. Dorin Fera
Mr. Eric Fernandes
Mr. Tim Feuerborn
Ms. Pauline Fijalkiewicz
Ms. Christina Filippini
Ms. Noreen Finn
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Finnegan
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Finnegan
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Fiocchi
Mr. and Mrs. George S. Firlit
Rev. Kenneth Fischer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fischer
Ms. Linda Fisher
Ms. Melinda Fitch
Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Fitzgerald
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fitzgerald
Mr. Tom Flanagan
Rev. Daniel Flens
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Flesch
Ms. Pamela Floyd
Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foley
Mr. and Mrs. John Foley
Ms. Meave Foley
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foley
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fontana
Mr. and Mrs. James S. Forde
Ms. Maryanne Forde
Ms. Elizabeth Forster
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fosco
Ms. Sherrie Foster
Mr. Timothy Fox
Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Fragoso
Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Franz
Ms. Patricia Freeman
Mr. Brett Freiberg
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Freihammer
Ms. Lauretta Froelich
Mr. Robert Fuller
Mr. Matthew Furjanic

“

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE MUST REMAIN
THE *protection* OF EVERY
UNBORN CHILD AND THE EFFECTIVE
AND CONCRETE *support* OF
EVERY WOMAN SO THAT SHE IS ABLE
TO *welcome life.*

POPE LEO XIV



HEATHER'S HOUSE

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS AS A SAFE, NURTURING HOME

While plans are underway for the celebration of Aid for Women's 50th Anniversary in 2028, we also are delighted to acknowledge another important, joyful milestone in our history that is occurring in 2026: the 15th Anniversary of the opening of Heather's House.

Nestled on a quiet street on the beautiful campus of Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, Illinois, Heather's House provides clients in need with a safe, nurturing place to live as they anticipate and welcome their babies into the world.

On May 20th, 2011, a dedication ceremony was held at Heather's House to bless this new home and all who reside, work, and visit there. Monsignor Michael Boland, then president and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, presided over the liturgical service with Auxiliary Bishop Francis Kane and dozens of Aid for Women leaders, benefactors, staff members and friends joining in the celebration.

The need for housing was on the minds of Aid for Women board members and client advocates since the organization's earliest days. As Mary Anne Goldberg, former Chairman of the Board explains, "Heather's House was born of a longing in the hearts of Aid for Women client advocates who day after day were deeply troubled by the stories and circumstances of women who desperately wanted to keep their babies, and yet had nowhere to live, and no one to encourage and assist them during the last months of their pregnancies and the first months following the infant's birth."

Mary Anne continues, "We heard stories of mothers and their infants living in cars, sleeping in shelters, on subway trains or on friends' couches. They were homeless, and they thought they would be unable to care for their child should they continue the pregnancy. So, abortion and the termination of the lives of these precious children was all too often the likely outcome of a counseling session."

Mary Anne and Executive Director, Susan Barrett, researched maternity homes around the country and visited two in southwest Florida. Both homes generously shared their history and their operations manuals. Mary Anne and Susan saw the positive impact that a safe, secure residence had on the faces of the women who lived there. Residents found friendships and community with other expectant mothers, plus educational opportunities, enjoyable activities, and adult supervision. It was just what Aid for Women leaders hoped to replicate in Chicago.

Susan remembers when this housing search took on new urgency. She explains, "God placed the idea of Heather's House on our hearts years earlier. Then, one day, I was answering the helpline, and a woman named Terrie was on the line. We had been so proud of Terrie, as a couple of months earlier, she shared her story at Heartbeat International's *Babies Go to Congress* event in Washington, D.C. She told me she was down on her luck and homeless. Terrie and her infant daughter Savannah were walking the parks by day and riding the subway by night. She told me there were days that were so bad that she even regretted not having an abortion. That's when I made up my mind about opening a maternity home, as soon as was humanly possible."

Anne Grosklaus, another Aid for Women board member, was familiar with the homes on Maryville's campus. She encouraged Susan to contact Sister Catherine Ryan, Maryville's Administrator. Maryville gave Aid for Women leaders a tour of an available corner residence and, as Susan says, "We knew immediately that it was our new home." *We withhold the address of Heather's House to protect residents who have fled from domestic violence.*

As plans developed, Kate Berley and Mary Anne Goldberg made the kind suggestion that this new residence be named Heather's House, in honor of the wife of Aid for Women founder, Deacon Thomas Bresler. Though the Breslers had since moved to a Tennessee retirement community, everyone thought it was a great idea. However, a funny thing happened as the outdoor signage, new logo, and promotional materials were finalized. As Susan explains, "At one of our meetings, someone told me, 'You know, her name is not really Heather. It's Rita. Heather is just the name she used when she worked the helpline.' We really got a kick out of that. We decided it was all meant to be, and so we stuck with the name."

Mary Anne adds, "In all seriousness, opening Heather's House changed our entire approach in assisting a woman with no means of support. Her advocate was now able to offer this option to her, her infant, and in some cases, her toddler, too. Heather's House has now become a model for other homes throughout the network of pregnancy help centers around the country, thanks to the excellent management and staff who have worked there, and the financial support it has received."

Susan received the key from the Maryville Franciscan Sisters of the Poor on March 25, 2011, the Feast of the Annunciation and,



after the dedication ceremony on May 20th, the first residents of Heather's House started moving in. Since Heather's House opened, a total of 117 moms, and 137 babies and children have called this lovely residence "home."

Heather's House can accommodate about six women at a time, in dorm-style rooms. Although residents can live there for up to two years, the average stay is six to eight months. Features of the home include an updated kitchen, dining room, playroom, laundry room, and chapel. Like the other nine Aid for Women service centers, Heather's House has a Baby Boutique containing infant clothes, strollers, diapers, and more. Residents redeem points they have earned in Aid for Women programs to obtain items for their babies. In addition, an outdoor play area provides extra space for residents and their children to make happy memories together.

Over the years, warm-hearted leaders at Aid for Women have befriended Heather's House residents, giving generously of themselves to teach them basic life skills, Bible studies, child rearing tips, enjoyable hobbies, and more. Our Vitae Corps volunteers live full-time with the residents for a year after college, serving as role models and companions to the young mothers and their children. Residents are encouraged to establish meaningful goals, attend community college and pursue a career that provides greater long-term stability in their lives. Mass is said at least once a month at Heather's House and the warm, supportive community feel originally desired by the Aid for Women board is clearly seen and nurtured in Des Plaines today.

A second Aid for Women maternity home, Monica's House, opened in 2015 in Chicago's Portage Park neighborhood. Since then, Heather's House is often used by expectant mothers, and Monica's House is home to mothers who have delivered their babies and are now working toward the day when they feel ready to move out on their own.

Susan Barrett is effusive in her praise of the staff and volunteers who have been instrumental to the success of Heather's House over the past 15 years. She says, "It's hard to put into words the impact that these selfless men and women have made in the history of both of our maternity homes. They have taken on countless projects to prepare and maintain the homes for residents, inside and out, and ensure that each resident is treated with kindness and respect throughout the year, including holidays. Their genuine love and concern for each mother and child is seen in every selfless gesture they offer to enrich and sustain these homes."

Susan adds, "Heather's House also would not be celebrating this important milestone without the support of countless individuals, families, parishes and friends of Aid for Women whose donations have been critical to meeting our operating expenses and helping young mothers achieve independence and self-sufficiency."

Faith Cintron serves as Maternity Homes Manager at Heather's House and Monica's House. Reflecting on this momentous occasion, Faith says, "Heather's House is more than just a place to live. It is a place to be loved, to feel safe, and to thrive. While we are lucky to provide shelter, food, material care, and education for our residents, we are even more fortunate to have the opportunity to really know them, and to walk with them. Some women have come to us at their very worst—escaping a life on the streets, fleeing emotional and physical danger, not knowing or believing they have any value and passing that lie onto the baby they are carrying."

Faith continues, "In the fifteen years that we have been serving these vulnerable families, we have had women become lawyers, nurses, therapists, wives, and teachers. But more importantly, we have witnessed these strong women rediscover their dignity as daughters of a loving Father. We have seen them find life, love, and God, and there is really nothing more profound or amazing than that."

She adds, "In addition, for over ten years, Susan and I have been on the advisory council for the Maternity Housing Coalition. We have been asked to share our best practices with organizations seeking advice on their new and existing maternity homes. We have also been asked to make guest appearances on several podcasts, and even an episode of EWTN's *At Home with Jim & Joy*, to share our maternity home experiences. It has been an honor to have Heather's House recognized in this manner."

Many of our clients mention Heather's House and Monica's House in their video testimonials. You can watch these brief videos on the Media tab of our website. Also, visit helpaidforwomen.org, call (312) 621-1107 or email contact@aidforwomen.org to learn more about ways to be part of the great things happening at our maternity homes today.

Aid for Women is the only pregnancy help organization in Illinois that provides live-in maternity homes. Heather's House started it all, opening its doors 15 years ago to assist homeless, expectant mothers and help them get on a better path for themselves and for their child.

Longtime Aid for Women supporters have expressed satisfaction and awe in watching what has transpired since Heather's House opened. Susan Barrett says, "We rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that we do, and we are filled with gratitude and joy as we see the fruits of what God wanted to accomplish at this location." She adds, "There is much more work to do, as we continue to try to be a force for good across our state, and we know that everything looks better, for expectant women in need, when you start from a safe, supportive home."

DONORS *continued*

Ms. Donna Furlan
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaber
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gaier
Ms. Annette Galban
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Galbreath
Mr. A. Gallagher
Ms. Veronica M. Gallagher
Mrs. Mark Gamber
Mr. Nicholas Gamblin
Ms. Christina M. Gardiner
Mr. and Mrs. Donn Gardner
Ms. Sarah Gardner
Ms. Meghan Gargas
Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Gargula
Ms. Nina Garrity
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gausselein
Mr. and Mrs. Karl Gawlas
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gawlik
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Geittmann
Ms. Nancy Geldermann Williams
Ms. Renee Genelin
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Giaimo
Mr. Donald Giannetti
Ms. Patricia Giba
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibbons
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gieger
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick T. Gill
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Girardi
Ms. Denise Giuntoli
Ms. Alexandra Glier
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Goeckner
Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein
Mr. and Mrs. Marion Golebiowski
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gomes
Mr. Stanislawa Gondek
Mr. Antonio Gonzalez
Ms. Dawn Gonzalez
Ms. Maria Gonzalez
Dr. and Mrs. Michael T. Gorey
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gorg
Ms. Anne Gorske
Mr. Peter E. Goschi
Ms. Lisa Graber
Ms. Susan Graber
Ms. Marianne Grabowski
Ms. Mary Jane Grabowski
Mr. Ronald Graf
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Gramins
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Graw
Ms. Marilyn Gray
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grecco
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Greco
Ms. Catherine Green
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Greene
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Greene
Ms. Adrianna Greiner
Ms. Mary Jo Griffin
Mr. Francisco Grijalva
Ms. Maureen Groh
Mr. and Mrs. Ezio Grossi
Ms. Ellen Grover
Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus J. Gruchot
Ms. Elizabeth Gryś
Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Grzelak
Mr. and Mrs. Andre A. Grzeskowiak
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guarna
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gura
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hack
Mrs. Peter Hajdu
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hajost
Ms. Kari Hall
Ms. Claudia Hallissey
Mr. and Mrs. Don Hand
Mrs. Mary Beth Hand
Ms. Diana Haney
Mr. and Mrs. Jon Hannebury
Mrs. Ann Hanrahan
Ms. Edith Hanzel
Mr. John Harahan
Ms. Carol Haran
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harbison
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hardy
Mr. and Mrs. David Harper
Ms. Kate Harper
Mr. Michael Harring
Ms. Mary Harrison
Ms. Mary Janice Hartigan
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hartnett
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hartney
Ms. Judy Hasterock
Dr. and Mrs. David J. Hayden
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hayes
Ms. Leslie Hazinski
Mrs. James A. Healy
Heartbeat International
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Heaton
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hegarty
Mr. Philip Hegberg
Ms. Mary L. Heidkamp
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Heikes
Ms. Jane K. Hennessey
Mr. and Mrs. Craig M. Hermanson
Ms. Librada Hernandez
Ms. Maria Hernandez
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herold
Ms. Kay Herrmann
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Herz
Ms. Margo Hession
Ms. Madeline Heyd
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hicks
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks
Ms. Vanessa Hidajat
Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Hilvers
Mrs. Marilyn Hirsch
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hlavac
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hoban
Mr. and Mrs. James Hodge
Mr. Zachary Hoekstra
Mr. Donald Hoem
Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Hoffmann
Ms. Carol Hollar
Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Hollis
Ms. Karren Holloway
Holy Cross Catholic Church
Ms. Aimee Hombach
Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hopkins
Mr. Terrence Horan
Mr. and Mrs. James Horcher
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hornung
Ms. Diane House
Mr. and Mrs. John Hubeny
Ms. Elizabeth Hudson
Mr. and Mrs. John Huff
Ms. Cathy Hughes
Mr. and Mrs. Bradley J. Hulbert
Ms. Marie Huml
Mrs. James Hunt
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huntington
Mr. Daniel Hurley
Mr. James G. Hurley
Mr. Ben Hutchen
Mr. and Mrs. William Hutchings
Ms. Donicia Hutchinson
Mr. Tom Huttner
Mr. and Mrs. William Huzyk
Ms. Karen Hyma
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Iannuzzelli
Ms. Emily Iberle
Ms. Susanne Immell
Ms. Mary Rose Irons
Ms. Stephanie Issendorf
Ms. Henrietta Jackson
Ms. Linda Jackson
Ms. Margaret Jacobs
Ms. Janice Jacobson
Ms. Ann Jaede
Ms. Iris Jaime
Ms. Madeline Janick
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Janicke
Ms. Izabella Janik
Ms. Casey Jaochico
The Doctors Jelcz
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Jenko
Mr. and Mrs. Rick L. Jobski
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson
Ms. Laurel Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. David Jordan
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Judge
Mr. Mike Jung
Ms. Mary Jo Kadleck
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kadowaki
Mr. Steven Kaesdorf
Ms. Suzanne Kagebein
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kalbus
Ms. Seanra Kalil
Mr. and Ms. Harold Kallal
Mr. and Mrs. Takahito Kambara
Ms. Linda Kamenjarin
Mr. David Kamper
Ms. Karen Kamsler
Ms. Catherine Kane
Most Rev. Francis J. Kane, D.D.
Ms. Joyce Kane
Mr. Peter Kania
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Karbowski
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Kase
Ms. Madeline Kati
Mr. Mark Katsis
Ms. Maria Katz
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kavalunas
Ms. Amy P. Keane
Mr. Kevin Keating
Ms. Joanna Kedryna
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keehn
Mr. and Ms. Charles Keller
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly
Mr. and Mrs. Sean Kelly
Mrs. Lee Kemper
Ms. Carol M. Kempf
Ms. Mary Kendrigan
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kenesey
Mrs. Debra Kennedy
Ms. Christine Kenny-Sheputis
Mr. Chester Keough
Mr. and Mrs. John Kern
Ms. Sandra Keske
Ms. Robin Keyes
Ms. Gayle Kick
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Kiefer
Ms. Laura Anne Kirk

DONORS *continued*

- Mr. and Mrs. Neil R. Kitchie
Ms. Laura Klages
Ms. Holly Klasinski
Kleen and Kleer Property Management
Mr. Tony Kleier
Mr. Ronald Klimas
Mr. and Mrs. Sean Klock
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kloempken
Mrs. Mary Kloock
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Klopack
Mr. Kenneth Kmiecik
Knights of Columbus #205
Cardinal Stritch Assembly
Mr. Kevin Knoll
Ms. Mary Knudson
Mr. John Kobza
Ms. Donna Koehler
Ms. Abigal Koeller
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Koenig
Ms. Katie Koeune
Mr. and Mrs. Panos Kokoropoulos
Ms. Maureen Kolada
Ms. Erin Kolasinski
Mr. and Mrs. Mateusz Kolendo
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kolf
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kollar
Ms. Christine Kolman
Mr. Edward Kolodziej
Mr. Edward T. Konechny
Ms. Mary Kons
Ms. Deborah Kopacz
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koron
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kosar
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Kottra
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kovac
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kovacs
Ms. Ewa Kowalczyk
Rev. Matthew Kowalski
Ms. Judy Kozak
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kozak
Mrs. James D. Kozar
Ms. Elizabeth Kozlowski
Ms. Carol Ann Krak-Ventrella
Mr. and Mrs. David Kranz
Mr. Kevin Krempely
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krieger
Ms. Therese Krieger
Mr. Ryan Krietsch
Mr. John Krillies
Ms. Lisa Kristina
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ksiazek
Mr. and Mrs. William Kubow
Ms. Cynthia Kujawa
Mr. Vidas Kulbis
Mr. John Kurt
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kurz
Mr. Paul Kuzio
Mr. and Mrs. James Kuzma
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kveck
Mr. and Mrs. Michael La Mora
Ms. Virginia Lacke
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lacouture
Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaFond
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Laken
Mr. Terrence Lally
Mr. and Mrs. Mike LaMarca
Mr. John Lambert
Mr. Carl Lambrecht
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Lane
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Langan
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Langton
Mrs. Robert LaPata
Ms. Frances Lataif
Ms. Mirna Latief
Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Laughlin
Ms. Mary Lawler
Ms. Sheila Lawler
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lawlor
Ms. Ashley Lawson
Mr. Nicholas Lazzari
Mr. Lawrence P. Lea, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Leach
Ms. Mary C. Leader
Mr. Brien Leahy
Ms. Jenny Lee
Ms. Livier Lee
Ms. Pamela Lehner
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leluga
Ms. Susanne Leonardson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leuser
Ms. Laura LeVert
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lewis
Ms. Lillian Licheniak
Ms. Rosita Lina
Mr. Rudolph Lindich
Mr. and Mrs. James Link
Mr. and Mrs. Jerzy Link
Little Flower Catholic Parish
Mr. and Mrs. Israel Liwanag
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lizik
Ms. Patricia Lockwood
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loizzi
Mr. Mark M. Lomey
Mrs. Frances J. Londergan
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Longawa
Ms. Miranda Lopez
Mr. Paolo Lorenzi
Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas
Ms. Laura Lucas-Silvis
Mr. James Ludwig
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lukowski
Ms. Pasquale Luongo
Ms. Marie Lupo
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lupton
Mr. Christopher Lutz
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lutz
Ms. Annette Lydon
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lyman
Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch
Ms. Kathryn Lynch
Mr. James Machan
Mr. Adrian MacIczak
Ms. Helen Madden
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madick
Mr. Kenneth Madura
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Magnus
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick M. Mahoney
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mahoney
Ms. Ann Maine
Ms. Lizzy Malagon
Ms. Dorothy Maleski
Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Malicay
Ms. Marian Malinowski
Mr. and Mrs. David Maly
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Manders
Ms. Karen Marchan
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Marcoux
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Marietta
Ms. Marie Marks
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marren
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Marshall
Mr. John J. Marszalek
Ms. Dianne Martin
Mr. and Mrs. John Martin
Ms. Kristin Martin
The Doctors Martinez
Ms. Marjorie Martinez
Mr. and Mrs. Don Martino
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Marvin
Ms. Margaret Marz
Mrs. Cecilia Masella
Ms. Elzbieta Maslowska
Ms. Mary Lynn Massa
Mr. Thomas Masters
Mrs. Soumy Mathew
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Matthews



DONORS *continued*

Ms. Rosemary Mauck
Mr. Sam Mauro
Mr. Matthew May
Ms. Josefina Mayorga
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mazur
Mr. Mark McAdams
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. McBreen
Ms. Mary McCabe
Ms. Michele McCauley
Mr. and Mrs. Steve McCormick
Ms. Katherine McCraren
Mr. and Mrs. David McCurdy
Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald
Ms. Mary T. McDonnell
Ms. Kim McElhinny
Mr. and Mrs. William McErlean
Mr. James McGee
Ms. Susan McGowan
Mr. Owen McGrath
Ms. Cheryl McGugan
Mr. Joseph McInerney
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKavanagh
Ms. Kathleen M. McLaughlin
Mr. John McLean
Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. McNulty
Ms. Catherine McNulty
Mr. David McWhinnie
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mecklenburg
Ms. Joannie Medina
Ms. Gaudencia Medina
Ms. Pauline Meert
Mr. and Mrs. Mahfouz Megally
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Meintzer
Mr. and Mrs. William Melnick
Ms. Maureen Melody
Mr. and Mrs. Rahneel Mendoza
Mr. Alexander Mendoza
Mr. and Mrs. James Menoni
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Merkel

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Merlini
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Metschke
Mr. and Mrs. David Meyer
Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Meza
Mr. James Miaczynski
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Michelotti
Ms. Emily Michelotti
Mrs. Thomas C. Miekina
Ms. Ihdia Miguel
Mr. Ken Milani
Ms. Catherine Milani
Miller Cooper Co.
Ms. Anne Miller
Ms. Jennifer Miller
Ms. Jennifer Miller
Ms. Kathryn Miller
Mr. Richard Miller
Mrs. Robert P. Miller
Mr. Vernon Miller
Mr. and Mrs. John Milwee
Ms. Marjorie Mineika
Ms. Julieanne Minnich
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Minutillo
Ms. Ewa Miodowski
Mr. Eric Mischke
Mr. Yousif Misho
Ms. Barbara Mitchell
Mrs. Catherine Mitros
Ms. Karen Mitterholzer
Mr. Tom Mitus
Mr. John Mola
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Molitor
John M. Moller, C.F.P.
Mr. Manuel Monette
Mr. and Mrs. Denis Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore
Ms. Judy Moore
Ms. Margaret Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mooser, Jr.



CASEY'S STORY

Last August, Casey came to our Rockford center with Jeremiah, her boyfriend of four years. Casey requested a pregnancy test and, upon learning it was positive, Casey and Jeremiah became visibly nervous. Speaking with Angel, their Client Advocate, Casey and Jeremiah admitted to feeling “shocked, terrified, and undecided” about the future. Angel described the programs and services that Aid for Women offers, and Casey agreed to come back for an ultrasound.

When she returned, alone, the following week, Casey saw the image of her child on the screen and saw his heart beat. She said that it “felt a lot more real” to watch her “little bean baby” moving during the ultrasound. Angel and Casey talked in greater detail about the support options that were available to Casey. She then said, “Jeremiah feels like we just aren’t ready, and I do too, but then again, when is anyone ever totally ready?” Casey accepted a baby gift from Angel and said she would update Angel after she talked more with Jeremiah.

Several weeks later, Casey texted Angel to say, “We have decided to keep the little bean!” Angel gave Casey a packet of resource information, and she stayed in touch with Casey. Angel was delighted to hear this Spring that her baby had arrived.

As Angel describes, “Baby Thomas was born April 4th, weighing six pounds, 13 ounces. Mom and baby are doing well, and Casey reported that Thomas is starting to do better with sleeping through the night. Casey added that Thomas is ‘very talkative and very loved by everyone around him!’ Praise God.”

DONORS *continued*

- Mr. Dom Moran
Mr. Matthew Moran
Mr. Tim Moran
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mordini
Mr. and Mrs. Randy Moreau
Ms. Alison Morgan
Ms. Brooke Morgan
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R. Morse-Karzen
Ms. Jennifer Morvig
Mr. and Mrs. Ira H. Moshman
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mosses
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moutvic
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moy
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Muench
Ms. Kathleen Mulligan
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Mullins
Ms. Carolyn Munda
Ms. Jacquelyn Munda
Mundelein Seminary
Ms. Laurie Mundt
Mr. and Mrs. David M. Murdoch
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Murphy
Ms. Ritaellen M. Murphy
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Murphy
Ms. Alanna Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murtaugh
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Naborowski
Ms. Eleanor Nadbielny
Mrs. Janina Nalis
The Namm Foundation, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Narantic
Mr. and Mrs. John Natale
Mr. Peter Nechvatal
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Nelis
Mr. Jayce Nelson
Ms. Lauren Nelson
Ms. Mona Nelson
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Neubauer
Ms. Barb Neustadt
Ms. Rosemary Newhuis
Ms. Ngoc Nguyen
Ms. Mona Nicholas
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nickele
Ms. Linda Nicolais
Mr. Andrew Nielsen
Mr. and Mrs. James Nielsen
Mr. Ronald Nierzwicki
Mr. C. Preston Noell
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nolan
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Nona
Rev. Joseph Noonan
Ms. Carolyn Noone
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Norfray
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Norman
Ms. Kimberly Novak
Ms. Mary Rose Noveda
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Novosad
Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Nuber
Ms. Carol A. Nykiel
Ms. M. Kathleen O'Brien
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Obringer
Ms. Beth Ocampo
Mr. Michael O'Connor
Ms Suha Odesho
Ms. Mary O'Donnell
Mrs. Mary E. Oeschger
Mr. and Mrs. Donal Ogilvie
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Grady
Ms. Melanie O'Hara
Ms. Mimsie O'Hara
Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Hara
Ms. Virginia Okulinski
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Leary
Mr. William S. O'Leary III
Ms. Margaret Olis
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Oliszewicz
Ms. Margaret Oliver
Dr. and Mrs. Arturo Olivera
Mr. Vincent Olsauskas
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Olson
Dr. Margaret Cozzi Olson
Ms. Marilyn Olson
Mr. Stephen C. Olson
Ms. Mary Olszewski
Ms. Mandy O'Malley
Ms. Ashley Ondina
Mr. and Mrs. David Ondrla
Ms. Olympia Onesto
Ms. Evelyn Ong
Mr. Greg Orbik
Mr. Joe O'Regan
Mr. Ron Orgiefsky
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ori
Ms. Cheryl O'Riordan
Ms. Ana Osorio
Mr. and Mrs. Valentino Ottaviani
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owens
Mr. John Padua
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palo
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Paltzer
Mr. and Mrs. George Pandaleon
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pantelis
Ms. Yvonne Papciak
Ms. Ruth Parciak
Ms. Ana Mae Partosa
Mr. and Mrs. James Passarelli
Ms. Patti Paul
Mr. Thomas Paxton
Ms. Kathleen Peck
Ms. Alcelyn Pedrique
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pellegrino
Ms. Raquel Perez
Ms. Sara Perez
Ms. Adele Perkins
Ms. Agnes Perozzi
Mr. Frank Perrotta
Ms. Joanne Person
Mrs. James E. Pestello
Ms. Jean Peters
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Peters
Ms. Tina Peters
Mr. Luke Petersen
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Peterson
Mr. Edward Peterson
Mr. Gehrig Peterson
Ms. Linda A. Peterson
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Petros
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petter
Ms. Mabel Philip
Mr. William Phillips
Phoenix Enterprises, LLC
Ms. Candice Piccatto
Ms. Kelly Pienkos
Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce
Ms. Kerry Pieters
Mr. and Ms. David Pike
Ms. Glenda Piltz
Mr. Raymund Pingoy
Ms. Susan Pinto
Ms. Jaime Pipenhagen
Ms. Blair Pircon
Mr. and Mrs. John Pircon
Ms. Rae Pistone
Ms. Elizabeth Pitel
Ms. Alma Platas
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Platt
Mr. and Mrs. James Plepel
Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus S. Plis
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ploog
Ms. Kathryn Pluta
Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Polanski
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Polenzani
Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Poli
Mrs. Lisa Pommer
Ms. Cristina Ponce
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Porter
Mr. Tariq Portis
Ms. Lisa Potash
Ms. Ksenia Potocki
Ms. Jody Poulter
Mr. and Mrs. John Powen
Mr. Brian Power
Ms. Joan Powers
Mr. Robert Pravetz
Ms. Meredith Predum
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Prendergast
Ms. Miriam Preussner
Ms. Megan Price
Ms. Carol Primozic
Ms. Patricia Pruitt
Mr. Tim Pruyn and Ms. Mary Przybyla
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Przybylo
Ms. Debra Pulcanio
Ms. Melanie Puljic
Mr. and Mrs. Brad Purcell
Mr. Joseph Puschautz
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pyra
Mr. Dominik Pyrich
Ms. Adelaida Quijano
Ms. Zenaida Rabara
Ms. Lynne Rabe
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Raffin
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rapacz
Most Rev. George J. Rassas
Dr. Megan A. Ratliff
Mr. Frank Raucci
Ms. Mariana Razo-Sam
Mr. and Mrs. William Rebernick
Ms. Mary Recktenwald
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reda
Mr. Larry Reed
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rehberg
Ms. Mary Reilly
Mr. Stephen Reilly
Mr. Daniel Reily
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Reiner
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reiser
Ms. Mary Beth Reiter
Ms. Autumn Reitzel
Ms. Helen Rendant
Ms. Claudia Rendon
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Renwick
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Repplinger
Mrs. James T. Revord
Ms. Mary Joan Rice
Ms. Maria Rice
Ms. Eileen Byrne Richards
Ms. Margaret Richter
Mr. and Mrs. John Riggio

“THE LIMITS TO HELPFUL HELP” AND OTHER THOUGHTS

Powerful Insights from Michaela Walther, Aid for Women Vitae Corps Volunteer



What are the best ways to help women grow in self-sufficiency, without assisting too much? That’s a question Michaela Walther has often asked herself over the past year, during her tenure as an Aid for Women Vitae Corps volunteer.

This program offers female college graduates the opportunity to live in community for one year at Aid for Women’s maternity homes and to gain valuable experience in social work, nonprofit management, counseling, child development, maternal and women’s health and the pro-life movement as they walk hand-in-hand with residents on their journey to motherhood. For Michaela, participating in the Vitae Corps program has helped her “grow like I never thought I would.” Aid for Women has benefited greatly as well. As Faith Cintron, Maternity Homes Manager, says, “Michaela has been such a blessing to us. She has gone above-and-beyond in her work for our residents, every single day!”

Michaela first learned about Aid for Women on a Catholic job website during her senior year at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. She says, “The Vitae Corps position seemed like a culmination of the ministries that had called me for years—women’s ministry and pro-life work.” She graduated from Franciscan in three years, in the spring of 2025, with a bachelor’s degree in English literature. Two weeks later, on May 26th, she arrived at Monica’s House with two suitcases and was warmly welcomed by Faith. That evening, Michaela saw for the first time the camaraderie and friendship that exists among the residents. She explains, “Over that dinner, I also started to learn the dynamics of the moms with

their children. Some of them seemed more hands-off, some more experienced, some quite anxious, but all GOOD mothers.”

Though Michaela has participated in service projects at Heather’s House, she has primarily worked and lived at Monica’s House in Chicago. Michaela has special memories of the staff and residents gathering to open Christmas presents last year. She recalls, “At the time, we had four moms, three babies outside of the womb, and three babies in the womb (including two sets of twins!). The two-year-old among us helped me pass out gifts, and the moms were so touched by the number of gifts they received that one of them cried. A few of them remarked that they hadn’t seen so many presents since their childhood. That is a beautiful memory for me.”

While helping to meet the needs of each resident with patience and empathy, serving as a mentor to them, assisting Aid for Women staff members, and fulfilling a variety of administrative and household duties, Michaela believes that one of the best parts of the Vitae Corps program has been “the call to love in the face of rejection.” She describes, “I’ve been given the opportunity to more deeply come to know what it means to love as Jesus does, and that’s amazing.”

Michaela also has seen the importance of offering support to each mother with an individualized approach. She explains, “I have come to appreciate that there is a limit to “helpful help.” These women that we serve need that “village” that comes with raising a child. While I might want to be that village for each mother I encounter, I have found that often causes more problems than

solutions. Finding the balance between helping and harming in this way has been a difficult dance, but I have been able to rely on the guidance of my coworkers who have more experience with these situations. Also, trusting in the Lord and his goodness has allowed me to step back when I need to and leave it to Him.”

As she prepares to move to Louisiana, Michaela offers these words of advice for other young women considering the Vitae Corps Volunteer program. She says, “This job is going to prepare you for life—friendships, romantic partners, motherhood, and more—like no one’s business. It’s going to show you how you respond to conflict, and how to handle working in the place you live. I won’t lie—it’s hard. Really hard sometimes. But (and I know it’s cliché) it really has been so worth it for the ways I have to come to better know myself.”

Michaela adds, “It takes a lot of different people to make the ship sail smoothly in each maternity residence. There are a lot of different personalities, temperaments, love languages, and gifts that I have encountered while working here. God uses all of them. You might not think you would be a good fit for this position, but who knows? I’ll tell you—God does. One way or another, your gifts and talents will be used in this job. All we can do is copy our Mother and say, ‘Yes.’”

Follow us on social media:

 @friendsofaidforwomenchicago

 @AidforWomen

 @AidforWomenChicago

 aidforwomenchicago

 friendsofaidforwomen

 aidforwomen

For more information, reach out to:
contact@aidforwomen.org

DONORS *continued*

Mr. Joseph Riggio
 Ms. Beth Rinaolo
 Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Rinella
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Risinger
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ritter
 Mr. Alexander Rivera
 Ms. Anais Rivera
 Mr. Hector Rivera
 Mr. and Mrs. McLouis Robinet
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roche
 Ms. Kathleen Roche
 Ms. Diana Rodriguez
 Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez
 Ms. Sherry Rogers
 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rohleder
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roller
 Mr. Martin Roller
 Ms. Stacy Romero
 Mr. Gerard Rose
 Ms. Bridget Rose
 Ms. Joan B. Rosen
 Mr. and Mrs. Erik Rosengren
 Mr. Pedro Rosquete
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Ross
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rossi
 Ms. Lisa Roti
 Mr. Dennis Rowan
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rowe
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Rowland
 Mr. Daniel Rubel
 Ms. Linda Rubens
 Mr. Paul Rubio
 Mr. Peter Ruedig
 Ms. Heather R. Ruffolo
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Rupprecht
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ruscitti
 Ruscitti Associates
 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Russo
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russo
 RVD Electric, Inc.
 Mr. and Mrs. Garry Ryan
 Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan
 Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ryan
 Mrs. Maryann Ryan
 Mr. Matthew Ryan
 Ms. Nancy Ryan
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryser
 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Salemi
 Mr. Christopher Saletta
 Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Salgado
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Salomon
 Ms. Agnes Sanchez
 Mr. and Mrs. Craig Sanders
 Ms. Shelley Sandow
 Ms. Patricia W. Sanfilippo
 Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Santiago
 Mr. Miguel Santiago
 Mr. Mark Sauer
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sauter
 Mrs. Terry Scanlan
 Mr. Anthony Scardino
 Mr. and Mrs. Rick Scardino
 Mr. Michael Scarlata
 Mr. Curt Schaller
 Ms. Karen Schaller
 Ms. Melissa Schaupp
 Mr. and Mrs. James Scheffke
 Mrs. Joseph Scheidler
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schenck
 Mr. William C. Schindler
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schipp
 Ms. Sandra Schmeisser
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey J. Schmidt
 Mrs. Maureen Schmidt
 Mrs. Paul Schmidt
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schmitt
 Ms. Sharon Schmitt
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schneck
 Ms. Barbara Schneider
 Mrs. Gertrude Schneider
 Ms. Maureen Schneider
 Mrs. Margaret Scholl
 Ms. Jamie Schorer
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schreiner
 Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz
 Mrs. Walter Schulze
 Ms. Heather Schumacher
 Mr. and Mrs. John Schumake
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schuman
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schuster
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwarz
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sconza
 Ms. Christine Scriba
 Ms. Ashley Sebaaly
 Mr. Mark Seeberg
 Mr. and Mrs. John Semik
 Ms. Rosalie Senorski
 Mr. and Ms. Jesus Serna
 Mr. Dane Severinsen
 Mr. Greg Seymour
 Mr. and Mrs. James Shanahan
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shannon
 Mr. and Mrs. David Shaughnessy
 Ms. Patricia Shea
 Mr. and Mrs. James Sheehan
 Ms. Gail Sheetz
 Mr. and Mrs. Al Sherbin
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Sherman
 Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Shewmon
 Mr. William Shiel
 Mrs. David Shields
 Ms. Mary Shields
 Mr. and Mrs. Tomasz Siemieniak
 Mr. Jessie Sierra
 Mr. and Mrs. William Sigler, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sikora
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Simeo
 Mr. Ian Simmons
 Mr. and Mrs. James P. Simmons
 Ms. Jean Simmons
 Mr. Ezekiel Abraham Simon
 Ms. Helen Sirakides
 Ms. Jackie Skibbe
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sklaney
 Mrs. Mary Sklenar
 Mr. and Mrs. James Skonicki
 Mr. Alexis Skowyra
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skutta
 Ms. Gail Sladek
 Ms. Mary Slakis
 Mr. and Mrs. Hank Slingerland
 Mr. Roy Slowinski
 Mr. and Mrs. Joost Sluis
 Mr. Jerzy Slusarczyk
 Mr. Charles Smith
 Mr. and Mrs. Craig D. Smith
 Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Smith
 Mr. Thomas Smith
 Mr. Spencer Smolenski
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Smyth
 Mr. and Mrs. Terry Smythe
 Ms. Dorota Sniezynski
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snyder
 Mr. and Mrs. John Solari
 Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Solis
 Ms. Mary Somyak
 Mr. Pablo Soto
 Mr. Richard Soto
 Ms. Dorrine Sowonik
 Mr. Carmen Speranza
 Ms. Julianne Spilotro
 Ms. Linnea Sprang
 Ms. Nancy Spring
 SS. Peter and Paul
 St. Anthony
 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 St. Francis Xavier Church
 St. John the Evangelist Parish
 St. Josaphat Parish
 St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity
 St. Raphael the Archangel
 St. Raymond de Penafort
 St. Thomas of Villanova
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stabrawa
 Mr. David Stafford
 Ms. Donna Stanke
 Dr. Kurt Stauff
 Ms. Susan Steele
 Steele Healthcare Corp.
 Ms. Barbara Stefanek
 Ms. Eileen Steffel
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steinmeier
 Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Stephan
 Ms. Patricia Stephan
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stephens
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Stepp
 Mr. Chester Sterczek
 Mr. and Mrs. John Sternberg
 Mrs. Mary Jane Stevens
 Ms. Cameille Stewart
 Mr. Christopher Stewart
 Ms. Gladys Stewart
 Mr. and Mrs. Noel Stirrat
 Ms. Carol Stivers
 Ms. Lydia Stone
 Mr. and Mrs. John Strahammer
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Streckert
 Mr. Daniel Strenk
 Mr. Richard Strezo
 Mr. Algis Strimaitis
 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stryczek
 Mr. Frank Suchy
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan
 Ms. Esther Sullivan
 Ms. Maurice Ann Sullivan
 Ms. Meleesa Sullivan
 Mr. William Sullivan
 Mr. Paul Supena
 Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney
 Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Sweeney
 Ms. Juliet Swinton
 Ms. Sandra M. Sylvester
 Ms. Laura Szalaj
 Mr. Filip Szeszko
 Mr. and Mrs. Severino Tan
 Mr. and Mrs. Quay Tao
 Ms. Rebecca Tatz
 Ms. Anne Taylor
 Ms. Julie Taylor
 Mr. Stuart Teramoto
 Mr. John Terranova



DONORS *continued*

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Theisen
 Mr. and Mrs. Chris Theisen
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Theriault
 Mrs. R. W. Thompson
 The Doctors Tierney
 Mr. and Mrs. William Tierney
 Ms. Germaine Timlin
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tindall
 Mr. and Mrs. George Tioran
 Ms. Mary Torgerson
 Ms. Viviana Trejo
 Mr. and Mrs. Art Treutler
 Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Treven
 Ms. Margaret Triezenberg
 Ms. Lynette Troha
 Ms. Marie Trudgen
 Ms. Mary Trybul
 Mr. Tom Trykowski
 Mr. Leslaw Trzeciak
 Mr. John and Mrs Donna Trzesniak
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tschanz
 Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Tumino
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tuzi
 Mr. Joseph Tyler
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy S. Unruh
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Urban
 Mr. and Mrs. David Urbaszewski
 Ms. Bernadette Valderrama
 Mr. Tommy Valentine
 Mr. and Mrs. Jason Van Camp
 Ms Cynthia Vandermolen
 Dr. M. Alyssa Varsanik

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Vasiliauskas
 Ms. Colleen Vedra
 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Veeneman
 Mr. Felix Venice
 Mr. and Mrs. Raul Venzon
 Ms. Fran Vetter
 Mr. Mark Vilimek
 Mr. Jesse Villanueva
 Ms. Patricia Vilmur
 Mr. Keaton Vogel
 Ms. Suzanne Vondrashek
 Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Vorderer
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Vrabel
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wachel
 Ms. Melissa Wagner
 Mr. Craig R. Wakefield
 Ms. Clare Walker
 Ms. Marian Wallenda
 Ms. Rosemary Walsh
 Mr. Dennis Walter
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Waris
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Watzke
 Ms. Emily Webber
 Mr. and Mrs. Joel Webber
 Mr. and Mrs. James Weging
 Ms. Sarah Weiske
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Weiss
 Ms. Roberta Weiss
 Ms. Catherine Welfare
 Ms. Marie Weller
 Ms. Kathleen Wells
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wells
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wemhoff

Mr. Michael Wenby
 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wenn
 Ms. Charlotte Werdell
 Ms. Pamela West
 Mr. James Westney
 Ms. Sharon Whitaker
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin White
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiacek
 Mr. Joseph J. Wickham
 Mr. Barry Widera
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wihtelich
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wilfinger
 Mr. Michael Wilhelm
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilhelm
 Ms. Katherine Wilk
 Mr. Glenn Wilke
 Mr. Dennis Williams
 Mr. Hunter Williams
 Ms. Margaret Williams
 Ms. Sally Willis
 Mr. Joseph Willoughby
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Willoughby
 Ms. Kelly Willuweit
 Ms. Dorothy Wilson
 Mrs. Michael C. Winn
 Mr. Ian Winter
 Mr. and Mrs. Dermot M. Winters
 Ms. Elizabeth Wisnasky
 Ms. Claudine Wisniewski
 Mr. and Mrs. John Witkowski
 Ms. Alice Witt
 Ms. Fran Wohlrab
 Mrs. Shirley Wolfe

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Wood
 Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Woods
 Ms. Catherine Wrenn
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wrenn
 Ms. Anna Wrobel
 Mr. and Mrs. George Wysocki
 Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Yakes
 Mr. John Yast
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yoo
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Young
 Mr. William Young
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Zaccari
 Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Zachar
 Ms. Doris Zahnle
 Mr. Gregory Zalapi
 Ms. Larissa Zando
 Mr. and Mrs. James Zdeb
 Mr. and Mrs. William Zeiger
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Zeitlin
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Zelski
 Ms. Mary Ann Zemla
 Ms. Carolyn J. Zielinski
 Ms. Sharon Zink
 Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ziols
 Zion Lutheran Church
 Mr. and Mrs. John J. Zitkus
 Ms. Mary Rose Zoeckler
 Mr. Dan Zurbuch
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zych

LEADERS IN THE HISTORY OF AID FOR WOMEN

BARBARA BERENS

As Aid for Women approaches its 50th Anniversary in 2028, we've asked a number of its founding members to share their recollections of how this groundbreaking organization was established. This first installment features Barbara Berens.



"If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it." This popular saying is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin but, at Aid for Women, there is an extraordinarily kind and capable lady who also knows a thing or two about time management, and she set the bar quite high for others to follow as the organization was getting started. Her name is Barbara (Barb) Berens.

Barb was impressed when, in 1965, Lennart Nilsson's published his landmark photo essay in LIFE magazine on the development of human embryos before birth. Barb says, "That was enlightening for me, and for many others. Who could deny that life begins at conception once you saw those photos?"

Eight years later, Barb was terribly saddened to see abortion become the law of the land in the United States. As she describes, "I remember exactly where I was. It was January 22, 1973, and I vividly remember being in my kitchen, with the TV news on in the background. The Roe vs. Wade decision was announced and I truly could not believe that abortion was now legal across the country. Everything was about women's independence. That message came on so strong that the rights of the unborn got put to

the side." Barb adds, "From that moment on, I had to be involved in some way. Whoever would have thought that ruling would stand for 50 years."

By 1978, Barb and her husband Mark were raising eight children when Deacon Tom Bresler began publicizing his idea in parishes. All those interested in helping expectant mothers through a new organization were invited to attend an upcoming meeting. Barb saw the announcement in her bulletin at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Parish in Glenview. She explains, "Our youngest child had just started kindergarten, and so I responded to the announcement at the Deerfield Library. There were about 20 people in total, and Tom Bresler, Nancy Corbett, Mona Lukas, and Penny Crowley were the core leaders. They were the driving forces for what became Aid for Women."

As Barb continued devoting the bulk of her time and energy to her large, active family, she also became one of Aid for Women's first regular volunteer counselors. Barb says, "We worked out of the first Aid for Women office in Deerfield. Loretta Brady was a licensed social worker and therapist who gave us a two-hour training session which was very helpful in learning how to talk to the girls who called or came into our office."

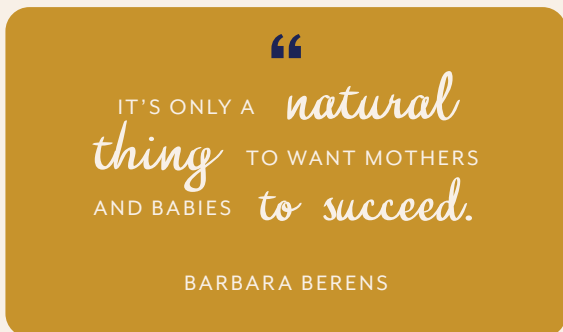
The number of clients served was minimal, at first. Barb explains, "On Monday mornings, I'd volunteer starting at 9am. I sat in the room with a telephone and an empty desk, and sometimes nothing would happen. Then the phone would ring just as I was about to leave to pick up my kindergartner. We worked together to be sure every client got the help she needed."

Barb also helped coordinate the Sunday Bingo Nights that were one of Aid for Women's earliest sources of revenue. As she describes, "The Bingo Nights were held at a hall in Highland Park. I was in charge every other Sunday. I did not want to leave my kids as it was, 'Get your homework done' night. But it all worked out. The hall had a kitchen, and we made coffee and handed out cake. Tom came all of the time and did a good job as the Caller. Maybe 80 people or more would come each week, which was a pretty big crowd. Bingo Nights helped keep us afloat."

Another group that helped sustain Aid for Women in its first years was the Knights of Columbus. As Barb recalls, “They helped us out a lot financially in those early days. I don’t know what we would have done without them.”

By 1981, Tom Bresler made the decision to move the main Aid for Women office downtown. Barb says, “We had no money, and despite our efforts to publicize our services across the North Shore, we were not connecting with enough young women. I prayed a lot about it. But we couldn’t stay in our small office in Deerfield. Tom thought that we could reach more women by being downtown. It was brilliant to bite the bullet and go there.”

Barb remembers Nancy Corbett playing many roles as the downtown office took shape. She explains, “I helped with decorating, but the Big Hurrah goes to Nancy. She brought a desk and scoured her house and found pictures. We painted everything, and we all brought office items from our homes. We did not want to buy anything we did not have to. It was a challenging event.”



Once the downtown office opened, Barb played a significant role in Aid for Women outreach efforts throughout the North Shore of Chicago. In particular, she spoke to teenagers at area high schools, sharing information about the programs and services offered by Aid for Women and helping teenagers grow in their respect for human life. Barb explains, “The students were usually sophomores, and I used a curriculum that I put together. I must have done maybe eight or nine presentations. We discussed how a baby grows and develops before birth. I emphasized that every unborn child is a human being, from the very beginning, and that a child is a miracle in many ways. I also described what abortion is, and how Aid for Women helps women deal with problems in their lives, so they don’t need to consider an abortion.”

As the Ladies Auxiliary expanded at Aid for Women, Barb worked with Joella Cramblit, Mary Anne Goldberg and many others to plan enjoyable events that became significant fundraisers for the organization. Barb explains, “Joella was a great chairman of the board, very focused. One time, I remember her saying, ‘We can’t be a sleepy organization. Come on, we have to get this right. The girls and their babies are depending on us.’”

Barb generously continues, “Mary Anne Goldberg was another great chairman. I can’t give her enough credit. She got a doctor

on board, and got other outside people involved too. She lit a fire under all of us.”

Incredibly, Barb also found time to mentor residents at Heather’s House, which opened in 2011 as the first Aid for Women maternity home. She also was part of a team that led Bible Study classes and prenatal information sessions for expectant moms.

Reflecting on the many ways she has helped Aid for Women grow through the years, Barb humbly says, “Aid for Women has gotten more of my attention than other organizations, and it has meant more to me than other efforts I’ve been involved with. It’s only a natural thing to want mothers and babies to succeed.”

Barb is pleased to see where Aid for Women is today. As Aid for Women approaches fifty years of saving lives and empowering women, Barb is grateful to be part of an organization that continues to have a substantial, enduring impact in the pro-life movement in Illinois. She says, “I have great respect for Tom, Nancy, Mona, and Penny. They were impressive in how they helped Aid for Women get started. Today, the abortion numbers are still significantly high. We’ve given help to girls, and I think we’ve changed some minds and hearts by offering that help. But the abortion tide is still coming in very strong. We’ve made a dent today. We have abortion on the run. But I think it would be too big of a reach to say that we’ve turned the abortion tide. We can’t claim that yet.”

Barb continues, “My wish is that we see even more women who we can help.” Barb adds, “It’s good to know what we are doing helps to bear fruit. It is a very good feeling. Prayer is our companion.”



Prayer Opportunities at Aid for Women

- Submit your Prayer Requests by email to contact@aidforwomen.org. These are included at the next Mass in the chapels at our service sites.
- Schedule a Mass Card in honor and/or memory of a loved one.
- Receive text messages with the upcoming calendar for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours for Life at our service sites.
- Join our NEW Prayer Warrior Ministry and receive text messages when urgent prayers are needed in our work. This is a great way to help save lives and empower women wherever you are in your day!

Call (312) 621-1107 or email contact@aidforwomen.org for more information. Thank you!

GIFTS IN KIND

Aid for Women thanks the following individuals, groups and businesses for their generous donations of baby and maternity items or other goods and services that in an invaluable way help us provide support to the women, babies and families whom we serve at our pregnancy care centers and maternity homes.

Anonymous	Mr. Daymond Hill	Ms. Clara Mueller	St. Augustine Catholic Church
Ms. Alyse Alban	Holy Cross Catholic Church	Ms. Kathleen Murphy	St. Colette Parish
Awesome Blossom Club	Holy Family Church	Notre Dame Parish	St. Edward Catholic Church
Mrs. Janet Back	Ms. Jessica Ilc	Ms. Jamyia Olden	St. Emily School
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barrett	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Ms. Diana Oleksyn	St. Francis Xavier Church
Ms. Joyce Bennett	Infant Jesus of Prague School	Ms. Jenny Ortega	St. Gerard Circle
Ms. Kathryn Berti	Jesus Cats Corp	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Family Institute	St. John Brebeuf Parish
The Blanket Babes	Ms. Alicia Jolivet	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish	St. John Neumann Parish
Mr. Steve Bohlin	Ms. Rhonda Johnson	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish	Piece-makers
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bredemann	Mr. and Mrs. William Kehoe	Our Lady of the Wayside	St. Joseph Church
Ms. Lauren Brickley	Knights of Columbus #3602 Nina Council	Petite Plume	St. Luke Pro-Life Committee
Ms. Ashley Burton	Knights of Columbus #3788 St. Bede – Pius X Council	Ms. Pam Piazza	St. Mary's Respect Life Ministry
Ms. Shirley Busse	Knights of Columbus #8022 St. Mary of Vernon	Prayer Shawl Ministry	St. Michael Parish
Ms. Jenny Campos	Ms. Swedhe Kulkami	Prime Health at Resurrection Hospital	St. Norbert Parish
Caris Pregnancy Centers	Ms. Stephanie Kunz	Ms. Andrea Quetulio	St. Norbert Women's Club
Chicago Botanic Gardens	Mr. Lee Lansford	Ms. Lisa Rapp	St. Pascal's Catholic Church
Ms. Mary Anne Christenson	Learning Loft	Ms. Lauren Reed	St. Patrick Lake Forest Women's Group
Church of St. Mary	Legion of Young Polish Woman	Ms. Gladly Reinert	St. Paul Catholic Church
Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Cintron	Little Flower Catholic Parish	Resurrection Hospital Nurses	St. Paul Chong Ha Sang
Ms. Heather Coman	Loyola Students for Life	Mr. Roberto Reyes	St. Paul of the Cross
Ms. Gina Dardi	Ms. Taylor Mack	Ms. Christal Rice	St. Theresa Parish
Ms. Abby DeVaughn	Ms. Jane Majcherek	Ms. Janasia Rivera	St. Thomas Becket Parish
Ms. Melissa Estrada	Marian Catholic High School	Ms. Joan Marie Rohrs	St. Viator High School Pro Life Club
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fejes	Marist High School	Mrs. Maryann Ryan	Students for Life of America
First Baptist Church of Arlington Heights	Mary, Undoer of Knots Parish	Mrs. Ana Santiago	Mrs. Marie Trudgen
Ms. Sam Fisher	Mr. Joe Martarano	Sara Campbell	Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Turcich
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Forcier	Ms. Sharon Martin	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Savard	Uncle Pete Ministry
Ms. Lynda Forde	Mr. and Mrs. Steven McDonnell	Ms. Mary Senick	Ms. Laurel Welch
Ms. Grace Forero	Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mecklenburg	Sheila Ray Senior Center Knit Crochet Group	Ms. Lutrice Williams
Fuggit Clothing	Ms. Elizabeth Medel	Mrs. Laura Shilati	Ms. Ashley Winfield
Ms. Jannifer Fuller	Mr. and Mrs. Vince Meno	Ms. Lilia Sifuentes	Ms. Elizabeth Wisnasky
Fullerton Engineers	Mr. and Mrs. James Menoni	Sister Girl Network	Women of St. Edna Parish
Gifts for the Unborn	Ms. Natalie Mieras	Ms. Christine Smith	Mr. Randy Wright
Mrs. Mary Anne Goldberg	Ms. Margaret Moore	St. Alphonsus Young Adult Board	Mr. and Mrs. Mike Yerkes
Ms. Danielle Good	Ms. Katie Morgan	St. Anthony Church	Ms. Alexandra Zaragoza
Ms. Mariane Gutierrez	Mr. Austin Molter		
Mr. Robert Gutierrez	Mount Saint Joseph School		
Ms. Kayleen Henderson			
Ms. Xochitl Hernandez			

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

The services offered at Aid for Women require substantial financial and material resources. Please consider providing your support, at any level, so we may continue to help women choose life for their unborn babies and provide them with safe and nurturing homes as needed.

Here is how your monetary gift can have a real impact on the lives of the mothers and babies whom we serve. We also ask for your prayers for all those who come to us for help, that they may witness the peace and strength of God's love and choose life for their unborn babies instead of abortion.

There are many ways you can include a gift to Aid for Women as part of your legacy and support our life-saving work for generations to come. One of the simplest ways is through a bequest in your will or trust. Naming Aid for Women as the beneficiary of a retirement account, insurance policy, or bank or brokerage account is another easy way to adjust your plans if they change in the future. Aid for Women regularly accepts gifts of appreciated securities which may offer significant tax benefits. If you're 73 or older, you can give an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution to meet your Required Minimum Distribution. For more information, please contact us at (312) 621-1107.

helpaidforwomen.org/donatenow



\$5,000

One month of digital marketing to reach at-risk women

\$1,000

One month of groceries for the residents at Heather's House

\$500

One month of outdoor advertising for one billboard

\$250

One month of materials for our pregnancy/parenting classes

\$100

One month of materials for our support groups

\$75

An ultrasound exam that allows a woman to see her unborn baby

\$25

One-hour consultation for a woman considering abortion

Aid for Women®

PREGNANCY CARE CENTERS
AND MATERNITY HOMES

8 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1418
Chicago, IL 60603

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



 (312) 621-1107
 contact@aidforwomen.org
 helpaidforwomen.org