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Save the date!
Art Beat
Saturday, August 17

Silk Creations will be selling our original hand-painted scarves downtown South Bend.

Radiothon

September 19 – 20

Be watching and listening for details on our first Radiothon sponsored by 95.3 WMNC, Michiana's News Channel.



Fashioning Our Lives

Thursday, November 7



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News & Notes from St. Margaret's House ~ Improving the Lives of Women and Children

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I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me.

~ Matthew 25:35-36

Girls Rule at SMH!

We are so thrilled about the first hand reviews from our new summer Girls Club! As an addition to our Children's Program this summer, this group of girls ages 8 through 13 have been meeting in their own exclusive club. This program was designed especially to highlight and help young girls discover their personal awesomeness! "We successfully planted a garden with the help of Unity Gardens, First Presbyterian Church and



"...I LIKE GOING TO GIRLS CLUB BECAUSE IT'S FUN AND I HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS THERE. WE PLAY LOTS OF GAMES AND DRAW ART."

- CRYSTAL, 13

volunteer Lyrin Kanczuzewski. Members learned about photography as they worked on The Darkroom Project, tackled tough topics like nutrition, body image and self-esteem, along with having a lot of fun!" says Sarah Hossfeld, Saint Mary's College Student and program coordinator. "By giving these beautiful young girls a place to come where they can be themselves and make new friends, it will help them realize what wonderful girls they are and what great potential they have." Along with planting and caring for a community garden, learning about bullying and self-esteem building, they also baked, took fun field trips and learned to explore their thoughts in journals they decorated and bound themselves.



"...I LIKE GIRLS CLUB BECAUSE YOU GET TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS."

- KAYTLYNN, 11

Why supporting young girls is important:

- 7 in 10 girls believe that they are not good enough or don't measure up in some way.
- Over 70% of girls age 15 to 17 avoid normal daily activities, such as attending school, when they feel bad about their looks.
- Almost 50% of young girls are engaged in negative activities due to self-esteem and self-image issues.

Source – The Dove Campaign for Real Beauty

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We are looking for you! Yes, you. You who support St. Margaret's House. You who have served as a volunteer, as a student intern, as a board member. You who have collaborated with us as a partner in this work. You who have been served by this ministry. You who's life has been touched by the work we do. We are looking for your ideas and your stories.

We are preparing to celebrate the 25th anniversary of St. Margaret's House in 2015. We recognize this is a year and a half away. But we can never be too early as we plan to celebrate all St. Margaret's House has been in the lives of our guests, our volunteers, our supporters, our staff members and this community.

Send us your ideas on how we can celebrate all that has been and our hopes for the future. Send us your stories of how lives have been touched - yours and others - by this work and by this community that we call St. Margaret's House.

Send your ideas and reflections to: info@stmargarethouse.org.

Write **25 years** in the memo line. We will use these ideas and reflections as we shape our celebration of all that has been and all we hope to do in the future.

~Kathryn A. Schneider, M.Div.

This Place Has Gone to the Zoo!

...at least for one day this summer!

Mid-June, the kids in our Children's Program enjoyed a fun filled day at the Potawatomi Zoo! In a group of over 60, moms and their kids enjoyed a day strolling through the zoo and learning about the animals. The zoo day was bookended by



weeks of fun filled children's activities led by our summer college students. The kids enjoyed games, art activities and field trips all summer long. Special Thanks to PNC for helping out with the zoo trip

St. Margaret's Very Own 40 Under 40

Every year the Michiana Forty Under 40 program shines a spotlight on 40 of the area's most talented and dedicated young executives, leaders and professionals, under the age of 40, who demonstrate business and career achievement and civic/charitable engagement. One of those selected for the 2013 class is our very own Angelica Healy! Angie has come a long way since coming to St. Margaret's House as a student. As the Guest Services Coordinator, Angie plans and coordinates guest services and programs, and advocates for guests with other social service and community agencies. CONGRATULATIONS, ANGIE!



BY THE NUMBERS ...

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The Darkroom Project at SMH

The Darkroom Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving a voice to vulnerable populations through photography, recently challenged SMH women to take a deeper look at how to tell



their story through photography. Their results were presented in an exhibit at Bethel College that will continue to move around the community. One participant shared, "I decided to be a part of this project in order to let go of my past, embrace the present, and accept myself for the future." We are very grateful to The Darkroom Project for giving our women this opportunity!



Silk Creations

Did you know that collecting rainwater for use during dry months in rain barrels is an ancient and traditional practice? Silk Creations artists have ensured that this tradition continues in beauty by transforming a Coke container into a stunning rain barrel! The artists designed and painted the rain barrel as part of The Rain Barrel Project in cooperation with Greening the Bend. Each artist painted a woman as she sees herself. The barrel will be auctioned off in early September with a portion of the money coming back to St. Margaret's House. You can find more pictures of our rain barrel on our Facebook page.



Compassion is a Work of Art

A special thank you to all who came out to support Compassion is a Work of Art. We are incredibly humbled and grateful for the support of Raymond James of Edison Lakes, and the artists who contributed to the event.



Find us on Facebook!



Volunteer cook Loretta Madden got a lucky ticket at the volunteer luncheon.

Want to get involved?

DONATE NEEDED ITEMS

- 2 way bus passes
- Sanitary napkins
- Spoons & forks
- School supplies
- School uniforms

VOLUNTEER WITH US

We need :

- Person to help with Access database
- Receptionist
- Cook/Kitchen help
- Handyman or woman to help on an as needed basis

Please consider including St. Margaret's House in your estate planning.

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