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Mark Your Calendars Now!

- 5.5.2015 Give Local St. Joseph County Campaign
- 6.18.2015 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner
- 7.22.2015 St. Margaret's House Night at Four Winds Field
- 9.17 - 9.18 MNC Radiothon 2015
- 10.29.2015 Fashioning Our Lives



JOIN US
as we
Celebrate 25 years
of opening doors in the community
throughout 2015



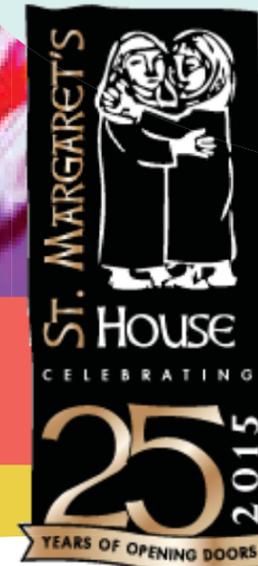
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HAPPENINGS

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

Give Local St. Joseph County

Matching Funds will double your impact!

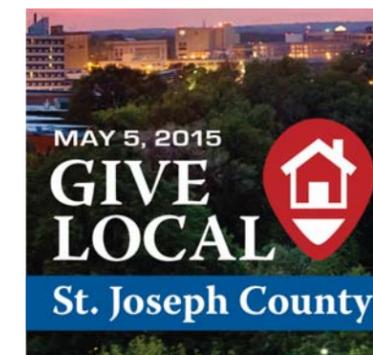
Donate to St. Margaret's House on May 5 and Give Local St. Joseph County will double your gift! This is a one day event where the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County will match donations. Here is an example of how it works: If someone makes a \$1000 donation, \$750 will be paid by the Community Foundation to St. Margaret's House and \$1250 will be placed in the St. Margaret's House Endowment Fund held by the Community Foundation. The proceeds from the Endowment Fund pay out each year to help St. Margaret's House in perpetuity. In this way, any donation made as part of this event will help St. Margaret's House now and in the future.

If you choose to write a check:

- Write a check payable to: The Community Foundation of St. Joseph County
- In the memo line write: St. Margaret's House Fund
- Date check any day between April 27 and May 5
- Mail the check to St. Margaret's House. We will hold your check here and bring it to the Community Foundation on May 5
- You may mail a check now, just be sure it arrives here before May 5

If you choose to donate by credit card:

- On May 5, Go to: GiveLocalSJC.org
- Click on St. Margaret's House or type in our name in the organization box then make your donation
- Or, you can call St. Margaret's House on May 5 (574-234-7795). Our development assistant who answers the phone will fill out the form for you.



How Has St. Margaret's House Opened Doors for You?



"St. Margaret's House has given me the tools to realize what I already had." *Judy Valente*



"A new door opens for me everytime I walk into St. Margaret's House." *Danyel Cockrell*

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

A poem by Michelle Person

"The doors were open for the women in need:

Love
Kindness
Giving
Agree and disagree
Independent
Power
Achievement

Free

Women that made me."

This poem was written and performed by one of our first guests, Michelle Person, at the recent Women's History celebration. The women of St. Margaret's House cooked the meal, planned the program and gathered around a historical slide show like it was a bunch of family photographs. As we creep closer to our 25th anniversary celebration on June 18th, we remember where we have been, we celebrate who we are now and dream of where we will go next.

There are so many stories that capture the spirit of St. Margaret's House. Here is one more: Sr. Agnes Anne Roberts has been our Winter Walk top walker for the past several years. No matter the weather, she would gather funds, donate, and walk in solidarity with the women wearing her signature red coat. This February, for the first time in 10 years, Sr. Agnes Anne was not able to walk because of severe illness. However, her close friend Sr. Roseanne Schultz kept her presence with us by bringing her red coat to the walk, which was worn by a dear friend. On that cold day the red coat was a warm reminder of both Sr. Agnes Anne and our community's generosity. Thank you!

Kathryn A. Schneider
Executive Director

Around the House



Superintendent of South Bend Community Schools, Dr. Carole Schmidt came to talk with our women about education.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



Steps For Success

What is it: A five session personal and job readiness program presented regularly at St. Margaret's House.

The program includes resume writing, interview skills and self esteem building.

Congratulations to Vonnie Liberty (below) and all of the recent graduates.



BY THE NUMBERS

1,680

...That's how many cookies were made by our wonderful volunteers for Winter Walk.

- 3°
- -9° wind chill
- 444 walkers strong
- Raised \$69,823 for the women and children of St. Margaret's House

Winter Walk



Thank you
for making Winter Walk 2015 a huge success!



Music to Our Ears

The South Bend Symphony to Go treated St. Margaret's House women, children and staff to a concert. A single violin started "Amazing Grace" and was joined by the cello and the rest of the strings. Before the first verse was finished tears were filling the eyes of all listening. Children settled and all ears were at full attention. We all enjoyed a break from our busy schedules starting the weekend off in a beautiful way. Thank you South Bend Symphony to Go for spending time with us!



Celebrating 25 Years
of
Volunteers



Throwback Corner:

Volunteer Nancy Seger. Here's our throwback to 2003. We have been blessed to have years and years of great volunteers!

Want to get involved?

DONATE NEEDED ITEMS

- Socks
- Underwear
- Sanitary napkins
- Forks, spoons

VOLUNTEER WITH US

We need:

- Person to help with Access database
- Receptionist
- Clothes Closet help
- Cook/Kitchen help
- Handyman or woman



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