



Mary's Shelter



More Than a Shelter, We Are a Family and a Place to Call Home

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"I wasn't just lonely; I was all alone, completely alone, until I came here"
– 17 year old female,
Mary's Shelter resident.

I'm sure we have all felt this way at some point in our lives, and we turn to our family and friends for support, but what happens when those people are not around or just don't care? This is the common denominator for all the young people in our programs – YESS, Strong and Maternity. No one was there to help them when they needed it most.

I cannot imagine facing my recent health scare without the support of my family and friends – and according to the kids, I'm old. Just imagine being 17 and all alone, no home, no food, no family, no one to talk to and no idea what to do next. Is it any wonder they call themselves "unlovable, unwanted and disposable".

Mary's Shelter is here to change that way of thinking. We want these kids to know they are wanted, important, worthy, and lovable! The most amazing part of our work is when they begin to believe these words. They begin to believe in themselves, and they begin to shine.

That's what we want to share with you this year at our Anniversary Celebration. Join us and meet these amazing young people and hear how your support has changed their lives.

Thank you for being the "family and friends" they needed at a crucial time in their lives.

Christine Folk, RN
Executive Director

Danielle Monahan MSW
Deputy Director

In The Last 12 Months...

Our Maternity Home Program:

- Housed 7 women ages 16 to 18, their newborns and three toddlers
- Pantry Services provided to 527 expectant women with over 4,750 visits for material needs, counseling, and supportive services
- Diaper Bank Services provided to 783 families with more than 2,955 children ages 1 to 3
- Assisted 5 single dads with baby supplies, counseling, and referrals
- Assisted 11 grandparents raising their grandchildren with diapers, emotional support, and referrals



Our Youth Programs:

- **YESS** – youth ages 14 to 17 housed for 21-days
- 50 individual youth representing over 2,100 sheltered nights
- 68% family reunification with ongoing support from Mary's Shelter
- 212 drop-in and call-in youth needing intensive case management
- **STRONG** – youth ages 16 to 21 housed for 18-months.
- The program just opened in February 2022.
- 15 individual youth representing over 3,150 sheltered nights



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Program Successes:

- 7 high school graduations, 19 advanced a grade level
- 100% received trauma-informed care and advocacy services
- 89% increased school attendance
- 95% received medical, eye and dental care
- 72% received mental health counseling



Want to Know if You're Making a Difference in the Life of a Child? You Are!

Mary's Shelter relies on individual and business support to continue our services to at-risk youth and expectant young women in our community. We envisioned a safe place where young people can do more than just survive. We created a home where they can grow, learn, thrive, and reach their full potential.

Here's what your support can do to provide housing and prevent future homelessness:

Electric - \$1200 / month	Diapers (Diaper bank) - \$800.00 / month
UGI heat - \$829 / month	Supplies given to one expectant mom - \$750
Water - \$826 / month	Food - \$1,100 /month (for every 10 youth housed)

Here's what your donation can do to help 1 child at a time:

1 pack generic diapers - \$27	1 GED test - \$30 (4 total - \$120)
Baby wash, lotion, shampoo - \$10	1 Drivers Ed course - \$250
1 can of Formula - \$35	Transportation to School - \$100 (while bussing arranged)
Toiletries per admission - \$25	Baby essentials - \$50 (wipes, bottles, pacifiers, clothing)

The Board of Directors and Staff warmly invite you to join us in celebrating our 27th

Anniversary
"A PLACE TO CALL HOME"

THURSDAY
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PLACE

St. Constantine & Helen Church
1001 E Wyomissing Blvd,
Reading, PA 19611

TIME

5:00PM-7:00PM
in the evening

Wine and beer tasting (local vendors)
Heavy hors d'oeuvres
Client testimonials
Tickets \$60 - includes food & beverages,
5 raffle tickets, and door prizes

RSVP

Please RSVP and purchase your tickets online by scanning the QR code below.

At: eventbrite.com/e/marys-shelter-27th-anniversary-banquet-tickets-407516531917

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