



St. Gianna's Place, Inc.

A Safe Harbor for Mother and Child

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SUMMER 2021

Celebration of New Life Through Baptism



On May 23, 2021, one of our residents had her baby baptized at St. Matthew's church in Windham, NH. It was a beautiful celebration of God, love, family, and friends. Many of our volunteers, staff and board members were in attendance. This resident and her children have been with us for over a year and will be moving on soon. Here are some words she would like to leave us with: *"I moved into St.*

Gianna's last June as a last resort to save my baby. When I found out I was pregnant, my boyfriend of five years told me I had to move out or give up my baby. When I walked into St.



Gianna's with my suitcases, I was immediately enveloped in much needed love, comfort, and reassurance that I was where I needed to be. Before St. Gianna's I was lost, sad and faithless. Being here for the past year has made me a better person, mother, and friend and has brought my children and I closer to God. The lessons I've learned, and friends I have made, are things I will take with me for the rest of my life. St. Gianna's saved not just my son's life, but also my life, and I don't know what or where I would be if I had not come here. I am thankful for that beyond what words could ever express." -Resident C.

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Ways to help >>> We are always looking for babysitters, administrative, and fundraising/event volunteers. To volunteer please call the office at 603-521-8440. To make a monetary donation, please visit our website www.stgiannasplace.org where you can use PayPal, or a credit card, or use the enclosed envelope to donate by check. We are so incredibly grateful for all donations of your TIME, TREASURE AND TALENT. Thank you for your continued generosity!



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What's Happening at St. Gianna's ...

2021 has been a busy time for our residents at Saint Gianna's Place. There has been lots of celebrating and laughter. In February the ladies were able to take their children to a Valentine's dinner at T-Bones thanks to gift cards from an anonymous donor, a real treat! In March we celebrated the birth of a healthy baby girl, 6lbs 5oz and 19 inches. In April the residents put on an Easter celebration at the house for their families.



The house was filled with children, family members and lots of good food. We even had a visit from the Easter Bunny thanks to one of our daring dads who dressed up for us! In May we celebrated the birthday of one of our residents followed by a Mother's Day celebration complete with flowers for each resident from the United Way!



In the midst of the celebrating and joy of new life our residents have also been working hard. Three of our residents are currently employed and balancing work with caring for their babies. They completed a series of finance courses on topics such as debt management, budgeting, building credit, needs vs. wants when spending, and much more. Our new volunteer Veronica is instructing residents in career planning, and cooking lessons with Chef Peter remains a favorite on Monday afternoons where everyone is learning with great interest the skills of grilling. Residents also attended sessions on discussing relationship issues such as building character, self-respect, love and knowing your heart. The AA meeting started by our residents is still going strong and has become a well-respected meeting for those in recovery. Prayer remains central to all we do, and we remain grateful for the prayers of all our supporters as we continue to move forward, women of honor and dignity, in the light of Christ's love and mercy. – *Celeste Horan, Case Manager*

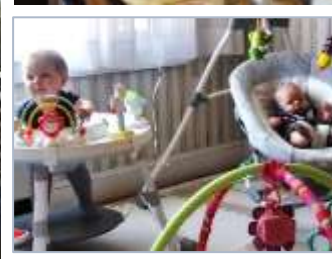
Financial Outlook

– St. Gianna's Place has been truly blessed with the response of our donors and volunteers. Our Baby Bottle campaign and our first ever virtual 'Banquet' not only resulted in much needed donations but also added substantially to our contact list—spreading the life-affirming message of St. Gianna's. In May we marked the 2-year anniversary of operating our home. Top expenses are salaries, housing costs and resident services. We have been able to offer substantial training experiences for both residents, staff, and volunteers. We have also invested in some much-needed improvements to our home. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and dedication that makes our mission possible!



Pure Joy!

In addition to our newly baptized resident, we are very happy to welcome six new residents to St. Gianna's Place so far this spring and summer. We welcome the baby girl of a current resident and two new moms, one with a newborn boy and a two-year-old girl and another with a newborn boy. Our home is truly full of God's joy!



From our President ...

Greetings to all of you! I am so blessed to be writing my first notes as the new President of the Board of St. Gianna's Place. We have had a busy winter and spring with the arrival of 3 babies and the baptism of another infant who was born late last year. We have had the joy of watching faith bloom in one of our 7-year-old residents, who proclaimed in our Night of Hope video, "I didn't know God before I came here!" She was later recorded teaching her young cousins all about devotional candles and other things one sees in church. And speaking of the Night of Hope, what an awesome experience that was! With a beautifully produced video including heartwarming testimonials by our residents, and the awe-inspiring presentation by Immaculee Iibagiza. If you have not seen the video yet, do not miss it while it is still available on our website at www.stgiannasplace.org. We thank you for your generous support and prayers. May God Bless each one of you, keeping you safe and healthy, and enjoying the beauty of this season. Warmly, *Kathy Mahoney, Board President*

Resident Services Manager Needed. St. Gianna's Place has an open position for a full-time, experienced case manager to work with our residents. The full job description and contact information can be found on our website.