



Our House *and* Hearts *are* Full

The first half of 2022 has been truly fulfilling for St. Gianna's Place. For the first time in our short history, we've had a "full house," ministering to five women and their children. Operating at capacity has been both challenging and rewarding, and as we continue with our third-floor renovations, we're excited to serve more women and their children in the future.

Our residents are thriving, taking classes in faith formation, personal finance, parenting, cooking, and gardening. One of our residents is enrolled in a phlebotomy class, another recently earned her driver's license, and another purchased a car. They are good moms learning life skills that will prepare them for the future.

On May 3rd we hosted our third annual fundraising banquet at The Event Center in Nashua, NH. It was a wonderful evening of faith, friendship, and fundraising. Our keynote speaker was Raymond Arroyo, but the stars of the evening were two of our former residents who bravely shared their stories, their failures and their triumphs, and their successes after transitioning from St. Gianna's Place to living independently.

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Gianna's Place. Your prayers, volunteer hours, and financial contributions are our lifeblood, allowing us to show God's love to some of the most vulnerable, at-risk women in our community. God bless you all.

Kelly

Kelly McIntire

President, St. Gianna's Place Board of Directors



President, Kelly McIntire, shares her opening remarks



Debbie and Dave Thibault with Raymond.

2022 Fundraising Gala



Former resident, Christina, shares her moving testimony



Raffle winner Dr. Keith Jorganson



Raymond meets St. Gianna's residents

We love our volunteers!



(far left) While our moms are attending in-house classes, Therese O'Malley helps occupy a younger resident.

(middle) Peter Mahoney does double duty as our cooking instructor and baby holder.

(top right) Thomas More students along with Ryan Rahilly help move furniture to our newly renovated third floor.



(bottom right) A friend of St. Gianna's generously donated beautiful furniture to help outfit our new third floor. She and Bill Neville load it up for transport.



Our smallest residents enjoy music time with Resident Services Manager, Donna Meade



Theo loves celebrating his mom at our Mother's Day brunch



Resident Alanna is a budding phlebotomist as she participates in a phlebotomy training program at St. Joseph's Hospital

Resident Spotlight: Meet Chloe

My name is Chloe and I am a resident at St. Gianna's Place. It has been an amazing 7 months of living here. When I arrived here, everyone was so welcoming with open arms. It felt like another family I never had. Before I discovered St. Gianna's, I was living from house to house. It was terrifying not knowing where I was going to be sleeping next. In the first 7 months, I had my own stable home and a warm, cozy room next to other women who have become my friends and who I hold dear to my heart. All the overnight staff are very comforting. Living here has made me an independent person. Everyone here is enjoyable to be around. I have felt loved and saved in a way. Now I am focusing on going to college and my first baby being born in June!

Chloe



Happenings at St. Gianna's Place

Third Floor Renovation

St. Gianna's has been leasing a beautiful three-story former rectory from the diocese of Manchester since its opening in 2019. Since the third floor of the home had not been used in many years, it needed a total makeover for much-needed additional bedroom space. Renovation of the third floor is now underway and its completion is slated for sometime late summer. A sprinkler/alarm system, new flooring, bathroom renovation, electrical and plumbing upgrades and painting are nearing completion. This renovation will allow St. Gianna's to fulfill its mission of serving 7 women and their children. A former dream is now a reality due to God's grace and our generous donors!



Old paneling gets a fresh coat of paint to make it new again.



Volunteers Paul Roy and Wilson Velasquez lay the new floor. Paul also served as the project manager for the renovation.

Former Residents Return!

We love it when former residents drop in to pay a visit. It is rewarding for us to see their smiling faces, hear about their continued successes, and see how their children have grown.



Mikayla and her beautiful daughter, share a smile with volunteer Marsha Roy.



Licrese and her daughter stopped in from Indiana to visit Maria, St. Gianna's Place cofounder, and the two year old's Godmother. Licrese is a full-time mom and college student working towards a business degree while also working part time.

Our Board of Directors

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Resident Jackie and Resident Services Manager, Donna Meade, enjoy cooking dinner together



Father Von has been St. Gianna's Place spiritual director since our opening in 2019. Among many other things, he has monthly dinners with staff and residents which everyone greatly looks forward to. Thank you Father Von!!

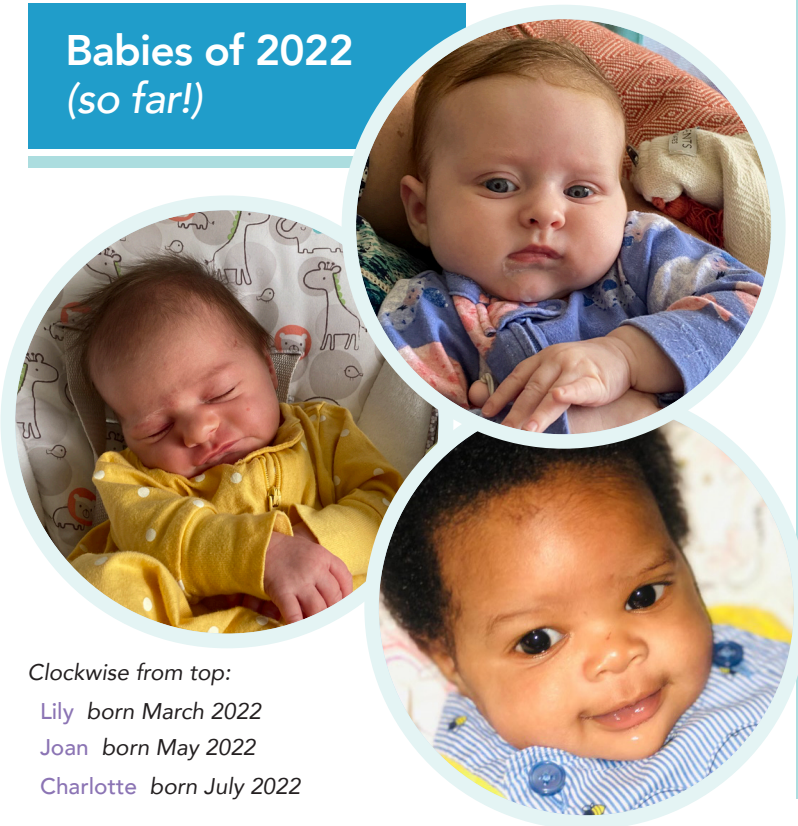
New Patio and Fence Planned

Our current patio is a sight for sore eyes, not to mention a safety concern. Thanks to our generous donors, we will soon be installing a brand new patio for our mothers and babies to enjoy. It will enhance the beauty of our backyard and the new fence will keep our little ones safe and secure.



Our current patio will soon be removed and replaced! Stay tuned for the new and improved version!

Babies of 2022 (so far!)



Clockwise from top:

Lily born March 2022

Joan born May 2022

Charlotte born July 2022



“The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down.”

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

The feast day of the Italian saint Gianna Beretta Molla is celebrated on April 28th. A relatively modern saint, Molla achieved so much in her life, yet her death allowed her to achieve so much more by championing the most vulnerable, the unborn.

During the 1950s, Molla was actively involved in Catholic Action and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, as well as being a pediatrician and mom to three young children. She then became pregnant with her fourth child.

However, during this pregnancy doctors discovered she had a uterine tumor. The only way to make sure Molla survived the cancer was to abort her unborn baby and carry out extensive medical procedures. Molla had other plans.

The brave mom decided to have limited surgery on the tumor that allowed her to deliver her baby safely. Sadly, she died just one week after her baby, Gianna Emanuela, was born.

Molla's sacrifice was brave yet it epitomizes who she was as a woman. While we celebrate her life and her heroic actions, we can take inspiration from her deep faith, knowing that God is always by our side.



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