



The Holy Spirit Guides Us to God's Plan

We are grateful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we follow the roadmap laid out during our 2025 strategic planning. This groundwork has helped us make prudent decisions during a time of inevitable change.

This summer we say good-bye to Donna Meade as she begins her retirement. Donna has given years of service to St. Gianna's Place and her example of untiring love and compassion for the many women and children whom she welcomed to our home has made a lasting impact on the lives of our residents, staff, and volunteers. We pray that God's grace will bless her in all future endeavors.

We are pleased to welcome Silvia Crouteau as our first Executive Director. As we introduce this new position, our Board of Directors will transition from a working board to one of governance. We are excited to see all that God has in store as St. Gianna's Place continues to grow.

- Liz Neville, President



A House to Call Our Own

For the past seven years, St. Gianna's Place has leased a former rectory from the Diocese of Manchester to carry out our ministry of caring for homeless pregnant women in crisis and their children. But now, with joyful hearts and a grateful spirit, we are thrilled to announce that we are no longer tenants, but owners, of this beautiful home!

We owe a debt of gratitude to Bishop Peter Libasci who has supported St. Gianna's Place from the day we opened our doors in 2019, the Bishop Peterson Council #4442 Knights of Columbus who provided us with a generous donation, and to all of you, our donors and supporters, who have prayed for and provided the financial resources to make this possible. But most of all, we give thanks and praise to our good and loving God who has bestowed more blessings on St. Gianna's Place than we could have ever imagined.



▲ Attorney Laura Gandia served as pro-bono legal counsel for St. Gianna's Place. (L to R: Liz Neville with house deed in hand, Michael Redding, Board Treasurer, and Laura Gandia)



▲ Council #4442 Knights of Columbus Rick Veilleux, Alex Tanguay and Kenneth Tarara present Donna Meade, St. Gianna's Board Director, and Liz Neville, Board President, with a generous donation.

Where Are They Now?

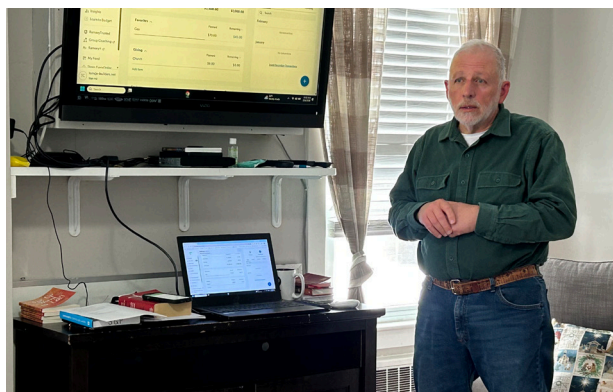
Julia & Jeremy

I am incredibly grateful for the time I spent at St. Gianna's Place. I found this home during one of the most challenging times in my life, when I was pregnant and in need of a safe, stable place to begin again. There, I found more than shelter—I found support, guidance, and a deeper faith and trust in God. I grew stronger and was given the tools and confidence to move forward. Today, I have a beautiful baby boy, a loving fiancé, and a stable home, and I truly don't believe I would be where I am without St. Gianna's Place.



*Do everything in
love*
1 Corinthians 16:14

We Love Our Volunteers!



◀ Tom Chicciello meets with our residents weekly to teach them the principles of budgeting and financial literacy, giving them the tools that lead to financial independence.



▲ Janine Condi offers help wherever needed. She's a master organizer and a natural when it comes to calming fussy babies. We're pleased to share that she's the newest member of our Board of Directors.



▲ Heike Roth arrives at St. Gianna's Place with cleaning supplies in tow, keeping our common areas glistening. Her visits allow our residents more time to pursue educational and professional opportunities.

Meet Our New Babies!

Welcome Adonis and Braylee!



Resident Spotlight: *Meet Ella*

When I got pregnant at 19, everything felt like it was falling apart. I didn't have any family or support, and I felt completely alone. I had no idea how I was going to get through my pregnancy or take care of a baby.

St. Gianna's Place was the only support I had during that time, and honestly, it changed my life. St. Gianna's didn't just give me a place to stay, it gave me a chance to completely change my path. For the first time in a long time, I felt safe and supported. I had people around me who actually cared and wanted to see me do better. Being here helped me start making better choices and believe that I could build a different kind of life for myself and my child. Now, I'm growing into the mom I always wanted to be. I'm learning every day, healing from my past, and working toward a more stable and positive future. St. Gianna's Place helped me find strength in myself that I didn't even know I had, and it gave me hope when I felt like I had none.

- Ella



St. Gianna's Place Annual Banquet



◀ Former resident, Carolyn, shares how St. Gianna's Place was foundational in her successes as both mother and in her career as a member of the criminal justice recovery court team.

▼ A special thank you to Father Marc Montminy, keynote speaker, who inspired everyone with his heartfelt remarks and insight.



Where Does Your Money Go?

St. Gianna's Place continues to be blessed by faithful and generous donors. Over the past year, this support has allowed us to replace several drafty windows and our antiquated boiler, purchase a bigger swing set, and send staff members to the annual Heartbeat International Conference where they took part in training seminars and networked with their counterparts from maternity homes across the country. Thank you for making our home improvements and staff development possible!



▲ Chris Gandia beams after claiming his live auction prize.





Kelsey's Achievements

Kelsey has been hard at work during the last year striving to reach many goals. While living at St. Gianna's Place, she has earned a driver's license, obtained childcare for her daughter, and just recently graduated from a certification program as a Licensed Nursing Assistant. Her most recent achievement has been a full-time job offer! Kelsey is now happily employed as a Home Health Aide. However, Kelsey's biggest achievement of all is becoming a mom. Stepping into motherhood has motivated her to become the woman that God always intended. As Kelsey works to build a better life for her child, she is also learning more about herself and all that she is capable of achieving.

So Much to Celebrate!



▲ Residents and staff celebrate Father Von's 50th birthday



▲ Rosita celebrates her first birthday with mom, Kelsey



▲ Adella was grateful for the outpouring of love and the many thoughtful gifts at her baby shower.

Joyful Farewells

This summer we will say goodbye to our retiring Director of Resident Services, Donna Meade. Donna has been at St. Gianna's Place for 5 years and has held the roles of Resident Services Manager and Director.

Donna's love and compassion for our residents, staff, and volunteers has been transformational for St. Gianna's Place.

Her leadership has always been resident-focused, with the needs of the women we serve and their children being her top priority. Whether she is transporting our moms to appointments or playing the guitar and singing with the babies, Donna's sincere care and concern for others is a true reflection of God's love. We will miss her but are happy for her as she enters this new chapter.



St. Gianna's Place Board and Founders

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