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Esther's Place of Grace

A residential maternity home serving women in crisis pregnancy
with housing and support services

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We pray that you and your families were able to enjoy a blessed holiday season. We join the Apostle Paul in saying, "I (We) thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5 ESV.

We were overwhelmed by your gifts of \$2000 on Giving Tuesday, and for the additional \$600 in year end giving! Mary will be sending out tax receipts for your generous 2020 giving.

We now have almost \$7000 toward our goal of \$15,000, or 6 months worth of operating expenses. We are currently working on securing a home for these vulnerable mothers and babies. Please pray with us as, Lord willing, we have a goal to open in Summer of 2021.

CARDS FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER

We are a week into our fundraiser: Cards for a Cause. The cards are quality, handcrafted greeting cards that come in 5 varieties. Each boxed set contains 30 cards with the exception of the Holiday box, which contains 50 cards.

Each Box is \$30 for pick up or local delivery, or \$42 shipped. For more information, contact Elizabeth Friend at :

614-288-1598 or
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Handcrafted Greeting Cards

Cards for a Cause Fundraisers
Handmade cards for all occasions with coordinating envelopes in a keepsake box. Birthdays, Holidays, Celebrations, Thank Yous & More!

Amazing Value! \$30 per Box

Cards for All Occasions (Box 1) - Charming organizer box includes dividers and 30 beautifully embellished cards with envelopes designed for all types of occasions.

Cards for All Occasions (Box 2) - Beautiful organizer box includes dividers and 30 beautifully embellished cards with envelopes designed for all types of occasions.

The Holiday Card Collection Box - Festive box includes 50 individually designed cards for various holidays in a keepsake box with white envelopes.

Thanks & Blanks Box - Adorable fold out organizer box full of 30 uniquely handcrafted greeting cards with colored envelopes. Includes Blank cards and Thank You cards.

Decorative Envelopes Individually Wrapped Beautifully Embellished

Save money now and time later...Have cards on hand for every occasion.

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE

The Kids Birthday Box - Keepsake box can be colored with pencils or markers and includes 30 handcrafted birthday cards designed for kids.

Product images are provided for your general information and may change without notice due to availability.

Meet Our Board:



Mary Dow, Founder and Director

Starting a maternity home ministry came from a desire to see young women in unplanned pregnancies receive the support they need to parent. Esther's Place of Grace will work with young moms seeking services at Heartbeats in Newark, OH. Heartbeats will be referring young women in need of housing & support services.

I obtained my Social Work Degree from OSU in May 2019 while working full time in healthcare for the specific purpose of starting this residential maternity home ministry. I

have also attended trainings to become knowledgeable in forming a nonprofit organization, legal issues, development, strategic planning, marketing and fundraising.

My role as the Director is to oversee the operations of the nonprofit, which includes: fundraising, strategic planning, and program and staff development. I currently function as the chair of the board of directors.



Pam Ianni, Vice-President and Treasurer

Pam's involvement with Esther's Place of Grace stems from her work as a consultant at Heartbeats. Her husband has also bought property in Newark in hopes of supporting the maternity home. Pam holds a Bachelor's of Science in Education from OSU. She worked as a high school Science teacher for 10 years at a co-op and at Granville Christian School. She has also worked in private home health care



Elizabeth Friend, Secretary

I became involved with Esther's Place of Grace because I wanted to help families obtain self-sufficiency and to equip moms with the resources they need to have fulfilling lives for themselves and their children. Being a mom is hard, especially when you are lacking the typical support others have.

I am a stay at home mom and a consultant with Usborne Books and More. I have a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from OSU. Currently my role in the ministry involves a variety of things including: fundraising and social media.



Our Board cont' :



Amy Cyrus, Board Member

Amy became involved with the ministry because of her experiences with friends going through unplanned pregnancies. She also fostered a pregnant teen in her home. She is very interested in developing programs to help young people get on their feet. She has been the administrator at Schein Bright Academy for 7 years.

Amy holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Ohio University, along with a Master's Degree in the Art Of Teaching.

She has been the Administrator of Schein Bright Academy for seven years. She is also the mom of 17, 15, and 10 year old children.

Amy sees her role as one of supporting Mary and the board in any way she can.



Carmen Debolt, Board Member

Carmen first heard about the maternity home after reconnecting with Mary, a childhood friend, on Facebook. She is a Registered Nurse and was involved in starting the ultrasound program at Heartbeats of Licking County. She is married and is a stay at home mom to three children. Carmen views Esther's Place of Grace as a wonderful opportunity to

be involved in women's ministry and to help women experiencing at risk pregnancies. Like Amy, she views her role in the ministry as supporting the board and the vulnerable women they will be serving.

"...And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Esther 4: 14b ESV

