



Mary's Shelter



Mary's Shelter loses funding for "helping too many homeless kids"

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YES, that statement is true! It has taken me several months to write because I am still in shock.

To be told, during an inspection, "the programs are amazing, and we'd like to use Mary's Shelter as a model for others, but we can no longer fund you" was just so hard to believe. It all comes down to having too many bedrooms now that the lower level is completed.

I can now sympathize with our young people who face so many obstacles all alone. Constantly facing struggles too difficult to manage without help. It's easy to give up. But we remind them every day that they are not alone.

Mary's Shelter is here for the long haul. Our supporters are amazing! And we need your support now more than ever. Our young people think of themselves as "unlovable, unwanted and even disposable." We know that isn't true.

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.

Support our Casino Night Celebration – become a sponsor, attend the event and bring a friend.

Let's show these kids that we are "All-in" and committed to helping them achieve the better, brighter, and beautiful future they deserve.

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

Christine Folk, RN
Executive Director

Danielle Monahan MSW
Deputy Director



An enormous THANK YOU to Rep. Mark Rozzi for securing the funding Mary's Shelter needed to continue serving homeless unaccompanied youth (ages 14 to 21) this year! His dedication to helping the most vulnerable in our community is admirable. He put words into action and showed he cared!

In The Last 12 Months...

Our Youth Programs:

- Successfully transitioned 75 homeless youth from the streets into safe and secure housing.
- 50 minors received 2,100 sheltered nights
- 68% received family reunification with ongoing support from Mary's Shelter
- Assisted 212 Drop-in and call in youth needing intensive case management and support
- Housed 37 youth in the newly opened STRONG program
- 7 youth graduated high school and 19 advanced to the next 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 services

Maternity Services

- Two new moms transitioned to the STRONG - 18 month program
- Pantry services provided to 527 expectant women with over 4,750 individual visits
- Diaper Bank services provided to 783 families with more than 2,955 children ages 1 to 3
- Assisted 5 single dads and 11 grandparents raising their grandchildren
- Over 70 babies born since our last newsletter



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Our Thanks!

Thank you to all of the individuals, groups and businesses who took part in our Adopt-a-Child this past Christmas. A list and photos can be found on our website www.marysshelter.org



A SPECIAL Thank you to all of our bowlers who participated in our Annual Family Bowl-a-thon after a three year hiatus due to the pandemic. The participants raised over \$20,000.

Congratulations to St. Ignatius School for being the top prize winner – and then generously donating their prize to a former resident and her son! Photos can be found on our website.



Jackpot - \$5,000

- ♦ Recognition on all public relations and advertising 2023 – includes fundraising and community awareness events.
- ♦ A full-page ad in patron book for the Casino Night on September 8th
- ♦ 8 Complimentary tickets
- ♦ \$10,000 in “Baby Bucks” and 8 grand prize drawing tickets
- ♦ Supply your own Celebrity Dealer (optional)
- ♦ Recognition in all newsletters and social media pages with logo for one full year

All In (So Kids Win) - \$2,500

- ♦ A half page ad in patron book for the Casino Night on September 8th
- ♦ 4 Complimentary tickets
- ♦ \$6,000 in “Baby Bucks” and 4 grand prize drawing tickets
- ♦ Supply your own Celebrity Dealer (optional)
- ♦ Recognition in all newsletters and social media pages for six months

High Roller - \$1,000

- ♦ Logo listing in patron book for the Casino Night on September 8th
- ♦ 2 Complimentary tickets
- ♦ \$3,000 in “Baby Bucks” and 2 grand prize drawing tickets
- ♦ Recognition in our newsletter and one-time social media blast

Royal Flush - \$500

- ♦ Listing in patron book for the Casino Night on September 8th
- ♦ Recognition in our newsletter

Full House

_____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ Other amount

✓ Name listing in patron book (Please Print): _____

Please return to Mary's Shelter by August 30th. Additional information available on marysshelter.org.

Our mailing address is: 615 Kenhorst Blvd Reading, PA 19611



Casino NIGHT

★ FUNDRAISER ★

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

TIME: 6:00PM - 10:00PM

STS. CONSTANTINE AND
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GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:

A two night stay for two people
and \$300 food voucher for
The M Resort in Las Vegas
plus \$250 toward airfare
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