



Heart of Mary Happenings

Restoring the hidden fireplace was one of our favorite projects in the house.



It is hard to believe that April has come to a close. It is even more hard to believe that we have welcomed in 7 residents to the new house! We have not only increased our rate of referrals, but our volunteer numbers have also skyrocketed!

It is so wonderful to see the the house bustling with so much life!

We have four bedrooms completed now. Upon completing the updated bathroom, we were made aware of a plumbing issue. After further analysis, we learned that it was more than just an issue. We were faced with a major blockage in our main sewer line. The Lord has blessed us with a kind plumber, who is working us into his busy schedule and we hope to get the work start

ed quickly without further obstacles. We are so grateful for all of God's little helpers who are always there ready and willing to help us in any way that they can.

We hope to also get started on the Chapel space soon! We are reminded more and more each day how vital this space will be to all of our visitors, but more so, to our caregivers. They often take a spiritual beating and having a spiritual space that is set apart from the rest of the house will serve as a spiritual oasis. This, along with the reaming two bedrooms, will complete our renovations. I don't think anyone, including me, thought that we would be moving along so quickly.

God is so good!

♡ Kim



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Each month we will highlight some of our regular volunteers.
First up are Jeremy, Gerardo, and Haziel.

MEET THE VOLUNTEERS

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, you can expect to see these three fine gentlemen working hard at the Heart of Mary House!

They are in the MNPS Transition Services Program. This is a program for students beyond the 12th grade who are still preparing for life. It is a time where students create goals and a pathway for life after high school. At Heart of Mary House, the students take part in volunteer roles as they learn about homemaking and caretaking. You can read more about the program [here](#) in our March Newsletter.



Tune in 6/12, 9pm

After two days of filming, we are so excited to see what the producers were able to piece together! They interviewed 2 of our regular volunteers, 2 of our University Catholic Students, our caregiver, Fatima, and founder and director, Kim. Filming also took place as we had the missionaries from the University of Wisconsin helping us. The crew was also able to share in special interactions with one of our residents, Miss Peggy.

LIVING DIVINE MERCY

Fr. Chris Alar is the host of a weekly show on EWTN titled, 'Living Divine Mercy.' During the show they showcase a variety of interesting and inspiring stories about our Catholic faith, the people in the pews living it out, and rich treasures from Scripture and Tradition to help bring souls to Christ.





"We were going to move forward until we no longer could... until God put up an obstacle we couldn't get around." -Kim Derrick

LISTEN TO THE PODCAST [HERE](#)

Kim was welcomed back on the podcast Aging, Angst and Alleluias to talk about the new house and the mountains she had to climb to get there. To date, it has had over 7,000 downloads! The episode has been noted as not only eye opening, but also left people with a sense of hope in humanity! These two ladies found each other as they were both working with the Lord to serve their neighbors in need



Speaker- *Kim Derrick* **HOMH founder and director**



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TOPICS TO CHOOSE FROM:

Womb to Tomb

A discussion centering around respecting the dignity of life from conception until natural death. Kim uses her life experiences in her family of 11 children and 27 years of marriage and her professional experiences as a hospice nurse.

Fiat: Echoing the life of Our Lady

Kim shares her story of trusting the Lord in her vocation as a wife and then also being chosen to found and direct a home for the dying poor. She recants the call to surrender and trust and how the outpour of God's goodness never runs dry.

Know, Love, Serve: Living your vocation in peace

Kim shares the timeline of how she began the Heart of Mary House and the impact it has had on her and her family. She also shares personal stories from those who have resided in the house and the witness of God's everlasting love for all.

No upfront costs or fees for booking. We only ask that we are able to have a donation box and can distribute materials promoting the organization.

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