

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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MARTHA'S HOUSE
OF HOPE

2024 WAS ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR!

- **7 mothers & 6 babies** were assisted by our transitional living program.
- **3 graduate mothers** continued to receive assistance with diapers and other necessities.
- **1,260 nights of support** given.
- **3,828 volunteer hours** completed.
- Officially formalized our aftercare program

100% of the women we assisted left our program housed!



FROM RENTERS TO HOMEOWNERS

We are overwhelmed with gratitude as we share some truly exciting news with you—thanks to the incredible generosity of Friedrich Properties, we are now proud homeowners! **After seven years of renting our maternity home, we've been gifted the house where we've built so many memories.** This is a monumental step forward for our mission, and we are eager to turn this house into a safe, welcoming, and lasting home for the mothers and babies we serve.

We are thrilled to share the successful completion of our renovation campaign, which has allowed us to make vital improvements to Martha's House of Hope. Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we were able to complete all necessary repairs, ensuring that our home continues to be a safe and comfortable place for the mothers and children we serve.

With your generosity, we installed beautiful new vinyl flooring on the first floor and made important structural repairs, including fixing the porch roof to enhance safety and longevity. We are especially grateful to Service Legends for their incredible contribution through their 'Warm Your Heart' campaign, which provided us with a brand-new furnace. This new HVAC system ensures that our residents will stay comfortable year-round, even through Iowa's coldest winters and hottest summers.

We would like to give a special thank you to Cornerstone Church and Overflow Thrift Store, both of whom made generous financial contributions of \$10,000 each towards our campaign. Their support played a significant role in helping us reach our goal and complete these essential renovations. We are deeply grateful for their unwavering partnership and commitment to our mission.

Looking ahead, we are excited to create our backyard oasis in the spring. This new outdoor space will feature a playground and outdoor seating, providing a serene area for relaxation and recreation for our mothers and babies to enjoy.

While we have successfully reached our renovation goal, your continued support helps us to maintain and expand the services we offer. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this journey, and we look forward to the continued positive impact we can make together. Your generosity has made all of this possible, and we are honored to have you by our side as we create a lasting foundation of hope and stability for the families we serve.

We couldn't do it without you.

"I feel privileged that I get to hear the women's stories. I am grateful that I can witness many big moments and goals reached in their lives, like the birth of their baby, a new job, getting a GED, a sobriety anniversary..."

I see the moms not only growing in confidence in their mothering and caring for their babies, but also, increasing in hope for their future and that of their babies.

They are receiving necessary supports that give them a chance to make it through a crisis pregnancy, and are learning many life-skills to equip them for life beyond MHOH."

-Nannet, Weekly Devotional Leader at Martha's House of Hope

A JOURNEY OF TRIUMPH: DESIREE'S STORY

At Martha's House of Hope, we are privileged to witness remarkable transformations every day, and Desiree's story is a shining testament to the power of hope, determination, and support.

When Desiree came to us, she was fleeing a domestic violence shelter, battling addiction, and seeking stability during a difficult pregnancy. Despite the challenges, she was determined to create a better life for herself and her unborn daughter, Serenity.

From the moment she walked through our doors, Desiree embraced the support, resources, and community offered at Martha's House of Hope.

Through hard work and an unwavering spirit, Desiree achieved sobriety and has now celebrated 22 months of recovery. During her time with us, she completed her HiSET (formerly GED), secured stable employment, and built a strong foundation for her future.

Her dedication extended to her spiritual growth as well. Desiree joined a local church, where she is now an active member and finds encouragement in her faith. She also meets weekly with her sponsor, ensuring she continues to build on her recovery and personal growth.

Today, Desiree lives independently in her own apartment and is enrolled in our after-care program. She is successfully parenting her one-year-old daughter, Serenity, and managing the challenges of single motherhood with strength and grace.

Her journey is an inspiring example of what is possible when a mother is given the tools, guidance, and faith-based care to rebuild her life.

Desiree's story is a powerful reminder of why we do what we do at Martha's House of Hope. **With your continued support, we can help more mothers like Desiree find the courage to overcome their circumstances and build a brighter future for themselves and their children.**



Desiree shortly after moving into Martha's House of Hope



Desiree after graduating with her GED



Desiree at her daughter's first birthday party