Monthly Newsletter

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

November 2025



Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

We are excited to share some updates that are coming to our Williamston House location! See page 2 for more details.

We also want to remind everyone that our ministry relies on the kindness and support of our community. Thank you for your continued support of Mother Teresa House and our ministry.

Enjoy this months newsletter!





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Mother Teresa House Updates

We are excited to announce that Mother Teresa House has been awarded an impact grant! We will be using these funds to make some renovations at our Williamston house. In these renovations we will:

- widen the entrance/entryway of the home to allow easier access for wheelchairs and gurneys
- widen the hallway and doorways of the guest rooms for easier access
- enlarge windows so guests can view the scenic grounds

- renovate the bathroom to have a walk-in shower
- add plumbing to the care room for sanitation purposes

We are very grateful for this opportunity to help make our ministry grow! To accommodate our construction we will be closing our Williamston house and will be reopening in Spring of 2026. Thank you for your patience and support during this time of transition. We look forward to continuing to serve the Williamston community in 2026!



Volunteer Spotlight

Meet our volunteer Carmellina! We have had the pleasure of having Carmellina volunteer with us for a little over a year. In that short time she has showed she is compassionate about care and has continually gone above and beyond to make our guests feel loved. We appreciate everything you do for us, Carmellina, thank you for being a volunteer at Mother Teresa House.



Invite your friends to our upcoming tour and volunteer informational meeting! We will talk about what being a caregiver entails and provide training on needed skills at our upcoming practical skills training. Here are the details:

- Informational Meeting: Monday, Nov 10 from 1-3p
- Skills Training: Friday, Nov 21 from 10a-2p
- Location will be shared once attendance is confirmed.
- Please fill out application on the website before attending. Training is tentative on sufficient sign up.

www.motherteresahouse.org/ can-i-help/volunteer/



Stories of impact:

this month's story is about how Mother Teresa House impacted the family of our guest, Shelly.

Mother Teresa house was mine and my mother's comfort on the hardest days of her life. From the moment she became a guest until her very last breath, we were welcomed with open arms, compassion, respect, communication, and so much love.

From the second she arrived, she said it felt like her childhood home. That brought her so much comfort. It wasn't a sterile hospital room that was understaffed. It was a bedroom; where we filled it with pictures of my children, her cozy blanket, and a wardrobe full of her clothes.

The volunteers and coordinators felt like family, from keeping her company, to making her meals, making sure she had her correct meds, and keeping her safe. The home helped my mom heal; physically and mentally. She actually went home after a few months stay because she had made such progress. It was so bittersweet for her to leave Mother Teresa House (MTH). She returned to her home and spent several months alone.

Unfortunately, she declined during that time. It was much harder for her to care for herself and fight the cancer mentally and physically. She ultimately returned to the MTH, spending just a few days there before she passed.

Once she arrived for those final days, she told me it felt like she was back home. As hard as that was to hear, because I knew what that meant, I could tell she was finally at peace. She was so restless at home those past few weeks.

The final days were very hard, as she quickly declined. I was numb in devastation, but MTH always checked in on me while I was there. They truly cared and I always felt that. In her final hours, a house coordinator sat with her until she took her last breath. The fact that she didn't die alone and had someone she had grown to love meant the absolute world to my family and I.



Our guest, Shelly, with her daughter Jessica

My heart is still healing from such a tremendous loss, however, I don't know how I would have made it out alive myself without the amazing people at MTH. They helped me keep my sanity when I didn't know how to push forward. They were so gentle with me, there for me through my tears, and hugged me when I needed it most. They all played a role in her story, literal angels on earth. Thank you so much to each and everyone one of you. I'm forever grateful for Mother Theresa House and the impact it made on our lives.

With so much love, Her daughter Jessica

You can help us make a difference!

Donations

These donations will be used in our daily care for our current guests. By making a donation, this will allow us to continue to provide personal, around-the-clock care to those in the greatest need at no cost. Thank you for your generosity!

We are currently in need of...

• Meijer gift cards for groceries

Donate your time!

We are always looking for hands-on caregivers to provide loving, comforting care to our guests.

For more information come to our next orientation (see page 2) or reach out to Sophia at serving@motherteresahouse.org

Join our Prayer Team!

Want to help, but don't have the time or resources? Help us through prayer! Prayer is the bedrock of our ministry. For more information about our Prayer Team or to join please visit https://motherteresahouse.org/how-can-i-help/volunteer/ and scroll down to the "Prayer Team" section. We appreciate all prayers we receive.



Thank you for reading!

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