

# Monthly Newsletter

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

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December 2025



## This month we reflect on the year and everyone that has supported our mission here at Mother Teresa House.

As 2025 comes to a close, we look back on this year with great appreciation. We have trained and gained 71 additional volunteers throughout the year and continue to grow thanks to the support of everyone involved! We are so grateful for the dedication of time and talent that our volunteers display. From showing up consistently ready to take on any challenge, to baking yummy treats for us. We appreciate every act of kindness and support we receive. None of this would be possible without our volunteers and everyone else who supports us in numerous ways. *Thank you to everyone!* We are optimistic at what next year holds and we know that, with your support, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of the guests, their families, and everyone who comes into Mother Teresa House.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.



MTH Staff

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## Mother Teresa House Updates

### Zimmer house construction

We are continuing to plan and make the final preparations on our construction project at our Williamston House. The renovations will start in January and will be completed in the spring.



### Volunteer Spotlight

Meet our volunteer Lorenzo!



Lorenzo is a student at MSU who has volunteered with us since January. In this short time, he has impressed us with his initiative and hard working spirit. Lorenzo always is eager to help and often finds things to do around the house that need to get done without having to be asked. He is very personable and loved by all of the guests.

*Thank you for helping our ministry  
Lorenzo!*



### Dec 2025 Training

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: Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7p
- Skills Training: Monday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 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/  
how-can-i-help/volunteer/](http://www.motherteresahouse.org/how-can-i-help/volunteer/)



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## Stories of impact: this month's story is about how Mother Teresa House impacted the volunteer, Kasey.

My name is Kasey, and I have been a volunteer with Mother Theresa House (MTH) for approximately one year, joining after hearing about the organization through a friend while actively seeking meaningful volunteer opportunities. My desire to serve is rooted in past experiences, including work in nursing homes and providing support to my grandfather during his time in hospice care. Since starting my volunteering with MTH, I have found the experience profoundly fulfilling, offering a concrete way to give back and live out my faith by acting as God's hands and feet.

The time spent working with guests has instilled in me a deep sense of humility and gratitude that I strive to emulate in my personal life. While I recognize I have a long way to go, I continue to draw inspiration from their example. Volunteering at MTH has also helped me become a better listener. Given that my professional role involves a great deal of speaking, it is a refreshing change to simply sit, listen, and provide a comforting presence to guests and their families. This ministry has also inspired me to step outside of my comfort zone in meaningful ways.

A particularly humbling moment occurred when a long-term guest, with whom I had lost contact after they were discharged, returned to MTH. Despite a moment of guilt for not having stayed in touch, both the guest's genuine happiness and immediate comfort upon seeing me were profoundly moving. They asked me to pray with them through their pain—an act I had never done before and felt uncomfortable performing. Trusting in God, I let the words flow. Witnessing the patient visibly relax and be comforted by God's presence in that



moment was an incredibly powerful experience. It was healing and humbling to know that, with God's grace, I could be of assistance in their final journey.

Ultimately, my volunteering with MTH has granted me a much deeper appreciation for life, a profound respect for individuals from all backgrounds, and a realization that death can be beautiful and God is present in every moment. This work has also brought a sense of healing regarding my own previous life experiences. The MTH mission—that every life is important, even in its final stages—is something I wish everyone could experience and embrace. Everyone deserves to feel loved, wanted, and needed at the end of life, and MTH teaches the importance of this, giving us the opportunity to be that presence for our guests and their families. I am very grateful for this opportunity and for the wonderful community of volunteers I get to work alongside.

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# 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
- New coffee pot for our Zimmer house
- 2 stainless steel coffee carafes like the picture on the right



## 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](mailto: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 our website

at <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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