

# Monthly Newsletter

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

April 2026



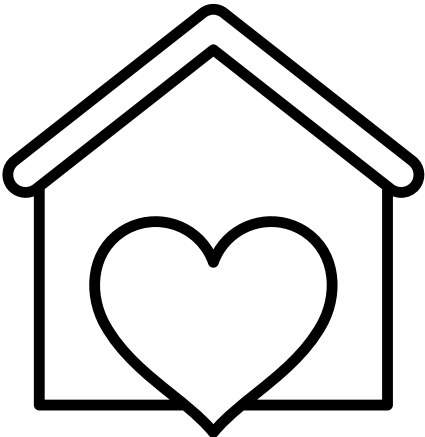
## Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Happy spring! We hope you all are appreciating the warmer weather and are enjoying the sunshine.

One of our staff members welcomed a new family member! Find out more below.

We continue to make progress on the construction project at our Williamston house. See the following page for more details.

*MTH Staff*



### In this newsletter you can expect:

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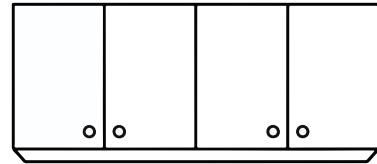
# Mother Teresa House Updates

We will begin renovations at Zimmer Rd. in May. A more accurate timeline will be provided in the May newsletter as our preconstruction meeting will



take place in early April. After construction begins the entire project will take 8-12 weeks as long as no hiccups are incurred.

This process has taken much longer than we had hoped. Please keep this project and the timely reopening of our Williamston home in your prayers.



## Staff Spotlight

Help us welcome a new addition to the family of our Care Manager, Josh!



Our Care Manager, Josh LaFave, recently welcomed a new addition to his family, Dominic Andrew LaFave on Monday, March 9th.

*Congratulations to the LaFave family!*



## April 2026 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: Monday, April 6th 1:30-3p
- Skills Training: Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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.mothershouse.org/how-can-i-help/volunteer/](http://www.mothershouse.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 family of our guest, Mary.

When our sister Mary decided not to receive any more treatment for her cancer, we were initially able to help her stay in her home with the help of in-home hospice. As the disease progressed, we found we were no longer able to give her the care she deserved at home. In our search for a hospice facility, we were so lucky to find Mother Teresa House. Mary was a little hesitant and anxious about the change, but within a few days she knew it was the right decision. She was able to relax and knew there was someone available 24 hours a day.

All the staff and volunteers we encountered were very caring, helpful, and empathetic. They wanted Mary to be comfortable both physically and mentally. Asking what her favorite foods were, what she liked to do, and so on. We mentioned she liked to play Euchre and wondered if they had a card table available. They brought one to her room so one Saturday afternoon Mary played Euchre with family and friends for a few hours. She may have taken breaks between games and was tired, but she was happy. It was wonderful to hear her laugh and enjoy herself.

We also appreciated the fresh flowers that were brought to her room weekly. They always brought a smile to her face. Mary always enjoyed her small flower garden at home.

The volunteers were there for emotional and spiritual support for Mary and family members, whether it was kindness shown daily or just sitting and talking with Mary. At home, Mary would pray the rosary daily and continued in the early days at hospice. She welcomed offers to say a prayer or a reading.

The day Mary passed, I had only arrived a few minutes before. I was so upset with myself for not staying the prior night or arriving earlier that day. Bianca and a volunteer were there with kind words to support me during the emotional time and helped me notify our family members.

To all the volunteers at MTH, thank you for all you do. It takes a special person to deal with end-of-life care. Everyone we encountered during Mary's last few weeks were kind, loving, attentive and patient. Just know you made a difference in all our lives.



*Back from left to right: Joanne, Rick, and Robbie  
Front from left to right: Mary and Rita*

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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
- fitted sheets for a twin bed
- 2 crockpots
- coffee maker
- birdfeeder

## 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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