

Monthly Newsletter

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE



March 2026



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

In 2026 to date we have been able to care for 9 terminally ill individuals just at our Lansing home! If we continue this momentum of care we can expect to care for just over 50 terminally ill people in one house alone! Imagine how many more we can care for once our Williamston home is back open! In order to continue with this pace we are in need of more volunteer caregivers, especially at our Williamston home. If you know of anyone interested in volunteering please have them contact Sophia Morales at serving@motherteresahouse.org

MTH Staff



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Mother Teresa House Updates

As the weather warms we will be looking for volunteers to help with some yard clean up and gardening at our Williamston home. If interested, please email Sophia at serving@motherteresahouse.org.

We are eagerly anticipating the start of our construction project at our Williamston home with the hope of being reopened in May. More information to come.



Volunteer Spotlight

Meet our volunteer Autumn!



Autumn has been with us since June 2023. She is very reliable and always willing to assist in any way needed. She genuinely cares about the guests and her kind nature makes her well loved by staff and volunteers alike.

*Thank you for helping our ministry
Autumn!*



March 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, March 9th, 4-5:30p
- Skills Training: Friday, March 20th 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/)



Stories of impact:
this month's story is about how working at Mother Teresa House has impacted our staff member, Gracie.

Hello! My name is Gracie Gifford. I have worked at Mother Teresa House for almost three years and now, I very often think about death.

Here at Mother Teresa House, we see death every day with its deep pains, sorrows and sufferings. I look into the faces of our guests, each given a different burden, and I wonder how I would bear their burdens if they were mine to carry. At this point in my life I know I would bear any burden of death very poorly. Often, I think about our guests and feel very sorry for them. I imagine that they must feel a deep sadness and anger about losing so many things. For some, this pain is excruciating. They can no longer go for a swim or take a walk in the woods; they can no longer live in their own homes. Even tasks so simple as getting out of bed or brushing their teeth are taken from them. Privacy and independence slowly slip away. Thousands of little freedoms which we constantly take for granted are stripped from us in the dying process. In every dying person, there is certainly a longing for the beautiful things of the past, a longing for strength and youth, a longing for health and freedom from pain- things that they will never again be able to experience in this life. There can be a great sadness in this reality, yet I have come to believe that this sense of longing, though deeply painful at times, is really a beautiful grace from God. God instills this sense of longing in all of us. In the case of dying, it is not truly a longing for the past, which we can never return to. In the healthy too, this longing is not simply for fulfillment and happiness



Our staff member, Gracie

in this life. In reality, this longing is our innate and inescapable desire for heaven and unity with God. This longing is our good God gently directing our gaze towards Him, giving us the opportunity to hope when all earthly hope is lost. Without Him, we have nothing, and He offers us everything.

Death, though terrible and daunting in many ways, is so much more than meaningless pain and suffering. In it there can be found humility, beauty, joy, and in the end, magnificent triumph if only we place our hope in the love and mercy of Christ our Lord.

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
- Birdseed

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 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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