
MTH September Newsletter

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Monthly Newsletter

Mother Teresa House
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Here's what happened since last month and what's to come!

It's been a busy Summer at Mother Teresa House as we continue to provide end-of-life care in the greater Lansing community!

Our Williamston home renovations are wrapping up! The interior work is almost complete with flooring installation being completed in late August. See pictures below.

At this point, care room renovations need to be completed, the house needs to be prepared for occupancy, and most importantly we need to hire overnight staff prior to the reopen. We will continue to keep everyone up to date on our progress. Please keep this project in your prayers!

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Meeting & Training

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How can you help?

**September 2026
Training**

Recent Renovation Pictures



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, September 14th, 1:00-2:30p
- Skills Training: Friday, September 18th, 10:00a-2:00p
- Location will be shared once attendance is confirmed.
- Please fill out application on the website before attending. Training is tentative on sufficient sign up.



Volunteer Spotlight



Meet our volunteer Gabby!



Gabby has been with Mother Teresa House for a year and a half now and during that time she has demonstrated stellar commitment, unwavering compassion and exceptional guest care.

She truly is an asset to our ministry. As one of our younger volunteers it is inspiring to see the careful attention Gabby provides to our guests in their final days.

***Thank you for your
service Gabby!***

WILX's Studio 10 features Mother Teresa House

Mother Teresa House was recently featured on WILX's lifestyle show Studio 10. Our team is continuously seeking ways of educating the community on the service Mother Teresa House provides. We often say we are the best kept secret in Lansing! See full segment below which aired on August 20, 2026.

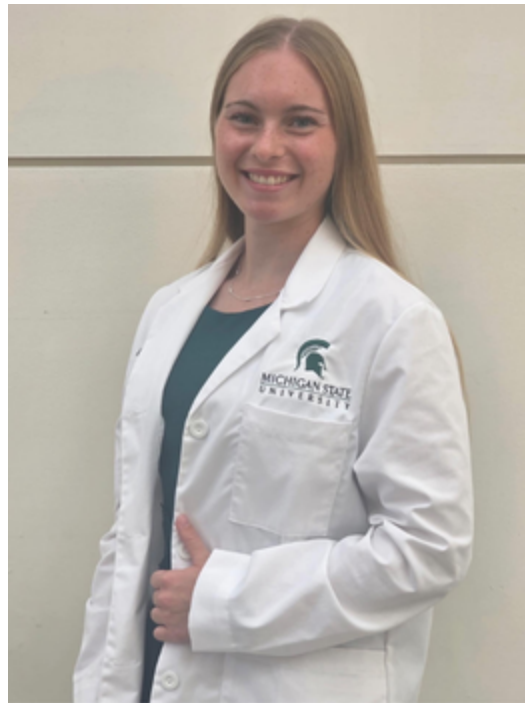


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Stories of Impact:

This month's story is about how Mother Teresa House impacted our volunteer Alyssa.



Volunteering has always been important to me because I believe in giving back to my community. When I first started volunteering at Mother Teresa House (MTH), I expected to make a difference in the lives of the guests and their families, but I did not anticipate how much the experience would change me as well.

Every interaction at MTH has been meaningful. One experience that has stayed with me was sitting with a guest who awoke confused and disoriented. As she sat up in bed and appeared anxious, I sat with her, spoke to her gently, and offered reassurance until she became calmer and was able to fall back asleep. Afterward, I continued to sit quietly in the room with her. This experience taught me that I do not always need to have the perfect words or solution; sometimes, simply sitting with someone and making them feel cared for is enough. Moments like this have shown me the impact that compassion and human connection can have on a person. I have also come to realize how meaningful something as simple as holding a hand can be. It is a small gesture, but in moments of uncertainty, it can communicate comfort, presence, and care when words are not enough.

One of the things that inspires me most at MTH is witnessing the love and dedication of families caring for their loved ones. Seeing the support they provide during such a difficult time reminds me to cherish my own family and the relationships that matter most. The guests and their families demonstrate remarkable strength, resilience, and gratitude, even in the face of suffering. Volunteering at MTH has also changed the

way I think about death. Before coming to MTH, death often seemed frightening and overwhelming. Through my experiences here, I have learned that death can be peaceful and that compassionate care can ease both physical and emotional suffering. I have seen firsthand how much comfort can come from a caring presence, a listening ear, or being there for someone so they do not feel alone.

As a medical student, MTH has taught me lessons that cannot be learned from a textbook. It has shown me the importance of treating the whole person, not just their illness, and of taking the time to slow down and listen to patients and families. More than anything, it has reinforced that compassion is one of the most important parts of caregiving. The lessons I have learned at MTH will guide me throughout my medical training and into my future career as a physician. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve at MTH and witness the meaningful support it provides to guests and their families during one of life's most difficult journeys. It has been a privilege to learn from the guests, families, and staff who make this care possible.

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

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@motherteresaohouse.org**](mailto:serving@motherteresaohouse.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.



Please find attached our September Prayer Intentions.



September Prayer Intentions 2026.pdf

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