

Selah's HOPE HOUSE HAPPENINGS



Home Sweet Home

WE HAVE BIG NEWS TO SHARE!

With the prayers and financial support of our generous donors, alongside our committed staff, and above all, by the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we have purchased our own home.

Previously, our housing arrangements were graciously provided through rental agreements. However, limitations arose as structural adjustments were needed for communal living to be possible. Hence, the initiative to purchase a house was born and WE DID IT, THANKS TO YOU!

INSIDE OUR HOME



3 Bedrooms,
3 Baths and
1 room for an
on-site office
for staff

Beautification in Progress

Like any new home, we've begun collecting items to furnish the rooms and tackle the standard "To Do" list. Our aim is to outfit each bedroom uniformly with full-size mattresses, cribs, dressers, and gliders, along with essential items. Upon completing the program, mothers will have the opportunity to take their mattress and crib with them when they transition to their new home, ensuring each participant has their own bed.

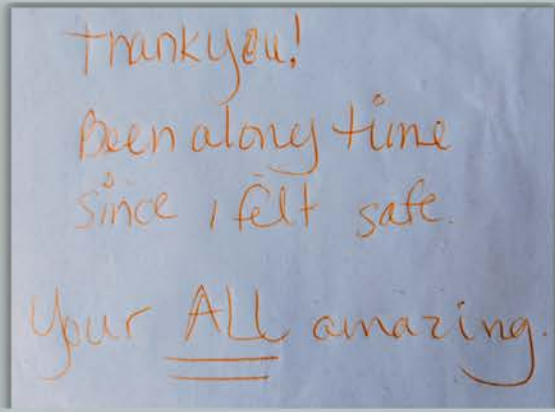
While most indoor areas have been newly remodeled, we're still making adjustments such as installing a first-floor laundry hook-up and painting the basement.

Outside, we're coordinating fence construction, pouring cement, removing stumps, installing security cameras, constructing sheds, and tidying up the yard.

If you're interested in volunteering for this new project, please contact Kara at 734-244-5123.



THE "WHY" OF SELAHS



In cleaning out our current home, our staff came across this small letter of gratitude from a past resident.

It reminds us all that what we do everyday is making a difference in these women's lives. Be it financial, time, talents, or prayers, these women matter and are learning they are loved by God and those around them.

"for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-40



Today, the significance of family extends far beyond mere observance of a Hallmark holiday. Parents play a pivotal role in providing encouragement and support, which profoundly impacts a child's learning and social development, considering the family's role as their primary social group.

At Selah's, we are committed to highlighting the importance of family by introducing "Family Night" to our moms. Our staff joins our moms once a week for dinner, aiming to showcase the positivity of family dynamics.

Research underscores that gathering for dinner as a family nurtures a feeling of togetherness, support, and inclusion, thereby enhancing everyone's happiness and resilience.

Happy Mother's and Father's Day to all those changing lives for the better!

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



Trinity, located at 323 Scott Street in downtown Monroe, has supported Selah's since its inception in 2000. With the support they've provided Selah's, monetarily, house clean-ups, volunteers, and prayers, we've been able to continue growing and increasing the numbers of moms we serve.

Trinity consistently shows unwavering support for our cause, placing their trust in our mission and showing their commitment to this community.

You can meet their staff, hear the latest sermons, see upcoming events, learn details about their school, and see what their doing in the community by exploring their [website](#).

MISSION STATEMENT

In the name of Christ, we will: Equip Individuals to Strengthen Families to Impact the World.

Traditional Worship Services:
Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8:30am

Non-Traditional:
Sunday 10:30am

MONROE'S WALK FOR LIFE

The 2024 Walk for Life on May 25th, sponsored by Monroe's Ius Vitae, was a huge success, thanks to Ius Vitae (Right to Life in Latin). Ius Vitae was established to carry on the pro-life passion and legacy of Mary Sue Terrasi by her husband, Bill Terrasi, and is made up of like-minded individuals who are warriors for the Pro-Life cause.

Rebecca Kiessling and Kaye Lani-Rae Rafko Wilson served as guest speakers, sharing their inspiring stories to deeply resonate with attendees and ignite enthusiasm for the ongoing fight for life.

Rebecca, a pro-life speaker conceived in rape and adopted shortly after birth, shared a powerful message for many pro-lifers who use the phrase "except in the case of rape."

Here is a short excerpt from her website: "Please understand that whenever you identify yourself as being "pro-choice," or whenever you make that exception for rape, what that really translates into is you being able to stand before me, look me in the eye, and say to me, "I think your mother should have been able to abort you. That's a pretty powerful statement."

Click [here](#) to visit Rebecca's page and read more of her story.



A HOME FOR NEW LIFE
Monroe Michigan

When moving forward, it's always good to reflect back on how far we've come. Below is our story.

Selah's Story

January 2020 to April 2024

1) IT STARTED WITH A CALLING

After years of dedicated service at a pregnancy center, the founders of Selah's Center recognized an unmet community need and subsequently established a maternity home to address the question of 'What next?' Acknowledging the necessity for sustained care for expectant mothers who have chosen life, they courageously embarked on this endeavor, driven by their faith and a profound sense of calling to provide sanctuary and support to these vulnerable mothers-to-be.

2) A DREAM COME TO LIFE

In our first four years of operation, our rented facility has graciously housed 21 mothers and their newborns. A significant number of our residence faced high-risk pregnancies and have emerged from tumultuous circumstances, including abusive relationships and human trafficking situations. Concurrently, we have expanded our team to enhance the level of support available to our residents and their infants, expanding our capacity to positively impact their lives and the future of their families.

3) A HOME FOR NEW LIFE

As we look to the future, our programs have stayed committed to our faith. We are excited to introduce our newly developed initiatives, THRIVE and LEAP, tailored to meet the growing needs of our community.

Furthermore, this fall marks the inauguration of our highly anticipated LifeLine Program, designed to provide structured support and resources for those who have graduated from the maternity home. We have recently acquired our first residence, marking a significant milestone in our journey. This answer to prayer grants us the opportunity to meet the needs of our residents. With this pivotal step, we are poised to further advance our mission.