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A New Way of Living! Meet Precious...

"A new way of living" is what our resident, Precious, is learning during her stay at the St. Raymond's House. "I understand the circumstances and choices that put me here, and that's what I want to change", she explains. In fact, Precious has changed a great deal in the months we have known her, so much so that she was recently promoted to the role of housemother. This is a leadership role given to the resident who best exemplifies the ideals of the St. Raymond's program; to strive for self-sufficiency while exhibiting respect for the SRS House and all those who enter it. Precious says she enjoys being housemother and is learning to balance being friends with the other residents and sometimes having to "put my foot down", as she is expected to uphold the house rules when the staff is not present.



Precious and kids

Precious has completed two years of college and is considering a career in social work. "I like helping people, especially children", she explains. Her gift for connecting with children is evident in her parenting. As a single mother of two daughters, ages four years and nine months, Precious is committed to providing the best life possible for all of them. "I like being there for my children when they need me, and doing what I can for them." Some of their favorite family activities include going to the library and the park, and it is very important to Precious that her girls finish school and are involved in lots of extracurricular activities. "I hope they will look back and say, 'My mom did try. She believed in me'".

Being a single parent can sometimes feel like "being on a roller coaster" Precious admits. Recently, she faced the disappointment of being laid off from a job she really liked, but did not let that derail her plans to become self-sufficient. It is often difficult for single mothers to find work that will allow them time to parent their children the way they desperately want to. But, after a long search, Precious has been offered a position that she is very excited about. "I really want to save some money and pay off some past debts", she explains, and she understands that living at the St. Raymond's House will give her the opportunity to do that. "No other place in town is doing what the St. Raymond's program does".

HONORED BY HELIAS CATHOLIC

The Helias Crusaders football team proudly presented a check to the St. Raymond's Society for \$1,042.50. As part of the team's "Mothers' Game" festivities where each player honored his own mom. The team carried baby bottles with them all week to collect donations for the pregnant women and new moms at the SRS House. Thank you to Coach Tim Rulo, his staff, and the entire Helias football family for your support!



SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Gardeners, The Columbia House is blessed with a wonderful landscape that could use some outside expertise!
- Moving crew, needed only occasionally
- On-call Babysitters, for unexpected events or after typical daycare hours while mom is at work or school
- Hair Stylist, to provide hair cuts for the women and kids as needed

PARTNERING WITH PROVIDING RESOURCES, PRO

ST. RAYMOND'S IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Celebrating the Grand Opening of the New Location of the Columbia St. Raymond's House!

SRS welcomed local volunteers, clergy and agency partners recently with a grand opening of their new location in Columbia. The new location provides easy access to the city bus line and numerous employment opportunities, while keeping our families in a safe neighborhood. SRS could not be more excited for the opportunities that this home provides, including additional play areas for the kids, a community dining room and office space for our Client Services Coordinator. If you would like a tour of the House, please contact Mary Chen at 573-893-2067.



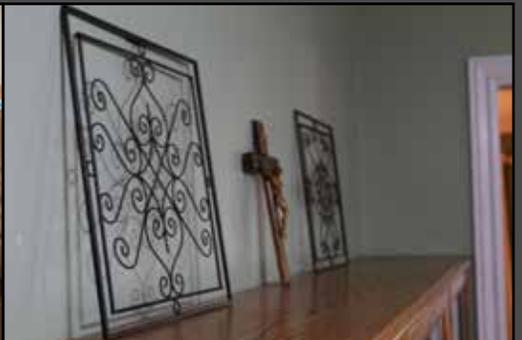
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EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN BEDROOM



WELCOMING OUR FIRST VISITORS



A HOME CENTERED ON CHRIST!



CO-FOUNDER, MIKE HENTGES GREETING SUPPORTERS



BEAUTIFUL KITCHEN WITH LOTS OF STORAGE

WITH MOTHERS, PROMOTING SELF SUFFICIENCY

WE'RE GROWING!



CLIENT SERVICES OFFICE



DONATED ITEMS ARE STORED HERE UNTIL THE GUESTS NEED THEM WHEN THEY MOVE



FAMILY ROOM FOR PLAY TIME



DINING ROOM THAT'S LARGE ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE!

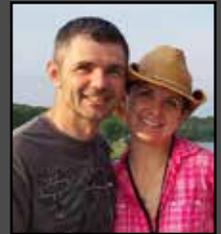
SRS Welcomes Guy Van Druenen to the Board of Directors Guy, what led you to volunteer for St. Raymond's Society?

My passions are derived from growing up in a blended family. I have always wondered and have been extremely curious as to what happened to cause my family to tear apart as it did. Second to that was my efforts in trying to change the course of events for my own family and my struggle to accomplish that. I first received my Bachelors of Arts degree in Theology hoping that would give me insight into the systemic issues that plagued my nuclear family. After years of continued struggle I received my Masters of Science in Marriage and Family. It is through these two degrees that I have come to learn and understand how families are formed and how they sometimes fall apart. I know the struggle and I know the One who can transform your struggle into blessing.

I have now been married for 3 years to Christy. She too is a Christ follower and has been transformed by the power of God's grace. Total we have four kids.

My purpose in volunteering at SRS is to help people. I know where I came from and I know where I am at today. It is because of that, I wish to give into the lives of others. We all have some brokenness in our life that needs tending to. 'All have sinned and fall short of God's perfection.' The brokenness we carry impacts our lens we look though and view our world and relationships.

When we find healing, we see life differently. When you find healing you don't just change your life, you change the course of generations to follow. In other words, when you find healing you impact the lives of your children for the better and thus you change the course of generations!! SRS is a great place to do just that!



FORMER GUEST TESTIMONY

Stephanie - Its been 2 years, 10 months since I was at SRS House. Since then, I've gotten the best job ever as a Legal Assistant, Zane has started at Montessori School and I just bought us our "forever" home and we move in Oct 1st. I've also become a mentor with the Pregnancy Help Center for young pregnant women. My life is the best it has ever been. I could not have done all of this without the SRS and PHC





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28%	\$80	\$160	\$400	\$800
33%	\$55	\$110	\$275	\$550
35%	\$45	\$90	\$225	\$450
39%	\$25	\$50	\$125	\$250

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