

# April 2020 Newsletter

## New Beginnings Mercy House

### A Note from the Editor

It seems that everywhere we turn nowadays, we are overwhelmed by news about COVID-19. The number of confirmed cases and deaths seems to be rising exponentially and with each passing day, we wonder how much longer? I keep returning to Romans 8:28: *And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* God didn't cause COVID-19, but He can use it for His purposes, to advance His Kingdom here on earth. This may be an opportunity for more people to turn to Christ in search of peace and hope, purpose and meaning for their lives. There's an opportunity here to slow down, to spend more time at home with our families, to spend more time in prayer. For me personally, I have been learning gratitude like never before. For several years now, I have kept a gratitude journal where I write down ten things every day for which I am grateful. During these last couple weeks, I have been finding it easier to write this daily list because I am grateful for things that I used to take for granted. For example, going to the grocery store and being able to obtain everything that is on my list, having toilet paper, having access to the internet. God is good! I pray that He gives us eyes to see His goodness shining through during these uncertain times.

*I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.*

*Psalm 27:13-14*

*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.* 2 Timothy 1:7

### Prayers to Pray

Please continue praying for our moms and babies at Mercy House! Here are some things you can pray for:

- Protection against the Coronavirus, that the spread can be stopped, that those who are already infected can be healed.
- God's provision for our clients, that they have everything they need for themselves and their children, that

they can still get diapers and formula during this time of scarcity.

- Financial provision for those who have lost jobs, that they can persevere and not lose hope during this time of economic uncertainty.
- Protection for moms who are escaping abusive situations.
- Peace and patience for these moms as they raise their children, who are now home with them all day and wisdom in homeschooling these children while the schools are closed.
- That moms in need who do not know about Mercy House can find us.
- Healthy pregnancies without complications for those who are expecting.
- Salvation for those who do not know Jesus yet.
- Wisdom, discernment, strength, perseverance, and protection for our leaders and volunteers as they continue to serve.

### New Beginnings Mercy House 2020 Friendship Tea!

Plans for the Tea are on hold due to the Coronavirus. There will be an online auction. Details coming soon!

### Thank you to so many Generous Hearts Who Support NBMH!

- St. Gabriel's Church for their donation,
- W. Ida Lutheran Church for their diaper drive
- Little Brown Jug for hosting our fundraiser and their donation
- North Monroe Street Church of God for the fundraiser lunch they did for us in February
- Bedford Lion's Club for their donation, Holy Ghost Lutheran Church for their donation and for their teens doing a service project for us in the future
- Kapolnek Farms for the beef donation from their farm
- Sara Turner for 2 cases and 4 boxes of Pedi-Sure
- The following churches that adopted Mercy House for Lent:

- St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Erie
- LaSalle Presbyterian Church
- Presbyterian Church in Erie; LaSalle Zion United Methodist
- Erie United Methodist in Erie

### A Special Note

We have many long-time supporters. One of those couples is Michael and Dee Pennington. Michael was a Vietnam Veteran and was active in the community. He passed away on March 9th. He asked that expressions of sympathy be made in the form of a donation to Mercy House. We'd like to thank the following people who have made donations in his memory: Mr. & Mrs. Doug and Bonnie Jennings, Mr. & Mrs. Jack and Lila Ingall and Mr. & Mrs. Ronald & Janet Niemann

### Blessing Closet Needs

We currently have a need for the following:

- Boys' short-sleeve onesies: sizes NB, 12 mo, 18 mo, 24 mo.
- Girls' short-sleeve onesies: sizes NB, 12 mo, 18 mo, 24 mo.

Please remember that we only take kids' clothing up to size 5T, women's clothing, and maternity clothing.

Call Mercy House for drop-off hours.

**Thank you for your ongoing support!**

### Ways to Donate

When you sell a vehicle through Charity Motors (1-888-908-CARS), you can request that the money from the sale goes to NBMH. You will also get a tax write-off.

Please help us by signing up for the Community Rewards at Kroger and Meijer. Mercy House has a new Kroger rewards number - RI585. This helps our clients, so please sign up today.

Thrivent Financial customers - remember you can designate Choice Dollars for Mercy House!

Just a reminder that donations can also be made to Mercy House through Paypal.

**Our mothers and babies thank you!**

### Year Review

So far in 2020:

- **556**: Total number of times we have helped people
- **50**: the number of new clients
- **21**: the number of births among our clients

**Praise Jesus for all these beautiful lives we get to be a part of!**

### New Hours and Updates

Due to the Coronavirus, Mercy House will temporarily have reduced hours of operation. We will be opened Mondays from 10 AM-3 PM, Thursday evenings from 7 PM-8:30 PM and Fridays from 10 AM-3 PM. If you are in need of something outside of these hours, please contact us on social media. During our open hours, we will continue our car-side service outdoors. Please note that our hours are subject to change as the situation changes. Please call ahead if it's a long drive for you.

Mercy House will be closed for Easter from April 7 through April 15. We will re-open at 7PM on Thursday, April 16.

Mommy and Me Sensory Play and Under His Wings Bible Study are canceled until further notice.

### Contact Us

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**Have a Blessed Easter! Christ is Risen!**