

Quarterly Newsletter – August 2016

Bethesda House

A faith based home for young pregnant or parenting moms and their babies.

Dear Friends,

We are so excited! There is a strong possibility we will be entering into a three-year lease agreement on the parsonage of High Street United Methodist in Duxbury. They have recently become a multi-site church with Plymouth United Methodist, under the leadership of Pastor Stan Cushing. The parsonage is diagonally across the street from the church on the Pembroke/Duxbury line. If this goes through as we anticipate, we plan to open Bethesda House in October. We are currently at \$2200/month of our \$3000/month goal. This agreement would enable us to continue fundraising towards our goal of purchasing our own property at the end of the lease.

With this in mind, we have scheduled two training dates for volunteers that intend to work DIRECTLY with the moms and babies. Because the training is required for all direct care volunteers to attend, we are offering the same three-hour training on two dates.

Tuesday, August 23, 6:00-9:00pm at FBCD or

Saturday, August 27, 9:00am-12:00pm at FBCD

To register, please email the date of your choice to mp@bethesdahousema.org.

A confirmation email will be sent in response with some required forms for you to complete and bring to the training. To help us best utilize your gifts and abilities, please complete a volunteer questionnaire if you haven't already- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JDYQRPX>. As always, please contact me with any questions/comments. We look forward to seeing you at one of the trainings as we get closer to our vision becoming a reality by God's amazing grace!

For HIS glory,

Missy Porter

Co-founder/Director

Our mission is to provide a temporary home that is safe and nurturing for young mothers (either pregnant or parenting their first child). The basis of our home will be built on God's love and how life can be transformed through a relationship with Jesus.

What can I do at Bethesda House in a direct care role?

- Transportation
- *Evening Support 5:30-9:30
Great opportunity to serve as an individual, couple or family
- *Mentor (1 on 1 role with a mom)
- Coordinator (Education, Volunteer, Transportation, Meals/Food)
- Teachers (tutoring & help with studying)
- Childbirth Educators/Lactation Consultant
- Teach Life Skills (*budgeting, *parenting, *Bible Study, nutrition, home economics (i.e. cooking). etc)

*Signifies positions that require a written agreement with our statement of faith



Upcoming Events

August 14

Community Baptist Church

441 Front St. Marion MA

Presentation during church services at 10:00am

August 19

Paint Night Fundraiser hosted by

LifeHouse Church Middleboro

17 Jericho Rd. Middleboro, MA

Doors open @ 6:00 – painting starts at 6:30pm

(Adults – both men & women invited)

August 23

Volunteer Training

First Baptist Church of Duxbury

2 Tremont St. Duxbury, MA

6-9:00pm

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September 11

New Life Christian Fellowship

148 Huttleston Avenue Fairhaven, MA

Presentation during church services at 10:00am

October 1

Mayflower Club Ladies Brunch

Mayflower Congregational Church

207 Main St. Kingston, MA

9:00am



Division 1 Champs



Division 2 Champs

1st Annual Soccer Tournament was a smash! We had beautiful weather and 18 teams who played some great soccer---raising over \$11,000 for Bethesda House. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with food and raffle, the volunteer refs, and to all who donated food and raffle items. Thank you Dimark Precision Machining for the t-shirts. We could not have asked for a better turn out for our first year and new teams are already asking about getting into next year's tournament.



1st Annual Sunset Cruise was beautiful! An incredible storm with a sunset that went on and on. Lightning on the horizon, strong gusty winds and some great waves made for an exciting cruise. A big thank you to Pastor Stan, Kerry and PUMC for putting this event together. New Hope Young Adult Worship Band was AWESOME!! \$3200 was raised by this event. A fun affordable night out for friends and family to fellowship!

Fun paint night at Muellin Hill Academy



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