

# Quarterly Newsletter – August 2017

## Bethesda House

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

Dear Friends,

It is such a joy and pleasure to send this quarterly update. It's easy to get caught up in the busyness, but I appreciate taking the time to write to you because it helps me reflect upon all that our Heavenly Father is doing at Bethesda House. I encourage you to take the time to do that with your life and family.....take time to reflect and appreciate. We have already been blessed with 7 moms in the 9 months we've been open; currently housing 4 moms and 3 babies. The fourth baby is due in February. The young women have been participating in weekly Bible Study- currently studying the book of John with Pat Randall, as well as Sexual Integrity with Victoria Fletcher and Budgeting with Eileen Shacochi. Moms and babies attend church weekly with their mentors and the work the Lord is doing in their hearts is amazing. Two of our moms are being baptized at the churches they attend. It is so beautiful watching these young ladies come to know Jesus and His unconditional love and the freedom He offers in a personal relationship with Him as Lord and Savior of their life.

We often celebrate special events together as a family at BH.... birthdays, Christmas, etc. Although gifts are not expected, I know sometimes we just want to bless the moms and babies with a gift. Right now, BH provides all their basic needs thanks to generous donations from you and we also have a great supply of gently used toys and clothes, but someday when they are on their own, their situation will be very different; they will need to set up home and keep up with the daily expenses. To that end, I am asking if you would consider a gift card to Walmart for future needs, rather than an item for today. Of course, it is your choice, just something to consider moving forward.

Speaking of some day when they are on their own..... each mom's length of stay depends on the educational plan she chooses. We expect two of our moms to be moving out on their own on the front half of 2018. Because housing options are so limited and the wait list is several years, we will need to be creative in figuring out living options. If you know of anything that might work for a mom and baby please contact me. Also, a couple of them are starting to look for cars to purchase, so if you know of a reliable, used cheap car, please let me know.

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 child). The basis of our home will be built on God's love and how life can be transformed through a relationship with Jesus.*

**Direct Care Volunteer Training Saturday, October 14 9-12:00**

First Baptist Church of Duxbury 2 Tremont St. Duxbury MA

Please go to <https://bethesdahousema.org/get-involved/direct-care-volunteering/>

This training is required for anyone desiring to work directly with moms and babies at BH



### Upcoming Events

**September 10**

**Faith Community Church  
BH Presentation**

29 Carver Rd. Plymouth  
10:15am

**September 16**

**Family Sunset Cruise**

The Capt. John  
Water St. Plymouth Harbor  
7:00pm -9:00pm

**September 17**

**Faith Community Church  
BH Presentation**

298 High St. Duxbury  
9:00am

**October 1**

**Mass March for Life  
Rally & Walk**

**Boston Common/Parkman Bandstand**

1:00 Rally & live music  
2:30 Walk begins

**October 14**

**First Baptist Church of Duxbury  
Direct Care Training**

2 Tremont St. Duxbury  
9:00am-12:00pm

**October 21**

**Shake a Can  
Walmart – Colony Place**

300 Colony Place Road, Plymouth  
9:00am-5:00pm

**November 16**

**Monthly Direct Care Volunteer  
Prayer/Team Meeting**

Faith Community Church  
298 High St. Duxbury  
4-5:00pm

## BH 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soccer Tournament

Rain couldn't stop our soccer die-hards! Thank you to all who participated – splish-splashing all over the fields and to the volunteers who endured the downpour – making it another successful event, getting us even closer to realizing our dream of purchasing our own house.



### Bethesda House Board Of Directors

Dennis Bauder, Pastor- Director

Jamie Blake, Educator- Treasurer

John Porter, Engineering Manager – President

Melissa Porter, RN-  
Director

Donna Williams, Educator- Clerk

We are so happy to announce our new website manager. Welcome and thank you, Erin Spencer.

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Students (age 12-college)</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Children (age 2-11)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>2 and under</b>	<b>free</b>

**Date:** Saturday, September 16, 2017

**Time:** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Place:** Captain John Dock  
10 Town Wharf, Plymouth


**To reserve tickets:** mail check payable to *Bethesda House* to: Faith Community Church


29 Carver Rd.

Plymouth, MA 02360

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bethesda House Family Sunset Cruise

### Specific/Unique Requests at BH...

Are you experienced in QuickBooks? Could you donate some time to help our treasurer learn the program?  **quickbooks**.

One of our moms is a newly certified Dental Assistant looking for a job in the field.  Please email [mp@bethesdahousema.org](mailto:mp@bethesdahousema.org) if you can help in these areas


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