

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MATERNITY SHELTER

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*As we start the summer months, we wanted to reach out to you with some updates. First, we wanted to say **THANK YOU** for making our 15th Annual Benefit Banquet a success and earning almost \$70,000 for the shelter. Every donation will make a pivotal difference in the moms and families we serve. You are a big part of their change.*

To see just how, please read about a recent resident, Nikki.



Nikki at her baby shower sponsored by Temple Bible Church's Embrace Grace Program

Nikki was an expectant mom with a 10-year-old child. She came to this area to help her mom who had a terminal illness. When her mom passed, she had no family or friends. The undue stress forced her into preterm labor. Due to complications, she stayed in the hospital for a month. When she was finally ready to be discharged, she had no place to go. She had called every number on a resource list within her city limits, but no one would help. She wanted a safe place for her and her kids. She called outside her city limits and reached Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter and they took her and her family in. OLAMS offered her resources, information, and most of all, a place to restart her life.

Because Nikki had never been in this type of situation before, when she first arrived at OLAMS, she did not know what to expect. She was met with genuinely nice staff and house parents who helped her begin that new start by helping her get enrolled in Medicaid, gave her transportation to and from doctor appointments, the grocery store, as well as offered food and clothing supplies from their pantry.

As Nikki prepared to transition from the shelter into her own housing, OLAMS made sure her family would have everything they'd need. OLAMS took her to CTLC to get basic necessities. Because of generous donors, OLAMS was able to provide Nikki's family with food and everything else.

Nikki is very happy about finally having her own place for her and her children. She is now able to focus on her family and will be able to work. She is concerned about an upcoming surgery she is needing to have. She doesn't know how she will be able to care for her 2 kids while she is healing. In addition to her surgery, her 6-month-old baby will need to have major heart surgery which is a complication of her being born premature. She does know that OLAMS will be there to support her and offer help.

Your decision to donate ensures women like Nikki get the support they need to make it, as well as continuing to offer a safe haven for pregnant women in need of emergency shelter.

Thank you for answering the call to action.

Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter is a 501c3 non-profit organization



Bump 2 Baby Outreach classes are now being scheduled!

To better serve our community, OLAMS is developing an educational program to promote improvement of a pregnancy and/or parenting situation. These classes will be offered at the shelter and at other locations where there is a need. The classes are open to anyone who signs up and is free of charge.

Classes include:

- Pregnancy and childbirth
- Parenting skills
- Baby development
- Baby items such as diapers, baby products , clothing, food **
- Nutrition
- Life skills, career building
- Other topics that the parents or families would benefit from

*** Items are limited per family and availability*

Who is Eligible?

- Must be a US citizen or qualified resident
- Must be one of the following:
- Pregnant or Parent of a child 24 months or younger
- No proof of insurance required

Services are FREE of charge. Call 254-742-2340 to sign up.

If you are an organization and are interested in hosting a location for outbound classes, please email mpoehlmann@olams.org or call 254-742-2340.