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# ANNUAL REPORT

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2023

*Strength*



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**SHE IS CLOTHED WITH  
STRENGTH AND DIGNITY ...**

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... and she laughs without fear of the future  
(Proverbs 31:25).

When mothers arrive at The Margaret Home, they are strong, with a tough exterior, because they have endured unthinkable challenges to protect themselves and their children.

When they graduate, their strength has shifted toward the interior, where they know their self-worth, have accomplished their goals, and step out with brave vulnerability into a new life filled with hope. The trajectory of their life, and generations upon generations of their children, has been forever changed for the better.

You bring light to mothers and their children. Please enjoy this report that shows the fruits of your investment. Thank you.

*Paula Belemjian*

Paula Belemjian  
Founder & Executive Director



## WHO WE ARE

The Margaret Home is a residential empowerment program that revives hope for mothers who maintain a limited or broken support network and who struggle with the often-invisible wounds of trauma. Dedicated to serving women through all stages of pregnancy and early motherhood, we provide healing and unconditional love in a comfortable home and caring communal environment that nurtures an empowered spirit and a healthy lifestyle. For each of our mothers, we create a self-directed action plan along with the structure and resources to enable the achievement of personal, educational, and professional goals that can lead to independence for a woman and her family.

## SERVICES

- Supportive, caring home environment for up to two years
- Program coach who works with the mother to create a self-directed action plan that ultimately leads to independence for her and her family
- Education coach who helps the mother achieve her educational goals
- Employment coach who helps the mother identify a career, fill out applications, practice interviewing, and can serve as a reference (and can support the mother up to three years after graduating from The Margaret Home)
- Free babysitting when needed for work or school
- Required parenting classes
- Required financial literacy and credit building classes through Lyons National Bank
- Required mental health counseling
- Spirituality classes
- Personal Empowerment Program (PEP)
- Nutrition classes
- Birth readiness help (doula, midwife, etc.)
- Connections to social services
- Transportation assistance



*A resident mother and her son  
bake Christmas treats together*

## MISSION

The Margaret Home is a residential program that empowers pregnant and parenting mothers by supporting their physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs so that they can heal, grow, and thrive.



## VISION

Building healthy communities by investing in families.

## VALUES

*By virtue of the hope provided by our Christian faith, we embrace the following values:*

**Dignity:** we believe in the dignity and inherent worth of every soul

**Encouragement:** we come alongside and encourage one another in our journey together

**Family:** we act as a family, offering hospitality and community to any woman who chooses to invest in herself and her children

**Integrity:** we have the courage to face the truth and the future when we are honest with ourselves and others

**Respect:** though we may have differences, we respect and accept one another

**Love:** we lovingly serve one another with compassion and empathy



*A staff member, a resident mother, and her newborn enjoy a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal together*





## 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

30 women enrolled  
 30 children enrolled  
 52 classes offered  
 Average length of stay: 133 days



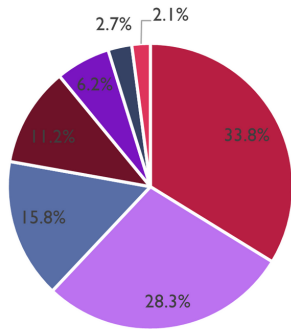
## REFERRAL SOURCES

211 Lifeline  
 Baby Love  
 Building Healthy Children  
 Caring Choices  
 Center for Youth  
 Compass Care  
 Doors of Hope  
 Focus Pregnancy Help Center

Google  
 Mt. Hope Family Center  
 OBGYN  
 Sex Trafficking Advocates  
 St. Mary's Hospital  
 Urban League  
 WIC  
 Willow Domestic Violence Center

## FINANCIALS

2023 Sources of Revenue

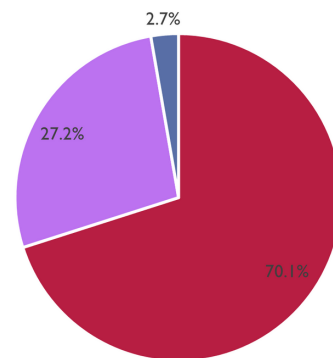


- Individuals
- Foundations (restricted)
- Businesses and Nonprofits
- Special Events
- Religious Organizations
- Foundations
- Individuals (restricted)

### Sources of Revenue:

Individuals \$150,711.62 / 33.8%  
 Special Events \$126,100.00 / 28.3%  
 Foundations \$70,500.00 / 15.8%  
 Foundations (restricted): \$50,000.00 / 11.2%  
 Religious Organizations: \$27,600.77 / 6.2%  
 Individuals (restricted): \$12,000.00 / 2.7%  
 Businesses and Nonprofits \$9,359.26 / 2.1%  
**TOTAL \$446,271.65**

2023 Expense Categories



- Program
- Fundraising
- Management and General

### Expense Categories:

Program: \$260,273.75 / 70.1%  
 Fundraising: \$100,997.43 / 27.2%  
 Management and General: \$10,135.32 / 2.7%  
**TOTAL \$371,406.50**

## Susan and John Eastwood

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



“John and I became interested in investing in the Margaret Home when our family foundation was approached to invest for some very necessary repairs. We feel the mission of the Margaret Home is so vital to the community. The fact that young mothers can get help is so empowering as far as education and life skills. They and their children have a safe place to stay to get back on their feet, which is very important. John and I hope to continue helping with the mission of the Margaret Home”.

## A SPECIAL NOTE TO YOU *written by Mikala, a recent graduate*

“The Margaret Home has been a huge assist in helping me reach my goals for my family. Everything that I made a goal for my intake, I’ve accomplished with their help. From the generous donation of The Margaret Home supporters to the collaborations with the community (driving lessons by Leonard’s Express, Hoselton, etc.), I’ve been able to complete my program with The Margaret Home with immense success. I’d like to thank every single person, donor, company that’s helped contribute to The Margaret Home and my journey. It’s very much appreciated.”



## Sue Shady



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

“With Paula’s vision to provide care for the whole person – body, mind, and spirit – I was asked to start a spirituality group in 2020. We meet twice monthly and often use the power of story to convey themes like trust, forgiveness, prayer, and hope in the midst of suffering. Eventually, I became chaplain for the home, being present two mornings a week in order to build relationships and to better provide for the spiritual and emotional needs of the moms and staff. We try to help the moms know that they are not alone, that everyone experiences suffering in one way or another, and that they are loved and supported here.”

*Sue is a board certified Chaplain with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains and has worked in several hospitals and health care facilities in Rochester, NY, until her retirement in 2015.*

## STAFF

Paula Belemjian, Executive Director (Volunteer)  
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## VOLUNTEERS

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