

“Like fireflies in the night, love can light up even the darkest corners of our hearts.”

### *TC's Experience*

When TC arrived at The Margaret Home, pregnant and seeking refuge from unhealthy family dynamics, she found more than just a safe haven—she discovered a vibrant community where hope and healing light the way forward. TC describes Nancy, the Director of Operations, as “amazing - Nancy is like a mom to us all.” The staff and volunteers radiate genuine care, uplifting each mother and child to become the strongest, most empowered version of themselves.



Within the warm embrace of The Margaret Home, TC rediscovered her passion for makeup artistry and styling. The bonds TC has formed with the other mothers have become a lifeline. Through tough moments, they lift each other up, and their children, growing side by side, fill the home with joy.

### *Dreams are coming true ... because of you*

The smallest acts of love can forever change the life of a mother and her child, impacting generations to come.

Thank you for the light you bring to The Margaret Home.



### *Our 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.

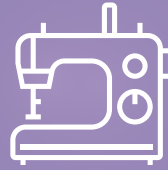
# Our Amazing Moms!



Four mothers earned their permits, three received their drivers licenses, and two purchased cars!



Three mothers celebrated one year at The Margaret Home



One mom started her own business designing and creating her own clothing

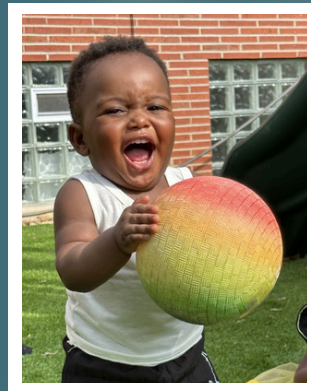


Each mom attends weekly parenting, spirituality, life-skills, budgeting, and financial literacy sessions

## Community Partners

The Margaret Home is grateful to our community partners ...

A huge thank you to Canandaigua Driving School who donates driving lessons to the mothers; to LNB who provides mothers with credit-building instruction; to The Frosted Dachsund who donates beautiful desserts for special celebrations; to School of the Holy Childhood, RCSD, Strong Navigators, United Uniform, Mansawear, Amazon, RGH, Strathallan, and Goodwill who have provided employment to our moms; and many more! Thank you!



## Board Member Spotlight Frank Sapienza

"As a father of two daughters, I am honored to join the board of The Margaret Home, an extraordinary organization founded by Paula Belemjian, whose visionary leadership has made a transformative impact on our community. Shortly after joining the board, I immersed myself in a pivotal project: the acquisition of a new property. Collaborating closely with Tony DiTucci, we performed comprehensive due diligence to ensure a sound investment. This process exemplified the dedication and teamwork that define The Margaret Home's commitment to excellence.



We stand at a thrilling juncture in The Margaret Home's journey. Looking ahead, I envision our organization becoming the premier resource for women across Western New York. As the incoming Board Chair, my primary objective is to foster a dynamic and cohesive board, ensuring that each member is positioned to thrive in their role. When the board operates at its best, The Margaret Home flourishes. Together, we will build a legacy of compassion, empowerment, and opportunity that resonates for decades to come."

## Exciting News!

We closed on a second location! The new location is a convent in a residential neighborhood in East Irondequoit, nestled in a community in close proximity to schools and houses of worship. It will allow us to grow from serving 10 women and children to 30 women and children, helping tremendously with our waitlist!

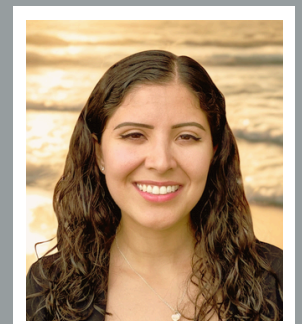
The first floor will house the living room, kitchen, and common areas. The second floor will house mothers within their first two years of the program. And the third floor will offer transitional housing - more independence - yet, if needed, support remains just a floor below.



## Staff Spotlight Lucia O'Hare

Lucia, originally from Mexico, moved to the US at age 12. Bilingual with a background in physical therapy and medical interpreting, her true passion lies in working as a Case Manager (also referred to as Navigator).

She joined The Margaret Home in February, drawn to its mission and the flexibility it offers to care for her baby, Dominic. As Navigator, Lucia works part-time supporting mothers and their children.



She meets weekly with each mom to track progress toward personal, educational, and career goals, offering tools like personality and career assessments and baby development resources. She also assists with scheduling and onboarding volunteers.

"I love the mission of The Margaret Home, and I find it very rewarding to leverage my skills and strengths to empower other mothers to thrive. This work does not only impact the women we serve directly but all of her future generations".

## Board of Directors

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## Urgent Needs

As The Margaret Home expands in complexity, we are looking for volunteer help in the following areas:

Renovation Expertise  
Electricians  
Plumbers  
Landscapers  
Carpenters  
Maintenance

Administration  
Fundraising committee  
General accounting  
Data entry



Fill-A-House! Imagine you had a new home and had to fill it from scratch ... that's what we have with the second location! We are looking for everything from spatulas to beds. Great condition secondhand donations are gratefully accepted!

Bedframes  
Nightstands  
Dressers  
Cribs  
Sofas  
Lamps

Sheets  
Towels  
Kitchen utensils  
Kitchen appliances  
Pots and pans  
Plates and bowls

Fill-A-House items may be dropped off at the new location. Please contact Nancy Colburn to schedule a time and request the address ([nancy\\_colburn@themargarethome.org](mailto:nancy_colburn@themargarethome.org)).



Monetary donations are always appreciated! Please visit [www.themargarethome.org](http://www.themargarethome.org) and click "Give."

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2026 is our 10 year anniversary!  
Stay tuned for exciting announcements.