

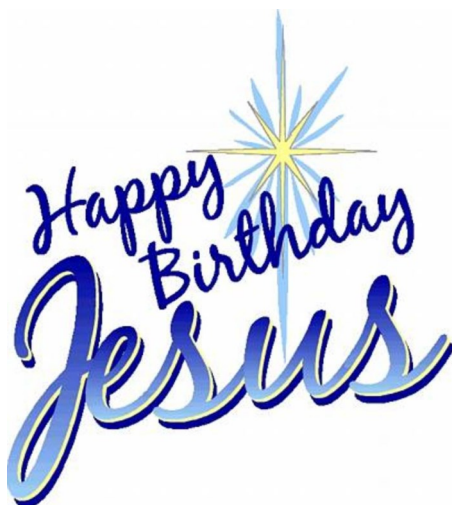


MARY'S HOMES OF HOPE
PROVIDING HOMES THAT ARE "INNS"
OF FAITH, HOPE & PRAYER

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Each year we place small gift boxes around the manger with a note as to what gift we want to give Jesus. Then on Christmas day Jesus opens His presents of love. The following are some of the gifts of love for Jesus and for all of you.

HOPE IN THE STORM



"Mary's Homes of Hope became a true gift to me during one of the stormiest seasons of my life. After losing a job that never felt aligned with my purpose, I found refuge beneath the gentle care of Mama Mary's home. Here I've been given the grace to pursue my true professional calling as a teacher while also discerning a deeper vocation toward religious life. Within the peace of the chapel, where our Lord quietly dwells, I feel protected from the

noise of the world and strengthened in faith, hope, and purpose. I am deeply grateful to the generous donors whose love and support sustain this home and, through it, bless each of us who find shelter and renewal here."

Ritu



Let your goodness Lord, appear to us, that we, made in your image, may conform ourselves to it. In our own strength we cannot imagine your majesty, power, and wonder, nor is it fitting for us to even try. But your mercy reaches from the heavens, through the clouds, to the earth below. You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest gift, the gift of your eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms, and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries. Amen.

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux

HOPE IN THE HARD TIMES



"I just wanted to say thank you for your prayers and your support throughout my hardest time of my life. I appreciate what you have done for me and my children. My kids are very thankful and very happy for me as well for everything. Without your support and God, I truly wouldn't be where I am at today. Again, I just wanted to say thank you and God bless you for helping people in need."

Selina

"I just wanted to take a moment and thank you guys for helping me in my time of struggle and homelessness when I was pregnant with my son, Malachi. I still remember, to this day, the thoughtfulness and everything you guys Home did for my son and me. Christmas time was so fun in the Home with all the caring and time you all took to make my son, Malachi, have a joyful Christmas. That boy had so many fun gifts, toys, and clothes. You all made it a joyful time. After I left the home, I ended up meeting my husband. We got married and ended up having seven kids and now we have three grandbabies. My son, Malachi, whom I mentioned, is now 21 years old with a family of his own. He works hard in Pueblo, Colorado. He's purchased a new home and has my two grandkids, Nehemiah and Myharri, and his girlfriend, Caryssah. Every Christmas you guys always reach out and help me and my family and kids. We really appreciate the time you take to help our family and your love and support whenever we're in need. Thank you guys for what you do and your time and dedication to me and my family. We love you guys and may you all have a joyful and blessed Merry Christmas. God bless you all." Sincerely, The Romero/Vigil Family



HOPE IN DISCERNMENT



"Mary's Homes of Hope has been a wonderful blessing in my life that I never would have imagined. Here, we practice living as a Christ-centered community as we all place importance of frequenting the sacraments of Mass and Adoration as often as possible. This is truly a community as I see our Blessed Mother always bringing guidance, prayer, and support through each of these incredible women. Through these small acts of charity and love, we see the love of Christ carry us each day. I cannot express fully in words just how grateful I am to have this community molding me as a pre-foundation to formation, as I continue to build upon my faith and continue the process of discerning my vocation."

Grateful in Christ,
Kate

The gifts of blessing from the child Jesus, His Mother Mary and Saint Joseph be with all of you. You're in our prayers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS