

Where safety and strength begin



Celebrating 25 Years!

MARGUERITE'S PLACE

We're Celebrating...

Twenty-five years ago two extraordinary women, Sister Sharon Walsh and Sister Elaine Fahey of the Grey Nuns, planted roots in Nashua. They founded Marguerite's Place, a transitional housing program for women and children. Their vision was to help women gain confidence, skills, and long-term independence in a safe environment where they could break the cycle of homelessness for themselves and their children.

Over time, Marguerite's Place has evolved to include a high-quality childcare center for the children who live here as well as the public looking for affordable, developmental, licensed care. To bridge the gap from transitional to permanent housing, 10 condominiums were purchased. An inner-city playground provides a natural space for children to learn through play. Individualized case management provides guidance as the women navigate school and work.

As we begin to celebrate these 25 years, we are grateful to the many individuals, businesses, churches, and foundations who have made Marguerite's Place into a home where countless women have found the strength to change and grow. Thank you!



YOUR DONATIONS MATTER

The Annual Appeal is an opportunity for you to give homeless women with children a second chance at a successful, independent life.

How you can help...

\$1,000 – provides one year of case management services for a resident, including goal setting, financial management, referrals to services and weekly check-ins.

\$500 – provides one week of on-site, 24 hour security for our residents.

\$250 – covers the cost of one week of groceries for 30 children in our childcare center. Nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack are provided at no extra cost to parents.

\$150 – provides one week of diapers. We use 100 per day, 500 each week!

\$100 – helps with basics needed to bridge the gap to employment: minor car repairs, professional licensing fees, required uniforms or tools.

Every gift helps!



OUR MISSION

Marguerite's Place helps women with children achieve self-sufficiency by providing them with safe, stable transitional housing, along with emotional, educational and supportive services.

MP Housing bridges the gap between transitional housing and long-term affordable housing. We collaborate with a network of other community nonprofits and civic groups to help strengthen families throughout the Nashua area.

PLEASE DONATE!

www.margueritesplace.org

Visit our website to learn more about our new monthly giving program.



We Believe...

Everyone deserves a second (or more) chance.

Every person is valued and respected.

Given opportunities, everyone has the potential for growth and change.

Trust, relationship-building, and meeting clients on their terms are essential to everything we do.

- New Hampshire's minimum wage is \$7.25/hour
- Minimum living wage for 1 parent and 1 child in Nashua is \$25.32/hour; for 1 adult with 2 children the living wage is \$28.75/hour
- 9% of all New Hampshire women live in poverty but 16% of Hispanic and black women live in poverty
- More than one-third of women in New Hampshire have experienced intimate partner violence (IPV) during their lifetime
- Women are much more likely to have been seriously impacted by intimate partner violence, including impacts such as needing medical care and missing work
- New Hampshire families with children under 6 spend 27% of their income on child care



Your donations inspire women to be their best selves and the best mothers they can be.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE!

Women come to us in their toughest hour and we help them take the first steps toward rebuilding their lives. They come from shelters, living with relatives, rehabilitation centers, sleeping in cars, or motels.

Right now 10 mothers and 16 children call Marguerite's Place home, and 30 infants, toddlers and pre-school children are thriving in our developmental childcare center.

The Annual Appeal provides funding for four critical areas:

Housing: families live independently in our one, two or three bedroom fully-furnished apartments. For most, this is their first real home.

Childcare: on-site, Licensed Plus childcare allows parents to work or attend school while their children thrive in a literacy-rich environment.

Case Management: our case managers work with each woman to create a life plan, access services, attend school or training, better their employment and improve their life skills.

Security: 24-hour staff and video surveillance keep families safe in our downtown neighborhood.

Why Give?

This Annual Appeal is a critical funding source for everything we do to restore homeless women with children to self-sufficiency. Nearly 50% of our operating revenue comes from donations – without the support of our friends, we could not continue our mission.

Whether you are a faithful donor (thank you!) or if this is your first contribution, we ask for your compassionate consideration in supporting our 2018 Annual Appeal.

Wishing you a happy holiday season – with gratitude, Mary Jordan, Executive Director