



A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin, Inc.

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From the Development Director

For over 25 years, A Place of Refuge Ministries has served pregnant women in need and their families. I and others have been blessed to serve this ministry in a variety of ways during that time. For the past 13 years, I have been privileged to serve as Development Director of the ministry.

I am so grateful for the opportunities that this position has afforded me over the years. I have been able to travel throughout the state and around the country. I have been able to share our ministry's incredible stories at children's chapels, high schools, churches, groups including LWML, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Lutheran's for Life, Rotary Clubs, American Legion, and Synodical events including The National Youth Gathering and The LCMS Life Conference.

Throughout my travels I have never ceased to be astonished by the amazing response of God's people to His work through A Place of Refuge. The generosity of the individuals, churches, and groups both inside and outside of our Lutheran church body has enabled us to move from a very difficult financial situation to one where we could pay off the mortgage on Refuge House and begin planning for the future. But most importantly, your prayers and your volunteer connections to our moms and their children have directly touched them with God's love and enriched their lives.

I will always be grateful for this special time spent with God's precious people and the love and support you have all shown to me as well. You have made spending so much time away from home not only bearable but thoroughly enjoyable. These 13 years have flown by. When I began traveling almost every weekend, my children were still in college. I now have 4 beautiful grandchildren and I am ready to spend more time with them and with the other aspects of our ministry.

A year ago I made our Board of Directors aware of my upcoming retirement. I have now set a date of September 1st. I will be finishing up my final speaking engagements, seeing you all at a few more conventions and at LifeWalk, and then spend the summer preparing things for my replacement.

I cannot thank you all enough for everything you have done for A Place of Refuge Ministries. You have answered the call, whenever and for whatever I have asked of you. You have made this ministry flourish. It is, of course, difficult to relinquish such an all encompassing position without having the all too human inclination to worry about the future. However, as only God can, He chose to give me at my confirmation the perfect verse for this moment. It is Philippians 1:6. "And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Serving the Lord of Life Together,
Trish Kagerbauer

News from Refuge House

Since my January 2018 newsletter, another little one was born to a mom while she was living in Refuge House. Jasmine gave birth to a daughter and named her Jasmaier. However, we call her princess. She was born at the end of January and weighed six pounds and eight ounces. Mom and baby are doing great.

Three ladies and four children are currently in Refuge House. Two of the three women have given birth. Each mom gave birth to a daughter. Babies are doing great, growing and are beautiful.

Many may have learned of my husband's passing Sunday, February 18 from a cardiac arrest. His death has left me in much pain. If not for my faith, my children, family, friends and church family, I honestly do not know what I would have done. Thank you all so much for the prayers and cards.

Since Joseph has gone home to be with our Savior, there are tasks around Refuge House I cannot perform by myself. If anyone has the time to help with some of the heavy lifting, please contact me.

The students at Concordia University are giving the moms in Refuge House a baby shower. The moms are looking forward to the event. All children and moms participate in this wonderful occasion. Thank God as always for our generous donors.

God's blessings to all...
Ronne Murray, Manager

Blessed Again News

Blessed Again has had some very busy months. We received a furniture donation from a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church which consisted of furniture used for staging condos. This donation was a great help in increasing sales for March and the beginning of April. Many thanks go out to so many of our church members and neighbors for thinking of Blessed Again with donations.

The Just Between Friends pick-up was April 20th and if you are in need of children's clothing please stop in and check out our selection of quality clothing. We also have a great selection of adult clothing, linens, toys, books, and miscellaneous items.

Blessed Again is now on our summer hours. We are closed Sunday's & Monday's. We are open Tuesday – Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm Saturday's 10:00am – 4:00pm. We still take donations Monday – Saturday from 10:00 – 4:00pm. We thank everyone for their donations and support for our mission.

God's Blessings,
Maribel
Blessed Again Resale Shop
7624 W. Hampton Ave. Milwaukee, WI

Hello from Advocacy!

Recently we had the joy of taking two layettes to a mom with twin baby girls. Joanne and I enjoyed the privilege of each holding one of the precious babies and visiting with the mom and her lovely family.

At my church we are focusing on the theme "Who is my neighbor?" As I studied the words of Jesus, I couldn't help but think about the moms we work with at A Place of Refuge Ministries. Many times we are asked why we do this work. The answer is clear. The women who contact us are truly our neighbors. And Jesus says, "You do it unto Me."

If you would like more information on how you can be part of our Advocacy Ministry, please contact me at 414-761-2270 or LMNHass@thewarren.us

Blessings,
Linda Haas



A LifeWalk 2018 message from Trish...

This is the last LifeWalk I will be organizing and I would LOVE to see all of the wonderful folks I've met these last 13 years there! I would also LOVE to make this the most successful LifeWalk ever! Each year I have set a goal of 200 walkers and \$20,000 raised! Will you help us reach this goal this year?

LifeWalk 2018

Fun Family Activities & 1.5 mile walk

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. Registration

Coffee, snacks and Children's Activities

10:30 a.m. Walk Begins

Lunch to follow for Participants

Place: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

10025 W. North Avenue

Wauwatosa, WI

Register and obtain a sponsor sheet at aplaceofrefuge.org
or call 414-438-2767.

Prizes for the most sponsors and most sponsor money collected!
If you would like an easy way to raise funds online, you can create your own fundraising page on Razoo (Now called Mightycause).

Simply go to razoo.com and search for the A Place of Refuge Ministries page. From there you can create your own fundraising page by clicking "Fundraise". Once you've created your page you can share the page on social media and email the link to your friends, family and co-workers.



Many thanks to the Girlfriends 4 God - Ezra & Nehemiah Bible Study at Divine Redeemer - Hartland. They rebuilt the "walls of Jerusalem" with "Laundry Baskets of Love" for our moms! We love the amazing and clever ways our supporters find to show their love for our ministry!

Memorials and Honorariums

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