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Dear Friend,

As we close 2021, we want to take a moment and thank you for your generous support. Looking back over the past year, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for all the grace poured out on Philomena House.

After moving into our new location, we were blessed to welcome “Cherrie” as a new guest.

Cherrie had been struggling for years with drug addiction. She needed a sober living area after finishing her stay at a local addiction treatment center.

Philomena House gave Cherrie the structure she needed to continue with her pregnancy and stay drug-free. She was a bright, cheerful presence in Philomena House.

Cherrie worked at her deli job right up until the day before her scheduled c-section. She received support from our Life Coach, and together, they explored her future housing options.



*Our new home, located near Como Park.
We moved in at the beginning of March.*

Thankfully, Cherrie was able to move in with her sister after her baby was born in July. When we spoke a few days ago, Cherrie said that she finally got a job last month.

“I am healthy, and she’s healthy so that’s all that matters,” Cherrie said.

I am happy to share this story because it exemplifies precisely why the doors of Philomena House are open. We offer a loving home for pregnant, homeless mothers, allowing them to choose life. We provide a real choice, in supporting her life with baby or deciding on adoption.

Not all women who inquire about Philomena House are a good fit for our program. Last year our staff helped over 55 women find housing and other resources.

In this month of celebration of the birth of Our Lord, we remember that life is a gift. Since we began in 2014, we have celebrated the birth of over 65 babies.

I must emphasize that your support of our work helped make this possible. Therefore, I want to say, "THANK YOU." It costs almost \$8,000 per month to keep our doors open. Please continue to support us with your prayers, time, and donations.

Have a most blessed Advent and Christmas season,

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One of my favorite pictures of a Philomena House baby!