



The
**Philomena
House**
Newsletter

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The New Philomena House

Dear Friend of the Philomena House,

It's hard to believe it's been a year since we moved into the new location of the Philomena House. Currently, we have three ladies living here – two pregnant clients who are due in July, and one new mother who delivered a beautiful baby boy recently. We've counted seven babies from the women who have gone through our program over the last 12 months.

I would like to share with you the story of one of those women, to see how your support allows the Philomena House to serve them and their babies, and to change their lives.

Last fall, a 19-year-old named Bridget (not her real name) was pregnant and homeless in the Twin Cities. She was referred to the Philomena House by a social worker from the Oasis for Youth program. Bridget worked at a day care until late in her pregnancy, and her housing situation was unstable. During the Philomena interview process, we put her up in a hotel. Once she was accepted into our program, she came to us with literally the clothes on her back and nothing more. You can imagine her relief to be in a cozy, clean, safe house, with food in the kitchen and warm blankets on the beds. Bridget was especially delighted to choose some maternity clothes from the many donated items that we receive, and her Philomena life-coach took her shopping for an adequate winter coat (she only owned a hoodie!).



"Bridget" choosing some clothes her first night at the Philomena House.

The stability, support and guidance we provided Bridget laid the groundwork for her to reconnect with her mother and move back to Fargo, where she gave birth to a healthy baby girl in the winter. She is currently living with her mother, and is looking for an apartment of her own. We are so happy that she was able to relocate to a better environment for her, reunite with her family, and is working toward independence.

We couldn't have done what we did for Bridget -- and all of the women who go through our program -- without your prayerful and material assistance. Thank you for helping us help every woman and baby who come our way with your continued support.

Blessings,

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