



The  
**Philomena  
House**  
Newsletter

**Summer 2022**



*The New Philomena House*

Our dear Philomena friends,

We're looking forward to summer at the Philomena House after such a delayed spring. In this time of rebirth and fruitfulness, we are awaiting the July arrival of one little soul, and the August birth of twins!

Philomena House is still busy making a difference in the lives of mothers and babies — even if their stay with us is short.

Take for instance, “Justine” — a homeless young mother in her early 20s. She arrived at Philomena House in April, with a baby due in September. Sadly, she was in a sorry state at that time. She told us she had been sleeping on friends' couches, and had not brushed her hair, brushed her teeth or showered in two weeks. We rushed to buy her the essentials — toiletries, underwear, socks, everything! — and give her a stable living situation.

Despite her destitution, Justine was determined to rise above it, and was incredibly cooperative with the guidance of the Philomena staff. She complied with the program requirements, met with her Life Coach and Resiliency Trainer, set concrete goals and attained them. When Justine's job ended, she got another one at a daycare center. She's taking parenting classes through her employer, and getting plenty of hands-on caregiving experience that will help her tremendously when her own baby is born.



*Lilacs in bloom at  
Philomena House.*

Justine was only with us a month when she found out she qualified for transitional housing (en route to a permanent living situation). We were sorry to see her go, but knew she was on the right path for herself and her baby. As a farewell, she wrote us the following text message:

Unfortunately, I will have to say goodbye to the Philomena House. I want to thank you all so much for allowing me to have a place over my head and connect with you all. I can't express how overjoyed I am and so blessed to have had you all as part of my journey. If possible I still would like to keep in contact because I would've never made it without you all being such a huge support system for me and my unborn son. I am beyond thankful for you guys.

We're grateful for brave, resilient young women like Justine, who have chosen a better life for themselves and their unborn babies. And we're grateful for your support, prayers and generosity, so we can keep helping young women on their way to a brighter future.

Blessings,

*Annamarie Adkins*  
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