

HOME SWEET HOME

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Parish Stewardship Opportunity – Help Make a Difference

The Magnificat Home and Mary’s Place are both located in Jersey City and 52 women call this their “HOME SWEET HOME”.

Magnificat Home opened on September 1, 2009, at 119 Clerk Street, Jersey City, NJ, in what was formerly Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, just off Claremont Avenue. A non-profit, Class C Boarding Home, it offers single rooms, three meals daily, and assistance with medication if required. Its mission is to provide a safe, beautiful, nurturing home for adult women. Their second residence “Mary’s Place” opened in 2015 and is the former convent at St. Paul’s Parish also in Jersey City.

The Magnificat Home is a community of people, incorporated as a non-profit organization, with the mission of providing a family-like home for people who are in need of such. They are primarily, then, a spiritual family, a charism, a movement arising out of the Catholic Church to embrace and cherish those in need of a home.

Magnificat Home is open to all women, but has a special concern for those who are otherwise unable to provide a decent home for themselves. Many are on disability and suffer from a range of emotional, mental and social difficulties. Oftentimes, they are functioning adults who do not qualify for specialized group homes or institutions, but are in need of social supports and especially a family-like environment of safety, respect and love.

Recently, The Office of Stewardship & Development received a call from the manager at the Magnificat Home. She was asking if we had any connections to provide food for the residents. The Magnificat Home and Mary’s Place are considered boarding homes and not a shelter. And that means they are not eligible to receive food from food banks.



A few minutes later Rev. Bryan Adamack, pastor of Our Lady of Victories stopped by to say hello. I told Father Bryan about the phone call I received. Immediately, with no hesitation, he said he would organize a drive to help Magnificat Home at his parish.

Matt Laracy is the Director of Magnificat Home and Mary’s Place. He was so happy when I told him what Father Bryan was going to do.

The collection at Our Lady of Victories was a success. All the donations would not fit in Matt’s vehicle so he had to make a second trip.



If a parish would like to help Magnificat Home by organizing a collection for food or toiletries please contact Matt Laracy @ 201-451-4040 or mattlaracy@magnificathome.org Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions, I can be reached by email Lynn.Gully@rcan.org or 973-497-4589.