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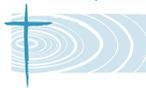
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Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ



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### 5th Annual Thanksgiving Non Event Gala! Don't Mark Your Calendar!



Stay at home, relax, and put your feet up, you can just be! Just enjoy your chalet. The Thanksgiving Gala will NOT be held on Saturday, November 28, 2009. Instead, you can generously assist homeless and at-risk families in Northwest Indiana from the comfort of your home. Your donation is 100% tax deductible and donations of \$100 or more are eligible for NAP Tax Credits on a first come, first served basis. Please make checks payable to: Sojourner Truth House.



#### Gift in Honor Form

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# News...

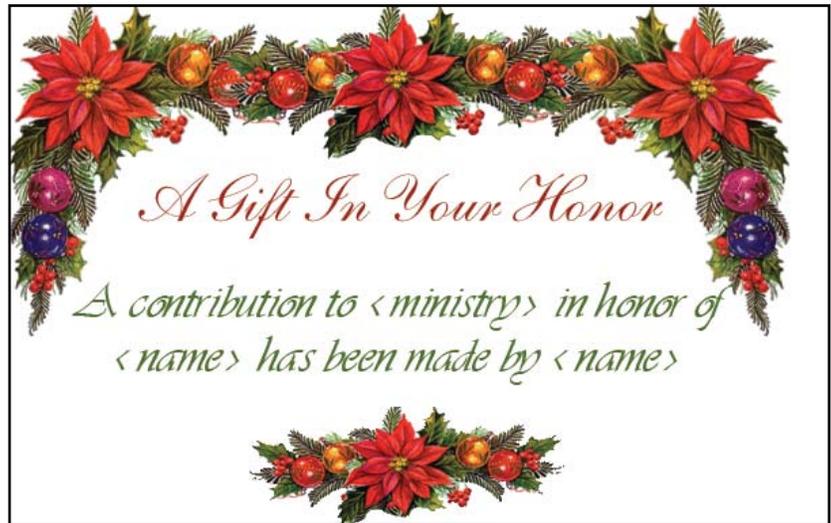
from Nazareth Home  
Sojourner Truth House

## The Donor Partnership: Honoring Those Who Are Special To Us

The holiday season is a wonderful time to express our love to family and friends. Between family gatherings, social get-togethers, and parties at work, we have numerous opportunities to show others how special they are to us through the gifts we give. Often we tell others about special or memorable gifts we've received. Wouldn't it be nice if every gift we gave to a loved one was also a gift to someone in need... someone who may not receive a gift!

This year your gifts can have a two-fold purpose—to acknowledge and honor friends and loved ones—and help those in need. It's really quite simple! You decide who you would like to honor. You can make a Gift in Honor

contribution to Sojourner Truth House or Nazareth Home. Both ministries serve the needs of those less fortunate. Simply fill out and clip the form on the back page of this newsletter and return with your donation. Or go to the ministry's website ([www.nazarethhome.com](http://www.nazarethhome.com); or [www.sojournertruthhouse.com](http://www.sojournertruthhouse.com)), and click on the Gift In Honor form to mail with your donation. Donations can be made online at the above websites by following the instructions. For gifts of \$20 or more, the honoree will receive a seasonal gift acknowledgement card indicating that a Gift in Honor has been received in their name. All Gift in Honor donations should be received prior to December 31, 2009. Thank you for considering the needs of others. Your gift will be appreciated by many! Happy Holidays!



### Nazareth Home

#### Nazareth Home Honors Collins at Gala

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Nazareth Home Gala was the setting for an announcement naming the recently completed All-Seasons Room as the Collins Room, in honor of Nazareth Home supporter and volunteer Tom Collins. Collins was recognized for his extraordinary contributions and support of Nazareth Home over the years. The completion of the All-Seasons Room was made possible by a gift from Collins. He was surprised by the honor, and graciously expressed his thanks. Sister Barbara Kuper, PHJC, made the presentation, along with Leroy Fassett, NH volunteer and Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

At the conclusion of the short program, the festivities were in full swing, as more than 350 guests filled the atrium of the Hammond Federal Courthouse to feast

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### Sojourner Truth House

#### Reflection

Why are people more willing to help children from traumatic circumstances than the adults they become? One answer may be that children are innocent, vulnerable and unable to defend themselves. But let's examine that in terms of the adults these children become. Many women who come to STH were traumatized children, innocent, vulnerable and unable to defend themselves. They may now be women with tough exteriors and angry attitudes, but underneath are still the frightened little girls whose fathers molested them, whose mothers neglected, abused or abandoned them, whose growing up years were anything but the joyful holiday family celebrations going on now. They may have spent their early holidays in group homes or foster homes, scared and wondering why.

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on a lavish array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by chefs Ashley Archer, Nicole Bissonnette, Glen Brooks, Carl Lindskog, Cheryl Molenda, Jack Mix, Gary Sanders, and Terry Zych. Guests had a large selection of Live and Silent Auction items to bid on, as well as a 50/50 Raffle and a Card Raffle in which two winners each won a pair of airline tickets to a destination of their choice in the continental U.S. Thank you to all our generous supporters and underwriters.. Check out some of the sights from the 2009 Gala below. For a full photo display, see: [www.sbvphotography.com](http://www.sbvphotography.com) and view the Event Gallery.



Left-Right: Judy Schlosser, Sister Barbara Kuper, PHJC, Tom Collins, Peggy Guernsey



2009 Nazareth Home Gala  
Hammond Federal Courthouse



Featured Chefs preparing delightful hors d'oeuvres for the evening festivities

## Thank You Rylee!

At age seven, Rylee Suarez is already an accomplished painter, creating popular artworks reflecting her experiences and interests. Her interest in, and love for, Nazareth Home has grown out of her volunteer activities, alongside her mother, Chris. When she heard about the recent Gala to raise money to care for the babies, she asked her mom if she could donate something for the auction event. After much deliberation, she decided she wanted to create a picture (see below). Rylee, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Whiting's Nathan Hale Elementary School, truly believes in community service. This past summer, she set up a lemonade stand to raise money for Nazareth Home. Thanks again, Rylee!



## Wish List

For wish list please visit  
[www.nazarethhome.com](http://www.nazarethhome.com).

## Baby Registry

[www.kohls.com](http://www.kohls.com)  
[www.toysrus.com](http://www.toysrus.com)  
[www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)  
[www.target.com](http://www.target.com)

First Name: Nazareth  
Last Name: Home

## Mission Statement

It is the mission of Nazareth Home, a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, to care for poor and powerless infants and children, those unable to speak for themselves, by providing them with a loving, caring and stable beginning.

Nazareth Home is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of medically compromised infants and children who are faced with extraordinary challenges in life.

# Reflection

By Sister Peg Spindler, CSA

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We work hard at helping STH participants grow beyond the pain, beyond the imprisonment in victimhood to glimpse the life they and their children could have together. They really don't want to continue the cycle, but don't know how to move out of its power. Besides the obvious parenting classes, we offer creative therapeutic groups. It is wonderful to see a woman begin to blossom and claim her power. Once she knows she doesn't have to be a prisoner of her history, she can break the cycle for her children. Healthier families result. Isn't that enough reason to reach out and help her, too? Thank you for all the ways you enable us to do this for families. May the good will and peace this season celebrates be with us all!

## Count Your Blessings

### To All My Friends At Sojourner Truth House



My Friends,

Words cannot convey the thanks I wish to give you all. When you live the kind of life I have lived, people look down on you, judge you and turn their backs on you. I came to Sojourner with a tired body, a confused mind and a broken spirit. I was ashamed and lost. The very minute I stepped in the door, I felt God's love, mercy and kindness. The people here welcomed me, didn't judge me, and definitely didn't turn their backs on me. I prayed and prayed for a friend to help me, and God, with His loving grace, gave me a family of friends. My physical needs were met and I felt like a normal person. I had clean clothes and a meal, when many days I knew the pains of hunger and shame. My personal business, medical, and mental health needs were met from a birth certificate to a voters registration card. I was on my way.

I attended group for my addiction that woke me up, pierced my heart and touched my soul. The groups were taught by nurturing people who truly cared about my well-being. Most important, I saw, and they showed me they had the love of God in them, a true love, a caring love, a spiritual love that went beyond a physical, unconditional love.

I was somebody again, a "loved Somebody". I loved myself, they taught me how to love myself. My heart cries out to tell you the gratitude I feel toward everyone of you. Sister Peg—for accepting and welcoming me to Sojourner Truth House, Ms. Alice—for up-building and kind advice ("Divas Do's and Dont's"); Ms. Pam—with encouraging words pertaining to health, beauty, and being the woman I am (sharing my joy at my apartment); Ms. Robin—for down-to-earth and disciplined counsel and life skills. Ms. Brenda—for recovery encouragement, and loving concern; Ms. Lillian—with her kindness and caring gestures to make my apartment a "home"; Ms. Karen—for tips on budgeting; Sister Kathleen—for her meek and soft ways of giving me alternative ways to medicine; and, Harold—for running me to appointments with patience and kindness. There have been so many little things that mean so very, very much to my life.

With God's direction you all helped me get my life back on track and I will never forget you in my heart and I hope to continue coming to Sojourner for love and support for years to come. My prayers will always be that you are blessed and can continue to work in people's lives. Again, I thank you all from the depths of my heart and soul. I love you, and God Bless you and keep you in His grace forever.

Your Sister in the Lord  
Eva Rodriguez

## The Stellar Staff of Sojourner Truth House

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### Case Management Team



**Case Management Team:** *Left -Right:* Robin Beasley, Program Services & Outreach Coordinator; Pam Key, Social Worker for Homeless Clients; Jennifer Santiquilani, Community Case Coordinator; Sister Loretta Schleper, PHJC, Volunteer Coordinator & Case Manager; Sister Kathleen Quinn, PHJC, Nurse Associate (volunteer); Lalita Arnold, Case Manager for Transitional Outreach Program Participants