

# Aunt Mary's House Newsletter

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*A*unt Mary's House would like to say Thank You to each and every one of our friends, future friends, and family that have supported our program. We are so grateful for your compassion and generosity.

AMH will provide a safe haven for pregnant and parenting mothers, who are homeless or abused, to gain opportunities, resources and knowledge toward becoming self-sufficient.

AMH was founded under Improve Norwich Now (I.N.N.).



## Let's take a look back at Aunt Mary's House (AMH).

Four years ago it was just an idea on how to address barriers facing community members in crisis. The AMH board members and advisors worked very hard over the last 4 years to make this idea a reality. They met with community members, foundations, programs in the area and created a group of people that were determined to get this program up and running. Once they secured funding to get started, they interviewed for the Executive Director position. That is where I come in. I took this position in April of 2022, and since then, I have been meeting with every resource, program, director and community member I can to spread the word about AMH, our mission, vision and goals. Everyone has been very welcoming, and the feedback has been wonderful. We are a 501c3. We searched for the perfect home to call Aunt Mary's House, and we were so fortunate to find it right in the city of Norwich and owned by a local business man and his wife, who are also neighbors of the home.



We had our very first fundraiser in Dec 2022 – Aunt Mary's House Gala at the Wild Owl Bistro. It was an amazing event, and our next event is scheduled for 5/11/24 at Miles of Love. Also, you can donate your cans and bottles to AMH at Riverside Redemption.

**AMH Future:** Next let's take a look forward to see what we have in store for Aunt Mary's House.

Now that we have found the actual home that will be Aunt Mary's House, we are excited to move onto our next steps. The home is currently empty and has been for several years. We have started renovations on it. The roof has been replaced by New York Roofers. We held two work days and volunteers from CV Free Church came over to help us tear all of the carpet, appliances, cabinets, paneling, pull up the landscaping and tear down the old back patio. We do estimate that it will take well into 2024 to complete the renovations on the house. We will take this broken down house and transform it into an amazing home for the mothers and babies that we will be serving: just as we hope to transform the lives of these women and their children. We will show them that there can be beauty and love that comes from hurt and pain. We will document the transformation of the home and share that with our community. We want to show everyone the progress as it is being made and have you follow our journey. We will be able to house four women and their babies at any given time.

Now that we have the location, we have to focus on fundraising and securing the funding and finances to hire staff, purchase the necessary items and have the home ready and welcoming. We will need to hire a Full Time Case Manager. Therefore, it is extremely important for us to have fundraisers, apply for grants, partner with local businesses to sponsor AMH, and make "Friends of Aunt Mary's House" that will help to financially support our mission and vision. We will not be able to continue and move this amazing program forward without support from our friends, family, and our community. We are so thankful and grateful for your support of Aunt Mary's House. I look forward to working with all of you in this journey. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. If you would like to become a "Friend of Aunt Mary's House," you can donate on our website or by scanning the QR code in this letter. We are so excited to work with you and our community! Together we will make a difference!

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