

Newsletter



A Message from Executive Director Brenda White

I am so grateful to share with you that renovations with the home are progressing well and should be complete by December. This means, if all goes well over the next couple of months, we can open Aunt Mary's House in January 2025. I know women in our community need this. Since launching this project we have supported 13 women in other ways, 10 of those women would have qualified for our program if the house had been open. Our vision is soon to become reality.

The latest home renovations include complete replacement of the roof, siding, HVAC, and electrical systems. A third bathroom was framed and all rooms have sheet rock. A pantry was framed, new windows installed, landscaping, and a security system was installed. This home has had an incredible amount of work done and we are so grateful for the quality of our contractors and the help of local volunteers.

Together we will make a difference.

Brenda

September Issue

Our newsletter is your
source of updates for:

**Donors and
Fundraising**

Volunteers

**Organizational
Updates**



Our Community

Brenda has been hard at work promoting the mission of Aunt Mary's House, delivering presentations at various community organizations such as:

- The Children's Home
- Liberty Resources
- The Gilbertsville Grange
- Leadership Chenango

She has also tabled events at SUNY Morrisville Norwich Campus, Colorscape Chenango, and Saturdays in the Park.

Attending other events at the Women's Resource Center, the Rotary Centenary Dinner, and The Story Tour, Brenda continues to spread the mission of AMH beyond Norwich. We feel it is important to keep reminding everyone that Aunt Mary's House is a Chenango County-wide program.

AMH was the spotlight of a Spectrum News interview. Keep your eyes and ears ready in the weeks to come!



Volunteer Spotlight

September 13 was the 11th annual Alvogen Day and we were grateful to have volunteers support Aunt Mary's House by helping with landscaping and other tasks around the home.



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Friends of AMH

"The Wednesday Crew" is a weekly group of volunteers who completed the side porch in the picture on the left. While there is more than one thing we admire about *The Wednesday Crew*, we want to take a moment and focus on **consistency**.

A small recurring gift from many people adds up and can help fund our programming and operating costs.

- 100 people with a monthly gift of \$25 is \$30,000 a year
- 250 people with a monthly gift of \$25 is \$75,000.

We hope you will consider a recurring gift to support our cause.



Bringing the Mission to Life: Organizational Updates and Donations

Our committees help ensure Aunt Mary's House is operating at our best:

Admission Committee

The committee met consistently over the summer and increased the frequency of their meetings this fall to ensure our policies and procedures reflect best practices to support our women.

Finance Committee

Led by treasurer, Sharon Vesely, this volunteer team made recommendations to reduce expected expenses and helped Brenda get a more accurate estimate of anticipated utility expenses.

We're proud of the fact that Aunt Mary's House is not yet open, yet we've supported 13 pregnant women in our area with resources. We're excited at the thought of the impact we will have when we are open. Reach out to Brenda regarding any volunteer opportunities, most of which only ask for a couple hours a month!

Thank you Ninas and Mois City Center Bistro for hosting Aunt Mary's House **Give Back** nights in June. What a fantastic way to combine fundraising with eating at local family-owned restaurants! We continue to receive in-kind donations and make new "Friends of AMH."

Grants and Donors

Grants

- The Everett Pearl Foundation
- The Norwich Rotary Club

Donations

- Kate Banta
- NBT
- Baillie Lumber Co.
- NYCM
- Hale St Medical

- Optum
- Spyderquest
- Wilson's Funeral Home
- Golden Artists
- The Red Knights
- Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
- City Church
- CV Free Church
- The United Church of Christ First Congregation
- Baking by Numbers
- The Heart to Heart Women's Group
- Several community members

Your donations make a huge difference. Visit our website or contact us about making a gift.

Thank you for reading!



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