

A Heartfelt Thank You for Making Hopeful Hearts a Success, Kisten M. Giglio, Executive Director

On behalf of everyone at Aunt Mary's House, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every person who helped make our recent *Hopeful Hearts Brunch* such a meaningful and inspiring event.

The outpouring of support we experienced was truly overwhelming. From our generous sponsors and donors to our volunteers, attendees, and community partners, your kindness and commitment remind us that the work we do is never done alone. Together, we created an afternoon filled with compassion, connection, and hope.

The response from our local community business and individuals was truly remarkable and such a blessing to us. We had over 40 sponsors for this year's brunch and are truly grateful to each and every one of you! You are a living example of a community united in mission and vision! The 128 people in attendance on May 3rd lit up the room with conversation and excitement and we are so honored to have shared the day with you! Our silent auction and raffle items were a huge hit with those at the brunch. These represent another 73 individuals and businesses who also support Aunt Mary's House in a special way that brings fun, laughter and a little healthy competition to our day. A special thank you to Dave for donating his winnings back to AMH! We appreciate that kind gesture! Thanks to these tremendous collaborations, our event raised over \$20,000! This is so important for our sustainability and growth as a young non-profit. It is our promise to you to continue to be good stewards of your trust and support as we move forward on our journey.

Because of your support, Aunt Mary's House can continue providing safe shelter, essential resources, and compassionate care to individuals and families in need. Every ticket purchased, every silent auction bid, every shared story, and every volunteer hour directly impacts the lives of those we serve. Your generosity helps us continue our mission of offering dignity, stability, and renewed hope to our community members during difficult times.

One of the most powerful parts of the brunch was witnessing so many people come together with a shared purpose—to ensure that no one feels forgotten or alone. The stories shared throughout the event were a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the incredible difference a caring community can make.

I would also like to offer a special thank you to our event committee and volunteers whose dedication and countless hours of hard work made the brunch possible. I want to commend The Canasawacta Country Club for hosting our event. Heather and her team bring beautiful visions to life and are so pleasant to work with. Our event is made even more special by the games provided by Live Event, the incredible family photos from Katherine Kappauf of Two Boots Photography and the beautiful backdrop for these photos provided by Gina Cabrera of The Balloon Bar. These professionals continually donate their time and talents to help make our event special! Events like Hopeful Hearts are successful because of people who quietly and tirelessly give of themselves behind the scenes.

As we move forward, we remain inspired by your continued belief in our mission. Your support strengthens our ability to serve, advocate, and provide hope where it is needed most.

Thank you for standing beside Aunt Mary's House and for helping us turn compassion into action. We are deeply grateful and look forward to continuing this important work together!

SAVE THE DATE: Hopeful Hearts Brunch 2027 - May 8th (-597 Wds)

Gratitude in Full Bloom - Bonnie Kibbe, Case House Manager

As the Case House Manager, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated and compassionate volunteers. A recent spring cleaning became a beautiful example of community, teamwork, and generosity. Watching individuals give so selflessly of their time, energy, and talents has been truly inspiring and a reminder of how deeply people care about the mission we share. I am filled with immense gratitude as I look back on everything we have recently accomplished together.

Together, we worked diligently to make sure the home remained clean, warm, organized, and welcoming for the mothers and babies we serve. Every polished surface and organized room serves a vital purpose for our mission. Every task completed, every room refreshed, and every helping hand contributed to creating a safe and comforting environment where families can feel supported and cared for. The love poured into this home is evident in every detail, and we could not do this work without the support of our volunteers. You have helped create a true sanctuary for families when they need it most.

Beyond the walls of the house, seeing the entire community come together for our annual fundraiser was nothing short of awe-inspiring. The generosity, encouragement, and shared passion displayed throughout the event were overwhelming in the best possible way. Seeing so many people united behind a common goal reaffirmed the importance of this mission and the impact it continues to have on the lives of mothers and babies in our community.

In addition, having the opportunity to table at local events and help bring greater visibility to the program has been both an honor and so much fun. Meeting community members, sharing our mission, and building connections has strengthened our outreach and reminded me how fortunate we are to have such incredible support surrounding this house. I am deeply thankful for every volunteer, donor, sponsor, and advocate who continues to help make this work possible.

Our home is blooming with new life in every way possible! From the lives within the home to creating space to grow our program, has made an incredible impact for Aunt Mary's House. It is such a blessing to be a part of the journey.

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