



Gianna House

Fall 2021



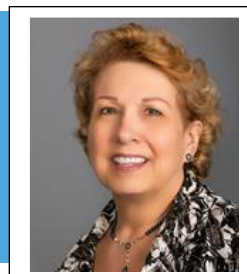
What did you do??!!

Gianna House Pregnancy & Parenting Residence is absolutely thriving. This is only possible because of you. You are helping us provide what we sometimes take for granted: a safe home, an opportunity to complete education and become employable, life and parenting skills and access to medical care that will lead to successful transition to self-sufficiency. Here are just a few of *your* accomplishments to make real, life-changing differences in the lives of young women and children who are falling through the cracks in our community:

- ✦ At-risk youth are being taken out of violent homes and off the streets and offered shelter. Our rooms are full. New rooms are in final preparations for additional residents.
- ✦ Some of our moms are transitioning back into families along with counseling and 30- & 90-day follow ups by our case manager. Some moms are finding employment and stable, independent housing and transitioning into our Outreach Programs.
- ✦ Mothers-to-be are receiving pre-natal care and bringing to birth full-term, healthy babies.
- ✦ Hundreds of our Outreach Program participants are not having to choose between diapers and other baby needs and how to feed their families or pay the rent.
- ✦ Our *baby bucks* program has been expanded. Now, in addition to earning essential baby needs through Bright-Course education modules, our outreach moms can volunteer at Gianna House and other community programs and can participate in community-based workshops to earn, at no cost, the items they need for baby. Now they add value to community.
- ✦ Gianna House is partnering with other community service organizations to help ensure all callers' needs are met, with all of us referring to each other as appropriate for assistance.

Together, we are transforming shared beliefs and hopes into action: housing, feeding, healing, educating, inspiring, enlightening, and nurturing the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for partnering with us.

Cynthia Greening



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Holiday Open House—Join Us!

Please allow us to *show* our appreciation and to show *off* our beautiful residence. Join us at Gianna House on **Sunday, December 12, from 3-7 p.m.** for refreshments, holiday music, and tours of our facility. There is no cost to attend. We just want to say
THANK YOU *and*
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

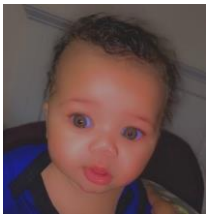
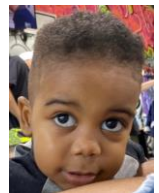
Partnerships...Nonprofit Impact Matters



On August 26 Gianna House was honored to be asked to participate in the inaugural *Mission Partners Expo* hosted by the Archdiocese of Detroit's Office of Evangelical Charity. The event, held at St Paul on the Cross Passionist Retreat Center in Detroit included close to 50 local organizations promoting their services and unique ministries. We were well represented by Executive Director Joella Bush, Residential Monitor Jayla Mingo, and Board Members Mike Fontana and Maceo Coleman. All were on hand to network and promote Gianna House services and opportunities. Topics included education, healthcare, human services, spiritual renewal, youth services, justice ministries and fraternal organizations. It was a very successful event, and we look forward to expanding our partnerships.

First Gianna House Baby Turns 2!

We were delighted to recently hear from our first mom who gave birth at Gianna House. She shared that her baby boy turned two in September. She is continuing her education and just accepted a new employment opportunity. We are so very proud to have been a part of this young mother's success and her little man's healthy start in life!



Welcome to Gianna House!

Please welcome Brianna and baby boy Nasiah, our most recent residents of Gianna House! Bri, as she is affectionately known, is 20 years old and was seeking stable housing for her and then 2-month-old Nasiah when she first learned about Gianna House. After touring our facility, Brianna and Nasiah both received intakes into our residential program. Brianna states that she wishes to complete her high school credits and learn parenting skills that will assist her with becoming a better mom. Bri will also increase her daily living skills through employment and training so that she can transition to independent living.



Since her admittance to Gianna House, Bri has grown and matured a great deal. She recently facilitated a group presentation and demonstration on the ABCs of Safe Sleep and Swaddling. Her peers (other residents) and staff were in attendance. This is important to note because Bri also had to learn why it is not safe to co-sleep with Nasiah. She attended a 3-week Financial Literacy series hosted virtually by Comerica Bank and received a certificate of completion. Bri has learned about how to self-advocate with the appropriate affect and feels empowered by her successes so far. Baby Nasiah has made great strides too! He is now 3 months old and growing.

Nonprofits Create Opportunities

Gianna House is seeking support for:

- Experienced fundraisers for our volunteer team
- A finance person capable of succession to Treasurer
- A Grant Writer who will work on commission

Commissioned
Grant Writers

Volunteer
Fundraisers

Board
Treasurer

Please contact Cynthia Greening at cynthiagreening1@yahoo.com to discuss how you can partner with us in service to our community.

Go Fund Me NOW through November 29th

These are challenging times. We are all so sick of these words! And no doubt all embraced the shared hope that it would be better by now. It is not. Not unlike most nonprofits, our support has diminished. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 now to restore our funding to pre-COVID financial health. To participate in this urgent campaign, go to:

<https://gofund.me/2f705b11>

We need your support now. Please forward our link to as many people as possible. Ask your family, friends, colleagues, and business partners to DONATE to Gianna House. Every dollar will help us serve the least of us!

Our Blessings & Support Just Keep Coming!

Gold Level Sponsors for the 8th Annual Sr. Diane Memorial Golf Outing

We are so thankful for not one, not two but three gold level sponsors this year's golf event! Our sincerest gratitude goes out to these generous businesses for their continued generosity and support.

- **All Points Title Company**
 - **Miller Vein**
 - **Northwest Mutual**

Outstanding Special Effort

One bright summer day, 30+ volunteers from **Woodside Bible Church** appeared at our doors with breakfast, lunch and sleeves rolled up to beautify our residence. From painting and outfitting our mommy/baby suites, to new drapery for the great room, to enhancing our gardens and grounds with new plantings and mulch, Gianna House was revitalized! Special thanks to Tyler Mollenkamp, Outreach Pastor of Woodside for his amazing team and his leadership! Our residents, staff and board are grateful.



Fore!

The 8th Annual Sr. Diane Memorial Golf Outing was as exciting as a hole-in-one! Over 90 golfers teed up for a shotgun start on August 23 at Greystone Golf Club. On a picture-perfect day, our donors and participants helped raise \$25,000 for Gianna House. Greystone never disappoints with its scenic and challenging course, helpful and professional staff, and outstanding food.



It was a shotgun start!

After the 18th hole, there was food, raffles, spirits, and silent auction items, including a Mayan Riviera vacation, luxurious spa day, golf packages and much more.

Special thanks to our Golf Committee, Sponsors, Donors and the many volunteers who helped make this event a success. Our moms and babies thank you, too!

Mark your calendar for 2022, when we will hold our 9th annual event on Monday, August 22, back at Greystone.



Pictured: First place team winners Ralph Hunt, Justin Hunt, Keegan Smith, and Blake Bittner. CONGRATULATIONS!

Upcoming Events— Join Us!



Giving Tuesday, November 30

Giving Tuesday, started in New York in 2012, is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities. This special annual day encourages people to do good and is always five days after Thanksgiving. Gianna House made \$25,000 on Giving Tuesday 2020, and our lead, Maceo Coleman, hopes to double that this year!

Open House Appreciation, December 12

In lieu of the planned Living Nativity, the leadership decided to recognize our donors and wish you happy holidays. Join us at Gianna House on December 12, from 3-7 p.m. for refreshments, holiday music, and facility tours. There is no dress code or cost to attend. Come as you are, bring the family, and celebrate the holidays with us with our deepest appreciation!

Hold the date: Golf, Monday, August 22, 2022

The 2022 Sr. Diane Memorial Golf Outing is booked for August 22 at the Greystone Golf Club—everyone's favorite. Mark your calendar!

Make your secure donation today by whichever way is most convenient for you!

- ✓ Checks made payable to Gianna House may be mailed to 21357 Redmond, Eastpointe, MI 48021.
- ✓ Visit our website to donate at www.giannahouse.org.
- ✓ Master Card, Visa, Amex, and Discover donations can be made by phone or donation envelope (mailed).
- ✓ Access our GoFundMe page and donate at: <https://gofund.me/2f705b11>

More than just a residential home...We are community outreach driven too!

Gianna House is so excited to offer various workshops not only for our residents but also for our community moms. Community moms can safely participate either in person (utilizing masks and social distancing guidelines) or virtually, various workshops for personal and professional development. Workshops include Safe Sleep, Parenting and Family Planning, Financial Literacy, Resume Writing, and Doula Services where the ladies learn about alternative birthing techniques. Our community moms also receive personal grooming and hygiene products, diapers, wipes, formula, and other baby essentials through our Community Outreach Program.



- Fundraising
- Business planning
- Counseling
- Budget planning
- Career planning
- Increasing media presence
- Education & Development
- Partnership opportunities
- Leadership development
- Meeting state regulations

We are Busy Bees at Gianna House

- Facility upgrades
- Fiduciary responsibility
- Grant writing
- Right-fit new hires
- Resume development
- Teaching life skills
- Re-connecting families
- Providing baby needs
- Communicating
- Training volunteers
- Doctor appointments
- Strategic development
- Expanding online learning
- Networking
- Welcoming new residents
- Expanding parenting skills
- Wellness checks
- Connecting with legislators
- Donor recognition
- Staff development
- ADA compliance
- Case management
- Press releases
- Comforting
- Team building
- Rocking babies
- College internships
- Ensuring diversity
- Facility tours
- Program expansion
- And much more!

Our leadership pact dictates that our leadership team will be accountable, committed, transparent, well informed, responsive, open to new ideas, fiducially responsible, honest, ethical, and projecting a positive image of Gianna House.

MISSION

The goal of Gianna House Pregnancy & Parenting Residence is to provide a safe haven for pregnant youth and their newborn infants while providing spiritual, educational, medical and parenting support and resources to underserved women in our programs.

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Transforming shared beliefs and hopes into action...

Gianna House takes very seriously its responsibilities to the ethical use of donor dollars, each of which is used in the most thoughtful manner for maximum impact for those we serve. Our donors are valued partners in ministry to the underserved. Ways our donors make a difference:

- ✓ In memory of a loved one
- ✓ In gratitude for God's blessings
- ✓ Via estate planning/wills/trusts
- ✓ Via IRA withdrawal
- ✓ As a family in lieu of individual gifts
- ✓ Or "just because"

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