



STAR OF THE NORTH MATERNITY HOME

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Star of the North Announces Second Location on the Iron Range



Cathy Timmerman, volunteer, receiving a donation for our new Hibbing location.

"It takes \$100 a day to house a mom and baby."

Pro-life leaders on the Iron Range, Cathy Timmerman and Nancy Hyduke, contacted SON last year inquiring about adding a second location to the Iron Range. Our TFLN Board of Directors commissioned a community feasibility study showing there is a need for maternity housing on the Iron Range. We are so excited to announce our second home, "Star of the North Maternity Home - Iron Range" is opening in Hibbing, in mid March.

This expansion of a second home comes at a great time of need on the Iron Range.

Needs for SON Iron Range:

- Visit our Target Wish List at www.target.com/gift-registry under Cathy Timmerman

- Safe
- Copier/printer/scanner
- 2 Chest of drawers
- Silverware sets

We are seeing the same trend on the Iron Range and we are committed to helping fill that void—nothing is more important than helping Moms and babies at this time in their life.

The programming and home like model will be similar to Duluth, but with a twist. The home will include apartments so Mom's with other children or plans to reunify will be served and an educational space for day programming with other pregnant women who need support but have housing can be provided.

The other shortage on the Iron Range is childcare, thus SON is also planning on opening up a community space that will house a drop off childcare center. This will not only provide and add more childcare services for the community, but also will provide job skills and income for our residents as well as provide childcare for the community.

As a part of the feasibility study, many existing organizations that support Moms and Babies including government and non profits in the region supported the concept of opening a Star of the North Maternity Home. Special thanks also goes to Pastor John and Julie Krhin, and all those in this community who generously have donated and supported this vision. The home itself will open in March, with additional programming to follow in the coming months.

Kimberly Fagan has been selected to serve as the SON Maternity Home Iron Range Program Manager. We are also excited to welcome Aubre Warnemunde, a social worker with extensive experience with Child Protective Services, as our new Program Manager for SON Maternity Home Duluth. Please keep us in your prayers for protection as we do this challenging work.

Sincerely,
Dr. Susan E. McClernon



Sue with Barb Resch, a SON Volunteer in summer and volunteers at Thrive maternity home in Florida during the winter.

From Our Moms:

Update from a Past Resident Mom

Sarah and baby Skky



We are always excited when our former resident Moms come to visit us with their babies. Baby Skky is now 5 months old and doing well as a happy and healthy baby. Mom is living independently in her own apartment.

Needs for SON Twin Ports:

- Baby Monitor with video
- Visit our Amazon Wish List and search StaroftheNorth

How to Give:

Online donations can be made at www.starofthenorthmaternityhome.org. Or, mail a financial gift using the enclosed envelope. For questions or to arrange donation drop-offs, call us at 218-341-1645.



Salmon

Fundraising Dinner Friday | March 18, 2022

Dinner | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

\$20.00 for Adults (\$12 for kids 12 & under)

Live Music & Dancing | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Music by Todd Eckart

St. James Catholic Church | 721 N. 57th Ave. W. | Duluth

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Volunteer Spotlight:

Marty LaPlante: Maintenance

"As St. James explained, faith without works is dead. So it is by my works that I show my faith in the promised eternal salvation of God."



Marty LaPlante - Maintenance

Our home wouldn't be successful without our volunteers. We are a 24/7 operation and just like every home, we have ongoing maintenance needs. Which is why we are so thankful for Marty LaPlant, our maintenance lead. Marty is a retired construction electrician of 34 years, his knowledge and love of volunteering has been a major blessing to Star of the North Maternity Home (SON).

Marty was asked to volunteer by Deacon Lyle Johnson, our current board chair and deacon from his parish at St. James Catholic Church. He started helping out by simply going to the local food shelves and doing supply pick-ups for SON.

When his father died, he left his car to be sold and the money to be donated to a charity. Marty decided that SON should receive it, and was able to donate \$1,500 from the sale of the vehicle. We were humbled by the donation and generosity.

Now, Marty is a critical volunteer managing each company that is hired for house projects that SON needs help with, like ensuring our security and safety throughout the house. Marty has been doing SON's maintenance for about a year and a half for SON.

One of the first companies he helped manage was Benson Electric when they were hired to reduce fire hazards and improve the electrical safety in the home and repairs to ensure our security systems worked.

Currently, he has worked on:

Enclosing camera cords for safety throughout the house, security is taken very seriously so all residents feel safe.

Installing better lighting and more power in the garage to increase security coverage.

Turning our four-bedroom house into a five-bedroom house. We are moving our current office upstairs to the dining room so we can add the fifth bedroom.

He's happy to be a volunteer, "it's not about the money, I go beyond what I should" and is happy to do so because "It's a wonderful opportunity for people, and that's why I volunteer so women and their babies can continue to be kept safe."

He has two kids that live in Minneapolis, a son, and a daughter. He enjoys theology through Fr. Rich Kunst at St. James. Marty likes learning the gospels and what they mean in this day and age. Without classes, it's hard to understand how people used to live by them, and he goes to class every Monday morning.

He says he feels "very appreciated for the work that I do here, the welcome is great. The appreciation is great and the act of volunteering- it's nice to find a niche that my character will fit into."

Thank you, Marty! If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please complete your volunteer application online at www.starofthenorthmaternityhome.org or email us at sonmhtwp@gmail.com.

Thank You to our Donors:



SON received a \$3500 grant from MN Power Foundation and \$500 for storage bins as a team lead by Lori Hoyum of MN Power staff volunteers helped us organize our storage in the garage and check our electrical safety.

Eastridge Community Church for their awesome womens evening program of Joy and featured Star of the North Maternity Home. An amazing group of joyful women! Thanks to Niki Karnowski, our church outreach coordinator for joining us!

Opening Positions:

www.starofthenorthmaternityhome.org/volunteer/jobs

Please email starofthenorthmh@gmail.com with any questions



UPCOMING EVENTS & SAVE THE DATE:

Mother's Day Carnation Flower Sale May 2022

Support Star of the North by selling flowers at your church or business location for Mother's Day!
All proceeds will support SON, email us today for more information at
togetherforlifeforthland@gmail.com.

Vatican Comes to Duluth August 19-21 at the DECC

Attend a once-in-a-lifetime exhibit, view the largest private collection of Papal Artifacts outside of Rome. Duluth Native, Father Richard Kunst, has curated this collection of extremely rare artifacts that have historical significance for both Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

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