



August 4, 2026

Dear Angel Supporters,

For more than eight years, you have been the reason a frightened pregnant woman or young mother with nowhere safe to turn found not only a home, but hope. Because of your generosity, mothers have welcomed healthy babies, learned to parent with confidence, found their way back to education and/or employment, secured permanent housing, and begun new lives rooted in dignity, stability, and the love of Christ.

It is not lightly that today, I am writing with one of the most urgent requests in our ministry's history. Star of the North Maternity Home as a 501(c)3, is facing an immediate \$100,000 funding gap over the next three months due to the unexpected loss of \$65,000 in grants, rising operating costs, and significant maintenance expenses at both homes. While we continue pursuing other grants (40% of our revenue) and expanding fundraising efforts (28%), we need immediate support to sustain our mission.

Unlike many housing programs, we receive no government operating funding because we have chosen to remain faithful to our Christ-centered mission and provide care that nurtures the mind, body, and spirit. Every meal served, every safe night of housing, every parenting lesson, every ride to a medical appointment, and every moment of encouragement is made possible by faithful partners like you. Today, mothers and children are sleeping safely in our homes because someone cared enough to give.

Without immediate support, our ability to continue providing 24/7 housing, care coordination, mentoring, and life-changing programming is at serious risk. We cannot bear the thought of telling a pregnant mother or child that there is no room because we lack the financial resources to keep our doors open. Would you prayerfully consider making a special gift today?

- \$500 helps provide safe housing, meals, and life-skills support for a mother and child.**
- \$1,000 helps sustain trauma-informed care and comprehensive programming during this critical season.**
- A leadership gift or donor advised fund to pay off our mortgage or a maintenance project will help bridge this funding gap and protect the future of this ministry.**

Please take three minutes to watch our [Link to 2026 Annual Report "She Is Home" Video](#) video to see the lives your generosity has transformed. If Star of the North Maternity Home has ever touched your heart, I ask you to stand with us once again. Please give securely at <https://starofthenorthmaternityhome.org/donate-now/> or mail your gift to



**Star of the North Maternity Home
Executive Suites 273, 11 East Superior Street,
Duluth, MN 55802.**

If you have questions, I would be honored to speak with you personally at 218-341-4245.

Together, we have built a Culture of Life in the Northland. With God's grace—and your faithful partnership—we will continue offering hope, healing, and a safe home for every mother and child He brings to our door. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support!

With heartfelt gratitude, lets keep this ministry alive together,

**Susan E. McClernon, PhD, MHA, FACHE
Founder & Executive Director
Star of the North Maternity Home**

***"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." —
Galatians 6:2***

P.S. Time is critical. Every gift, regardless of size, helps ensure we never have to turn away a mother or child seeking safety. If you are able to give \$500, \$1,000, or a leadership gift today—and share this appeal with someone who believes in protecting vulnerable families—you will make an immediate and lasting difference.

SON Twin Ports

We are excited to introduce our newest Mom, Tassja!

She first reached out to us in early 2026 as she was referred by one of our partner agencies. She worked hard to stay in touch and she joined us in May with her due date quickly approaching, we're now joyfully counting down the days until she welcomes her baby boy this week.

In her first month here, she's had the chance to settle into her new home and build the stability she needs to bring him safely into the world. When asked what she likes most about SON, her initial answer was, "having a roof over my head, clothes on my back, food in my belly, and a shower." After a moment of thought, she added the people, the support, and having a safe place to bring her baby home.

She shared that SON has given her an opportunity to be together with her son. She now isn't worried about the CPS case that will open when he arrives because she's proud of the steps she's taken for herself and her family. Her goals while she's here include graduating from Tagwii, focusing on her mental health—the key to her sobriety, parenting well and preparing for independent living. She's deeply committed to staying on the right path and building a strong, healthy relationship with her son as she gets to know him more each day. We are so happy to be a part of her journey!

Resident Spotlight **Tassja**

