



Zoe's dream come true

Before she came to St. Brigid Home, Zoe had overstayed her welcome at friends' homes and found all the homeless shelters full. To escape the rain, she made the route from all-night grocery stores to all-night restaurants.

When Zoe's caseworker told her about the Father Taaffe Homes, she was hesitant, concerned that it would be too hard to trust strangers. But she was running out of time, her baby was due in six short weeks, so she took the chance and made the call.

Now, Zoe's life has completely changed. She finished high school, attends community college, got a job, and moved into her own apartment with her daughter. She knows if she feels alone or has an emergency, help is just a phone call away.

"I can't even imagine where my little girl and I would be if I had not found St. Brigid's Home and had the help of our house parents. They are like family to me and Macy."

Name and image has been changed for reasons of privacy.

Father Taaffe Homes

and Pregnancy Support Services

*Nurturing homes and support for pregnant teens who say **Yes** to life.*

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About CCS

Our mission: **We champion the positive development of children and adults, strengthen families, and build community.**

Catholic Community Services is a non-profit, faith-based organization. Founded in Salem in 1938, today CCS offers 15 programs across nine Oregon counties and serves more than 2,000 people each year.

We operate with fidelity to the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which call us to work for the common good and to serve our neighbors who are the poorest and most vulnerable. We do so without regard to anything other than their needs and their willingness to do everything they can for themselves. Our values of love, justice, truth and freedom guide us to safeguard the dignity of all people, to embrace their giftedness, and to focus on their dreams and aspirations.

To achieve our mission, our programs focus on four key outcomes: the people we serve enjoy safe, stable nurturing relationships; they enjoy good health; they possess the knowledge, skills and virtues they need to succeed at whatever is important to them in life; and they enjoy financial self-sufficiency.

Dedicated to providing the highest quality services, trauma-informed care and research-based practices, CCS is nationally accredited by the **Council on Accreditation** for Child and Family Services, Behavioral Health Services and Group Living Services.

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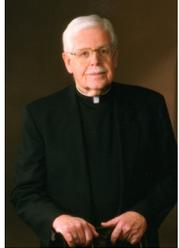
Father Taaffe Homes are welcoming, comforting homes, inspiring hope for the future, self-confidence and independence. Certified by the State of Oregon and operated by Catholic Community Services, the homes provide young women, ages 12 to 20, a safe and nurturing environment from which to build their futures.

The family-like, peaceful, welcoming environment at the Father Taaffe Homes helps young women rise above life's challenges. Through both

residential and community-based services, expecting and young, single mothers gain knowledge and skills from prenatal care, to parenting, to running a household and creating healthy social connections for themselves and their babies. Those who come to live in a Father Taaffe Home are provided with basic amenities, including food, laundry facilities, access to local transportation, and computers to help with school work and job search.

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Father Taaffe Homes change lives



Reverend Monsignor Charles Taaffe began the Father Taaffe Foundation by opening the St. Brigid Home on St. Patrick's Day in March of 1975 in Keizer, Oregon. By 1990, Father realized that many more teenage mothers were keeping their babies and that there was a need for a home where young mothers could

learn skills to help them succeed as single mothers.

Today, Catholic Community Services sustains Father's vision as a nondenominational, nonprofit, charitable program where homes and community-based supports provide structure, security, unconditional love and encouragement for single, pregnant and parenting teens.

Who provides care?

Each young expecting mother is responsible for providing full-time care for her child, including arranging child care while attending school or working. House parents are available 24 hours a day to comfort, guide and share both special moments and difficult times. They help to build self-worth, confidence, good judgment and trust, and help young moms learn how to make good choices for themselves and their babies.

To live at a Father Taaffe home, an expecting teen mom must attend school or be employed, follow curfews, do her own laundry, and help with household chores. No finances are required, but a portion of a teen's monthly support may be requested to help offset her living expenses.

All teen mothers are asked to create a set of goals for a 1-year and 5-year plan.

How can you help?

Volunteers are welcome and appreciated. Most often, volunteers assist with maintenance, repairs, landscaping, driving or respite care. To discuss volunteer opportunities, call 503-393-2843.

Donations of new car seats are always needed. Maternity clothes, baby clothing, personal hygiene and nursery items, baby furniture and equipment are given to residents as needed. Household items and furniture help our young mothers furnish their own living spaces after leaving our homes.

Support Our Work

Catholic Community Services is able to help make a difference in the lives of the young mothers served by Father Taaffe Homes and Maternity Services through contributions from donors. We welcome and appreciate your support in time, talent or treasure. Thank you for your generosity.

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