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## Kristen’s Triumph Over Adversity

After giving birth to Olivia, Kristen had no place to live. She arrived at St. Joseph Family Shelter with her two-day-old baby, feeling broken and unwilling to return to the abusive relationship she had removed herself from. She felt heartbroken, scared, and as if everything was falling apart. Eventually, she opened up to the staff at St. Joseph Family Shelter and, with their support and encouragement, she began to feel safe again. The Shelter staff helped Kristen find a job and within ten months, she was approved to move into her own apartment.

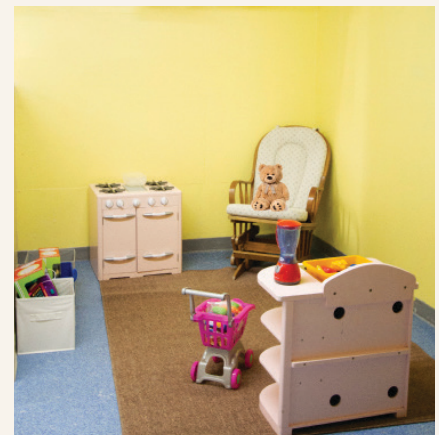
It has been a year since Kristen left St. Joseph Family Shelter and moved into her own place. “Life is much less stressful and happier. I have a job that I am good at and worked my way to supervisor in just two months. I am now trying to set up CNA training. This should help me find a career with room to grow so I could earn sufficient money working a little less than full-time and have more time with my daughter. I am feeling more determined and less defeated!”

Kristen shared what it meant to be at St. Joseph Family Shelter during that terrifying time in her life. “It gave me a safe, secure place to raise and take care of my daughter for the first year of her life. I was able to communicate with caring staff and learn how to make better life choices and personal choices.” She reflected on what life would’ve been like if she hadn’t been connected with St. Joseph Family Shelter, “I would most likely not have custody of my daughter. I wouldn’t be where I am with my living situation or job, and I would be a broken human being. St. Joseph Family Shelter gave us our lives.”

## TLC at St. Joseph Family Shelter to Help Families in Crisis

In order to help more families facing extreme adversity to stay together, over the past several months, CCS has worked in partnership with the Department of Human Services and several community partners to develop and launch a new program at St. Joseph Family Shelter. The Transitional Living Community (TLC) at St. Joseph is now located in Marmion Hall and represents a change in the screening and referral process for families housed on the St. Joseph campus. The program will now have a special focus on families who need support and stable housing in order to protect and nurture their children. “Without safe, stable housing, these families would be at imminent risk of losing their children to foster care,” said CCS Executive Director Jim Seymour. “This can create a cycle of poverty and homelessness that is difficult to break.”

Families will receive many additional supports, such as counseling and childcare, to ensure that they can transition back into the community into safe, long-term housing and progress toward financial self-sufficiency. DHS will contribute to the annual cost of providing housing to families in crisis, and with the continued support of the community, the St. Joseph Family Shelter campus and all of the programs and ministries offered there will become more financially sustainable over time.



*A children’s play kitchen was recently added alongside a row of newly installed kitchenettes to welcome families with TLC at St. Joseph Family Shelter.*



St. Joseph the Worker Annual Dinner Raises Needed Funds

St. Mary Parish, the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel and CCS hosted the Annual St. Joseph Shelter Dinner in Mt. Angel in May. This year’s dinner raised \$38,000, which was doubled by a matching grant from a generous donor. Two scholarship recipients were recognized during the dinner, and Mission Benedict volunteers were recognized as a group for their outstanding contributions.

Special thanks to Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, OSB for her leadership, support and guidance; Fr. Philip Waibel, OSB for the use of the Parish Center; Kathy Eder-Deshon for organizing the dinner; St. Mary Parish volunteers for preparing the meal; and Sr. Marietta Schindler and the Jr. Catholic Daughters for serving. The dinner was made possible with the support of many businesses and individuals. Please join us in thanking our sponsors listed on the right.



Sr. Adele Scholarship Award recipients  
Maritz Gabriel-Ruiz and Victor Ramirez-  
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Pictured from left to right: Sr. Jane Hibbard, Fr. Philip Waibel, Del and Nannett Haener, Jim Seymour, Prior Vincent Trujillo, Deborah Cathers-Seymour, Marie Haener, and Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer.

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A Letter from the Sisters



Dear Friends,

With the changing of the seasons, we begin a new season of service for St. Joseph Family Shelter. Together with Catholic Community Services and the broader community, we continue to pray for wisdom and discernment in how to do the greatest good with limited resources. As outlined in this issue, though the referral process has changed for those receiving shelter in Marmion Hall, the ministries on the St. Joseph Family Shelter campus remain true to their founding purpose - to care for those in need and welcome all as Christ.

The ability to provide safe housing for families in crisis; the continued availability of emergency assistance, food and clothing at Mission Benedict; the provision of affordable housing for farm workers and their families at Casa Adele - all of these things are a blessing to our community.

On behalf of all those served on the St. Joseph Family Shelter campus, we ask for your continued financial and prayerful support.

Many blessings,

Sister Jane Hibbard

Sr. Jane Hibbard, SNJM  
Pastoral Administrator  
St. Joseph Shelter Advisory Council

Sister Dorothy Jean Beyer

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Mission Benedict Opens Community Garden

Volunteers at the new Mt. Angel Community Garden, right outside the doors of Mission Benedict and St. Joseph Family Shelter, worked hard all spring and summer to reduce food insecurity and increase the availability of fresh, healthy food for families in need. “The garden is giving Mt. Angel community members from a variety of backgrounds the opportunity to work toward a common goal,” says Mission Benedict Program Coordinator Laura Scarbro.

Special thanks to Northwest Farm Credit Services for extending the community garden’s growing season with a grant to fund the addition of a hot house, and space for shared tools. A new, two-door commercial refrigerator will keep produce fresher for community distribution.

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What’s New at St. Joseph Family Shelter?

Together with the Benedictine Sisters, St. Mary Parish, Mt. Angel Abbey, Exchange Club and other community partners, CCS has been working to bring new resources to the St. Joseph Family Shelter campus to ensure the programs there will thrive and serve families in need for years to come. Two changes to program operations are the Transitional Living Community and the Exchange Club Parent Aide Volunteer Program. The Transitional Living Community at St. Joseph is a multi-faceted partnership that brings together various resources on behalf of families in crisis (see pg. 1). The Exchange Club Parent Aide Volunteer Program is also a new aspect of programming on campus and is seeking community volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of families served.



Parent Aide Volunteers Needed

Do you have or want experience supporting children and families in difficult circumstances? Please consider becoming a Parent Aide Volunteer. The Exchange Club Parent Aide Volunteer Program is a voluntary program for families served at the St. Joseph Family Shelter campus. Often, parents feel overwhelmed and need support to develop the skills necessary to provide a healthy, happy, and safe home.

Parent Aide Volunteers develop a supportive relationship with families to build effective parenting, problem-solving, coping, and communication skills. By engaging the family in fun recreational activities, helping with homework time, sharing resources, or lending an ear, Parent Aide Volunteers help strengthen the parent-child relationship, build parenting skills, improve communication, reduce stress, increase child safety, and more.

The length of commitment for becoming a Parent Aide Volunteer is one year. Families flourish through personal, one-on-one support, advice, and encouragement. To get involved, contact Heidi Frederick at hfrederick@ccswv.org.

Mission Benedict Turns 30

Mission Benedict celebrates its 30th anniversary this year and continues to expand to meet the growing needs of the community with the recent addition of a community garden.



Verna Scharbach celebrated her 100th birthday with loving friends and family at St. Joseph Family Shelter. Verna has volunteered at Mission Benedict since it opened 30 years ago.

As a partner agency with Marion Polk Food Share and Oregon Food Bank, the Mission served more than 2,000 people last year. At Christmas time, in partnership with St. Mary Parish, the Knights of Columbus and others, the Mission provides more than 100 Christmas dinner boxes for families in need. Most needed items for Christmas are:

- Cans of green beans
Bottles of juice
Cans or packets of gravy
Jello
Pie crust
Stuffing

Some of the most needed items year-round include canned foods, especially fruit, chicken, beans and tuna, as well as diapers, sleeping bags and rain gear.

The Helping Hands program is also still operating at Mission Benedict. Through Helping Hands, St. Mary Parish and donors help keep Mission Benedict’s doors open and provide emergency financial aid to community members in need. This program offers up to \$75 per family for gas and propane vouchers, one-time hardship support for utility or rent bills, car maintenance, and other cash support to community members in need. For information and assistance, call 503-845-2468.

Operation Hours for
Mission Benedict

Donations
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 9:00am-4:00pm
Shopping hours
Wednesday and Friday - 1:00pm-4:00pm

St. Joseph Family Shelter
Master Planning Committee
Update



This summer, the St. Joseph Family Shelter Advisory Board sponsored a Master Planning Committee with the purpose of gathering input and making recommendations related to the

highest and best uses of the land and buildings donated to CCS by the Benedictine Sisters. After reviewing community input gathered through an online survey and a July open house, the committee made the following recommendations:

- 1. Maintain the Casa Adele Migrant Farm Worker Housing program.
2. Seek funding to renovate Bernard Hall for program use.
3. Consider moving Mission Benedict from the basement.
4. Continue exploring the best use of the Marmion Hall building.



From left to right: Ron Schmidt, Jim Seymour, Debbie Eder, Ray Eder, Mary Vandecoevering, Fred Vandecoevering, Jackie Franke, Chuck Eder, and Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, OSB.





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## Programs Offered on St. Joseph Family Shelter Campus

### Transitional Living Community

- Safe, stable housing for families facing adversity  
(See TLC, pg. 1)

### Exchange Club Parent Aide Volunteers

- Trained parent mentors who help strengthen parent-child relationships and build parenting skills with parents experiencing toxic stress

### Mission Benedict

- Food pantry
- Clothing and Household Items
- Emergency Cash Assistance (Up to \$75 per family)
- Community Garden

### Casa Adele

- Housing for Farm and Agricultural Workers and their families  
(Units were available at the time of printing. For information, call 503-585-6176)