



## Kayla's Story

'Kayla came to Fr. Taaffe's St. Brigid Home when she became pregnant as a teenager. She had been living on the streets and struggling with addiction. Through the Father Taaffe Program, Kayla learned how to care for and nurture her child along with life skills such as meal planning, housekeeping, and budgeting.

*"They (Father Taaffe Homes) welcomed me with open arms, and they gave me a chance. Now, I want to be a mentor and a role model for others who have struggled like I have."*

— Kayla Murray Former Father Taaffe Mother

She became strong and confident in herself as a young woman and mother. Kayla graduated from the program, got a job working in a local grocery store, secured an apartment, and she is now providing for herself and her son. During her time at St. Brigid, she was able to connect with CCS volunteers Ed and Teri Moore, who have unofficially



adopted Kayla and her son Percy into their family. Kayla, Percy and the Moore's are part of the legacy of Fr. Taaffe that lives on today in the generos-

ity and compassion of volunteers and the courage of the young moms who say yes to life and build a brighter future for themselves and their babies.

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### About CCS

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

**Catholic Community Services (CCS)** is a non-profit, faith-based organization. Founded in Salem in 1938, today CCS offers 12 programs across 10 Oregon counties and serves more than 5,000 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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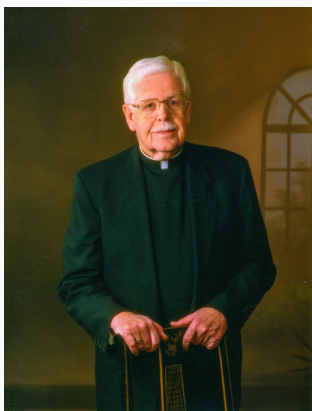
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## Father Taaffe Homes changes lives...



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 young women.

# Father Taaffe Homes and Pregnancy Support Services

Father Taaffe Homes and Pregnancy Support Services encompasses St. Brigid Home, a welcoming, comforting home for pregnant and parenting moms who say **Yes** to life, St. Monica Apartments, and neighborhood-based services for young moms in crisis who don't need foster care but do need support to deliver a full-term healthy baby and to nurture that child once born.

All services and supports inspire self-confidence, independence, and hope in the future. Nationally accredited by the Council of Accreditation and operated by Catholic Community Services, St. Brigid Home provides young women, ages 12 to 20, a safe and nurturing environment from which to build their futures. The family-like, peaceful, welcoming environment helps young women rise above life's challenges.

After their time at St. Brigid, the young moms also have the opportunity to move to Father Taaffe Homes St. Monica Apartments when space is available, or they are supported in transitioning to other housing by CCS community health workers. 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 the Father Taaffe Home are provided with basic amenities, including food, laundry facilities, access to local transportation, and computers to help with schoolwork and job searching.

## 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 judgement, 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 young 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 young mothers are asked to create a set of goals for a 1-year or 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 the home.

## Support Our Work

Catholic Community Services is able to help make a difference in the lives of young mothers served by Father Taaffe Homes and Pregnancy Support Services through donor contributions. We welcome and appreciate your support.

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