

Father Taaffe Homes

and Pregnancy Support Services

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Help us Celebrate 50 Years of Father Taaffe Homes!

Father Taaffe Homes Program to Expand at Queen of Angels Monastery

Since the opening of the original St. Brigid Home in 1975, the beloved Father Taaffe Homes (FTH) program has helped save the lives of more than 300 babies by giving vulnerable pregnant moms the support they need to say Yes to life. Catholic Community Services (CCS) has been honored to sustain Fr. Taaffe's legacy since 2008. Today, after nearly 50 years, the FTH ministry has an opportunity to expand once again to provide a safe, stable community for more young moms to carry their babies to term and learn to protect and nurture them once born.



We are embarking on an exciting transition and expansion of the program made possible by the recent purchase of Queen of Angels Monastery from the Benedictine Sisters of Mount Angel. Like Fr. Taaffe, the sisters have entrusted their legacy of service to CCS. The 30-acre campus of the monastery will be home to several CCS ministries including the Father Taaffe Homes program. We have identified two homes on site, to be renamed St. Brigid Home and St. Teresa Home, that will be renovated for use by the Father Taaffe Homes program. The peaceful monastery grounds and quiet neighborhood will provide a tranquil, therapeutic sanctuary for young mothers in need and their babies. We are confident that this transition and expansion will further strengthen the Father Taaffe Homes ministry, ensuring that we continue to meet the evolving needs of vulnerable young families.



In preparation for the changeover to the monastery, we have helped the last mom and baby residing in the current St. Brigid Home to successfully graduate the program and move to the Father Taaffe St. Monica Apartments in Keizer. The current St. Brigid Home has been sold, and proceeds will be used to begin needed renovations to get the monastery ready to begin accepting moms soon.

In order to make this vision a reality, funds are needed for the renovation of the homes at Queen of Angels Monastery, as well as the expanded staffing required to open a second home. **(Continued on Page 2...)**

(Continued...) We are excited to announce a generous matching fund opportunity: Every dollar donated up to \$100,000 will be matched, doubling the impact of your contribution. Your support will go directly towards the renovations and staffing needed to create a welcoming and supportive environment at our new FTH maternity homes. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Father Taaffe Homes program. Together, we are building a brighter future for these families.



Consider a Year of Service with CCS Father Taaffe Homes and JVC Northwest

Are you looking for a way to make a profound impact on the lives of young mothers and their babies? Join us for an unforgettable **year of service**, exploration, reflection, and friendship in the Father Taaffe Homes at Queen of Angels Monastery.

To help address the challenges of providing 24/7 support for our pregnant moms in crisis and their newborn babies, CCS has forged a partnership with Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) Northwest. CCS is actively seeking Flex JVs (part-time and full-time volunteers) for the coming year. Volunteers can be high school or college seniors considering a gap year or local service opportunity, or they can be older adults who have the ability to commit to a regular schedule of helping at the homes. You may be eligible for a monthly living stipend. You might also qualify for an education award of up to \$7,000 for yourself or a member of your family depending on your commitment level.



Please email Communications@ccswv.org to tour the monastery and learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Fostering Hope Initiative Pilots Doula Services

To extend the Father Taaffe Homes vision to more pregnant young moms in crisis, our Fostering Hope Initiative (FHI) program has begun offering doula services to support and mentor women during pregnancy through the early postpartum months. Doulas are trained, non-medical professionals who provide continuous physical, emotional and informational support to women before, during and after childbirth to ensure the health of the mother and her newborn.

Parental stress is a primary risk factor in child maltreatment, and prenatal stress is linked to poor infant health outcomes. The doulas, who are trained in best practices in maternal and infant care, work collaboratively with the young moms to address their specific needs, mitigate stress and ensure healthy child development. These services are funded by generous grants to Father Taaffe Homes awarded by the Richard and Joanna Kreitzberg Fund and the Mountain West Center for Community Excellence.



Thank You, Knights of Columbus!

Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for your unwavering, faithful and dedicated support of Father Taaffe Homes. Through the 2024 Knights of Columbus Oregon Convention in Newport, Oregon, Knights from across the state donated over \$8,000 to Father Taaffe Homes!

Save the Date!

† Mount Angel Oktoberfest

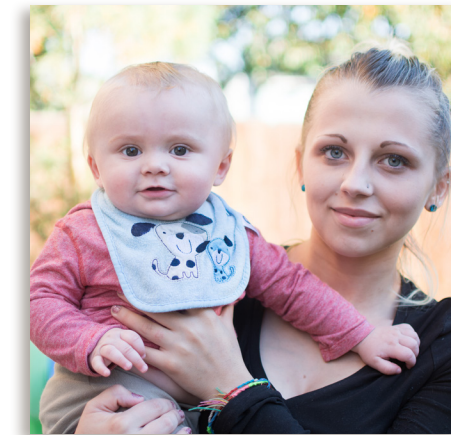
Sept 12-15, 2024 | Mount Angel, OR
Visit the Father Taaffe Booth in the Festhalle for delicious food!

† CCS Annual Fundraising Luncheon

October 1, 2024 | Salem, OR
Join us at the Salem Convention Center for our Annual Luncheon supporting CCS ministries!

† Annual FTH Fundraising Dinner

October 20, 2024 | Gervais, OR
Join us for the Annual Father Taaffe Fundraising Dinner at Sacred Heart Parish. Tickets for the BBQ steak and salmon dinner are \$50 each. Purchase tickets by calling Susan Foster **503-309-1985** or mailing a check payable to St. Edward Catholic Church: **5303 River Road N, Keizer, OR 97303.**



Share Your Father Taaffe Stories!

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Father Taaffe Homes, we have been collecting stories and photos from people who had encounters with the late, beloved Fr. Taaffe during his lifetime. Scan the QR code to view this collection of stories outlining Fr. Taaffe's life and the legacy he left behind.

Do you have a memory or photos of Fr. Taaffe that you would like to share? Email Heidi Frederick at hfrederick@ccswv.org, or fill out the form on the webpage to add your story and photos to our collection. Help us preserve the legacy of Fr. Taaffe!



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Help Us Celebrate 50 Years!



We invite you to join us in celebrating 50 years of helping young moms in crisis say *Yes to life*. In honor of Father Taaffe's favorite holiday, St. Patrick's Day, we invite you to help us plan a series of small community gatherings throughout the state in March of 2025. Parish communities are known for their creativity in supporting the Father Taaffe mission, and we hope to keep that spirit going and growing in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Homes.

Host a pint night, baby shower or diaper drive and gather to celebrate and commemorate the 50th anniversary on St. Patrick's Day! If you'd like to invite a CCS speaker to share an update on all the exciting developments outlined in this newsletter, contact us at communications@ccswv.org.

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