

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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MARTHA'S HOUSE
OF HOPE

2023 WAS ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR!

- **9 mothers & 8 babies were assisted** by our transitional living program.
- **4 beautiful babies were born** while in our home this year.
- **3 graduate mothers continued to receive assistance** with diapers and other necessities.
- **1,200 nights of support** given.
- **3,800 volunteer hours** completed.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT



For the third consecutive year, Martha's House of Hope proudly joined forces with Deery of Ames for an extraordinary matching gift campaign. We are thrilled to announce that their remarkable generosity allowed us to establish a groundbreaking 33 monthly donors, all committed to supporting our mission of providing safe homes for pregnant women facing homelessness.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our invaluable monthly donors, whose unwavering support has propelled our mission forward into 2024. A special thank you goes to Deery of Ames for their incredible matching contributions. Your kindness and benevolence will undeniably transform the lives of countless future generations.



Martha's House of Hope is incredibly thankful to Cornerstone Church for their generous support of our transitional living program. Through their gracious donation of \$10,000, we were able to partially fund the important role of a Family Life Specialist within our organization.

Our dedicated Family Life Specialist serves as a compassionate case manager, working closely with the mothers and babies in our program. By providing personalized support and access to essential resources, our specialist ensures that these families receive the assistance they require to thrive.

With Cornerstone's remarkable contribution, we can better equip the mothers in our program for a successful future. Their support truly makes a difference, and we are profoundly grateful for their commitment to our mission.



We are thrilled to announce that Martha's House of Hope had the privilege of being sponsored by Biking for Babies for their national and local Ankeny ride this summer. Their dedication and effort led to an outstanding achievement of raising \$8,681, which will directly benefit the mothers and babies in our program.

The partnership between Martha's House of Hope and Biking for Babies, along with the invaluable support of our missionary, Jonathan Simpson, has enabled us to continue providing vital services to vulnerable, pregnant women and their unborn children. Their generous donations and tireless fundraising efforts have had a tangible, positive impact on the lives of the mothers and babies we proudly serve.

Thank you, Biking for Babies and Jonathan Simpson, for your unwavering dedication, support, and belief in our mission. Together, we are transforming the lives of vulnerable mothers and their precious unborn children, one step (or pedal) at a time.



Martha's House of Hope has exciting news to share about our valuable collaboration with Overflow Thrift Store. Their remarkable generosity has allowed us to cover 9 months' worth of rent expenses for our maternity home. Moreover, they have gone above and beyond by offering volunteering opportunities to three of our mothers, enabling them to enhance their skills and prepare for future employment opportunities.

We wholeheartedly appreciate the incredible partnership we have with Overflow Thrift Store and extend our deepest gratitude for their extraordinary generosity.

TRANSFORMING LIVES EVERY DAY!

Thadjina and her family came to the United States from Haiti in May of 2023. Shortly after their arrival, a visit to the emergency room revealed that Thadjina was pregnant. Facing a difficult decision, her family presented her with two options - either have an abortion or become homeless. Despite the immense pressure, Thadjina made a brave and selfless choice to give life to her unborn daughter.

When Thadjina shared her decision with the hospital staff and a social worker in Storm Lake, IA, they wasted no time in reaching out to Martha's House of Hope. Within days, we welcomed Thadjina into our home, providing her with a safe haven and the necessary support.

Since joining the Martha's House of Hope community, Thadjina has made incredible strides. She secured full-time employment, ensuring a stable future for herself and her daughter. We also connected her with high-quality healthcare, guaranteeing the wellbeing of both mother and child.

At Martha's House of Hope, we believe in fostering a sense of belonging and building meaningful relationships. Thadjina has found a circle of friends and a church family who have become a vital support system for her during this journey.

Recognizing the importance of financial stability, Thadjina completed financial counseling courses offered through Cornerstone Church. This invaluable education laid the groundwork for her to manage her finances effectively and create a bright future for herself and her daughter.

Finally, on December 20th, 2023, Thadjina gave birth to a happy and healthy daughter, surrounded by a loving and supportive community. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and support of individuals like you. Your generous contributions have allowed us to provide Thadjina and many others with a home, nutritious meals, essential supplies like diapers and clothing, and the tools to build a better future.

Together, let's continue making a difference in the lives of women like Thadjina. With your ongoing support, we can offer hope and a brighter future for those facing overwhelming circumstances. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, and let's make 2024 the best year yet!

