

MALTA HOUSE  
*Celebrates*

YOU



*Our Cherished Friend*

2018-19 Annual Gratitude Report



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## OUR MISSION

Malta House promotes the dignity of God-given life by providing a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills to pregnant and parenting mothers of all faiths and their children.

Mothers at Malta House receive on-site counseling, financial education, parental development followed by transitional and post-residential support.

## MALTA HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020

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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Carey Dougherty

# *From our home to yours*



*Carey*

Dear friend,

When you're running a small non-profit,  
the simple phrase "thank you"  
can't be said enough—  
and that is certainly true at Malta House.

Without our many volunteers and donors,  
we can't do what we do every day at Malta House—  
provide love, security and hope for the future to the young women  
and their babies who have turned to us in their hour of need.



*Kim*

We want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for being part of the Malta House family. And it truly is a family. Everyone who supports Malta House—whether it's helping the young women learn a life-skill, playing with the babies in the nursery, attending one of our special events, dropping off diapers or baby clothes, cooking dinner for our moms, or writing a check that will help us pay the utilities—gives unselfishly to better the lives of those who call Malta House 'home'.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to meet with our volunteers and talk to our donors, and when we do, we ask what drew them to Malta House in the first place. Every story is unique, but there is one common thread: they each share a belief in our mission and the importance of giving back, and for that we are extremely grateful.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Malta House:  
Thank you for being part of the Malta House family!

Kim Petrone, *Board Chairman*  
Carey Dougherty, *Executive Director*

**... It is in giving that we receive ...**



Help us care for Mother Earth by reusing this sheet and recycling.  
In the spirit of caring for mothers, Malta House has designed this annual report  
as all-occasion WRAPPING PAPER on the reverse side.

Give a gift that keeps giving!

*Printed on recycled paper*



# Home

*“All of this is such a blessing, and I know will help me get on my feet. Best of all, I can tell everyone here really loves us, and our babies. There is such a feeling of peace here.”*

Kiara moved into Malta House in September 2019. After fleeing an abusive relationship in Hartford, Kiara and her five month old daughter, Phoenix, relocated to Norwalk and entered a domestic violence shelter. Although free from the unsafe environment they suffered back home, Kiara understood that their stay in the DV shelter would only be temporary. She and her daughter would, again, need to transition into a safe place where she could establish a sense of independence.

Kiara contacted Malta House, and within two days, she and Phoenix were welcomed into the program. Since joining Malta House, Kiara has found strength in the support, counseling, and guidance she receives here. She enrolled in a job readiness program and received a certificate in Security and Safety Services. She has since secured a job as a security officer with Allied Universal and has been assigned a position at the new “SoNo Collection” Mall in Norwalk. With new motivation, Kiara’s next step is to pursue a higher education. She is in the process of enrolling in Phoenix University, where she aspires to achieve a bachelor’s degree in Business with a concentration in Human Resources Management.

Kiara is grateful to be a part of what she calls her ‘Malta House family’ and now knows there are no limits to where she can go from here.



## *Thank You*

**DANIEL KRENICKI, JR.**

BOARD MEMBER

**My relationship with Malta House** goes back several years. It began when my wife Diane and I were invited to attend a Casual Friday Dinner. Having some of the Malta House Moms attend and share their story struck a cord with us. We have a large blended family and know how important strong family support is for each of us to thrive and be successful. We learned how Malta House -- it's staff, volunteers and donors -- serves as that family structure for the moms and babies. Diane and I attended more MH events, and our love for the mission grew with each interaction we had. Kim Petrone, Malta House Board Chair, knew of my background in Finance, and had been mentioning to me how the Board of Directors needed

some more members with finance backgrounds and was hoping I might be interested in joining. After some time considering the opportunity, I joined the Board in January, 2019 to utilize my background and skills, and am honored to serve as the Board's Treasurer. I can honestly say Diane and I truly feel part of the Malta House family and look forward to participating in the process of moving into the new Malta House facility in 2020.



## *Thank You*

**ANNE CELESTE O'ROURKE**

LONG-TIME SUPPORTER

PICTURED HERE WITH HER MOTHER CAMILLE AUBUCHON

**Malta House has been part of the fabric of my life** since 1994. The birth of our son awakened and kindled the wonder and joy of life. Together with my husband Michael, Hope Carter and a committee of many dedicated and prayerful friends, the conception and birth of MH was established.

My involvement is a spiritual journey which includes efforts to fundraise, promote and support the mission of helping women with a pregnancy crisis to know that there is a safe, structured and nurturing haven available to help them.

So, what continues to give me great satisfaction is witnessing the incredible happiness that this home provides women seeking comfort when homeless, frightened and pregnant. We need Malta House to continue to say hello and welcome babies in our area.





*Thank You*  
**LUCIA RILLING**  
NORWALK'S FIRST LADY

**Malta House is an integral part** of creating a thriving Norwalk community. The work you do for mothers and their children is an investment in families, and directly impacts our workforce now and in the future.

We know that building up our residents will help our beautiful region prosper. For 20 years, Malta House has helped our community and state be healthier, more resilient, and robust.

My husband, Mayor Rilling, and I have been proud to support this wonderful and important mission, and are excited for your move to a larger facility and for your ability to expand your programs and services to help even more mothers and babies.

*Thank You*  
**JEANNE COUPE**  
VOLUNTEER

**About ten years ago**, I heard about the great service Malta House was providing to pregnant women, new mothers and their babies. As a mother and a pro-life supporter, this cause is close to my heart. Now that my children are out of the house, I have more free time and wanted to give back to the community and immediately thought of Malta House. When I first came to the nursery, I was welcomed by the warm environment and peaceful atmosphere. Volunteering in the nursery at Malta House has been such a bright spot in my week. For a few hours every Wednesday, I am greeted with open arms and can leave the cares of the world behind by reading books, playing games or holding a sleeping baby. It has been a joy to see the babies develop into curious toddlers, absorbing the world around them like sponges. The staff at Malta House is so committed and feels like an extended family. Several of the babies have moved out since I have been here, which is difficult but also very rewarding, knowing that they received the support needed to set them on a positive path.



*Thank You*  
**DR. WILLIAM FESSLER**  
DENTIST



**A Norwalk dentist**, I have been blessed with “earthly angels” who have helped me find my way. I was approached by Hope Carter and Monsignor Scheyd when Malta House was founded more than 20 years ago, asked to assist organizationally and financially. After consulting with my wife Mary Beth, we decided that because we had 4 young children under the age of 6 and because I was starting to run my own business, the best way we could help would be to provide dental services for the women of Malta House and their children. I have done that as a service of love ever since the inception of Malta House and will continue until I retire or am unable. As you all know, it is only in giving to others that we begin to grow into the better people God calls us to be. Mary Beth and I have been so blessed ourselves and wanted to share our blessings. We have served on various Malta House boards, participated in innumerable fundraisers, and we have grown to accept and be accepted as family.

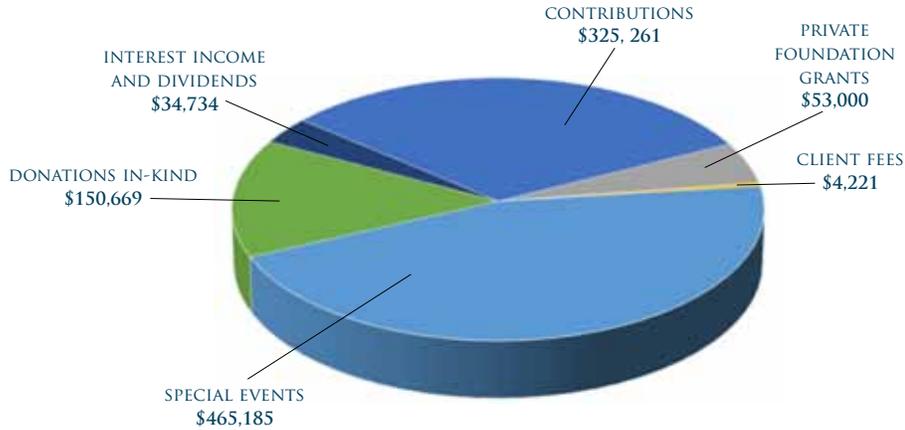


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**AUDREY COZZARIN**  
GRAPHIC DESIGNER

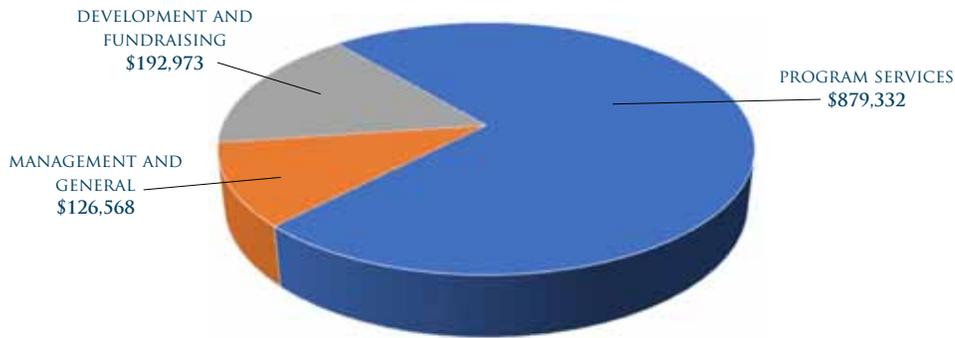
**In 2000, after my first husband passed away**, my neighbors A.C. and Michael O’Rourke invited me to attend a Malta House gala. That evening, I was so impressed with the mission! Since then, I have designed countless materials and graphics for Malta House, striving to depict the courage and beauty of the mothers and innocence and sweetness of the babies, and the enormous generosity and commitment of the “family”—the community and staff of Malta House—that makes the whole place tick. It is a fortunate graphic designer who not only has exquisite imagery to work with, but a “client” that is enthusiastic and appreciative. It’s been a true honor designing primary materials for Malta House all these years. I look forward to many more years of warm collaboration. Being part of this special family continues to be a life highlight.

# Your Gifts...

## SUPPORT AND REVENUE 2018-19



## EXPENSES 2018-19



# Your Impact...



**5,356**

NURSERY HOURS



**104**

MOTHERS AND BABIES SERVED

Through our Residential and Partnering Success Program



**1,824**

DISTRIBUTIONS TO FAMILIES IN NEED



**2,280**

DIAPERS PROVIDED

# *Your Legacy*

**In the last 20 years, you have said “Welcome Home”  
to over 650 mothers and babies...**

...and thousands more through our Partnering Success  
and Community Outreach Programs.

This year, we are pleased to announce our first-ever capital campaign.



With the opening of our new home in late 2020, funds raised from this campaign will enable us to say, “Welcome home!” to more than 1,500 moms and babies in the next 20 years, and beyond.

**[www.maltahouse.org/newhome](http://www.maltahouse.org/newhome)**



