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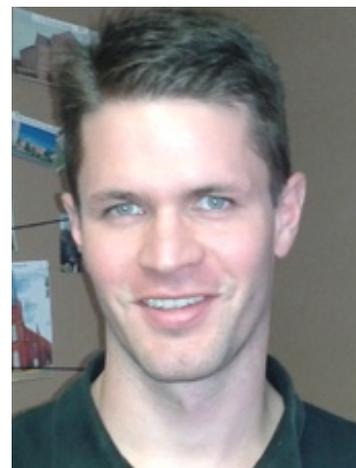
Dear Friend of Gabriel,

I am humbled to share our twentieth year of serving women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy with you, our faithful donors and partners.

Thank you to all of you who stand behind us-- some having just joined us and some having been with us since the day we opened our doors.

I'd also like to congratulate Jim Sharbaugh on his retirement from the Gabriel Network staff.

Jim was Gabriel's first Executive Director and served most recently as Director of Volunteer Programs. *Gabriel*



would not be the ministry it is today without Jim's tireless efforts. We are glad to know that he will continue to volunteer, but we will miss seeing his face in the office every day.

2015 is already an exciting year at *Gabriel*, and throughout the year we'll keep you informed about all that is happening as we continue to serve the greater Washington DC and Baltimore areas.

Be sure not to miss our *Twentieth Anniversary Gala* on May 2! Mark your calendars and join us for a joyous celebration of God's faithfulness to our ministry!

In His service,

Stephen J. Wallace
Executive Director

Mariei, why we do what we do!

Imagine being a successful working mom, owning your own home, with a steady job at one of the country's leading insurance firms. Picture yourself twelve years later, with four children, having been abandoned and abused by your military-service husband--and pregnant--after being abused by your "new boyfriend."

Imagine being Mariel.

Having lost her job and her home, Mariel is now unable to meet her monthly rent obligation of \$1400. She and her children will soon be homeless. It is particularly difficult for pregnant women to find respite in shelters, and Mariel has only a short time until she has to leave the Howard County shelter where she and her four children are staying.

Having lived through a series of horrific challenges, Mariel has chosen life-- even though the child she is carrying is a result of violence. She views her decision as the first of many with the goal of regaining independence and becoming self-sufficient.

We became aware of Mariel through a partnership with one of our thirty *Gabriel* churches. Right now, church-based Angel Friends are coming alongside Mariel--and many women like her--who need practical, emotional, physical and spiritual support.

Pregnant, and not willing to take the easy way out that an abortion would provide, Mariel will continue to need both immediate support and the long-term relationships that only our Angel Friend ministry can

provide through the love of many and the love of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for all that you do in support of Gabriel, Mariel, and the many women and children we serve.

Join us May 2 as we celebrate of twentieth year!

Plans are underway for our annual Gala as we prepare to celebrate of twentieth year of service to women who may be homeless and pregnant and who have chosen life for their unborn child.

With your support, and that of generous sponsors our goal is to raise \$100,000 at this, our biggest fundraiser of the year. If we meet this goal, we will be able to:

- Sustain all three of our maternity homes
- Strengthen our Church Ministry Director's efforts to bring more dedicated church volunteers into our network of service
- And, hire a day-time counselor and coordinator for our Bowie home

So, plan on joining us...

Gabriel 20th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, May 2, from 6:30-10PM

Knights of Columbus Rosensteel Hall

9707 Rosensteel Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

*For more information call 800-264-3565 x 301 or visit
gabrielnetwork.org to register online.*

***Welcome Catherine Langston as our new
Housing Program Director.***



For the past three years, Catherine has been serving as our Client Care Manager and is often the first voice a frightened and lonely woman hears when calling in search of help.

A wife, and mother of three, Catherine offers a reassurance to every woman who calls that not only models Christ but exudes a love that often causes callers to immediately regain a sense of calm and strength. She shares with them, that no matter what their present circumstance, she and *Gabriel* will stand beside them and see them through this trying time in their life.

It's with great pleasure that we work along side Catherine in her new role overseeing operations and staffing at our homes in Bowie, Ellicott City and Gaithersburg. You may reach her by dialing 800-264-3565 x 303.

Help us help our moms when you make your purchases at AmazonSmile.com this spring.

Preparing to work in your garden as soon as this nasty winter weather breaks? Need garden supplies and other useful tools to start your projects? *AmazonSmile* is a simple way for you purchase those much needed supplies AND show how much you love our mom's. At no extra cost to you.

When you shop at



smile.amazon.com Amazon will donate a small portion of the purchase price to *Gabriel*. For more information about how you can make your purchase count for *Gabriel*, [click here](#).

We are hiring!

Know anyone who would make a great Director of *Gabriel's* Church-based Ministry? Someone who loves bookkeeping? Or, someone who would enjoy the challenge as House Director for our newly-renovated Bowie home? Position details are available on our website. Please check back or call 800-264-3565 x 302 if you, or someone you know, would enjoy being a part of our team.

A sweet surprise when you open your door...



If a smiling face from *Gabriel* knocks at your door, no, we won't be their to deliver your \$1,000,000 sweepstakes prize. We may, however, be delivering a fresh-baked pie as a way to thank you for your prayers, financial or volunteer support.

Don't worry, *Gabriel* has not opened up a bakery in the back office. We have been blessed by the efforts of a few volunteers who love to bake and routinely deliver their homemade pies to us to distribute to friends like you.

Upon receiving her pie a lucky volunteer, (shown at right with Tiffany Farley our Executive Assistant) said,

"Oh, this is so great because my husband won't be home for a week, [and] I can eat the whole pie!..."

oh wait--my son is coming to visit this weekend--so I'll have to save a piece for him."

"After eating the whole pie, my doctor put me on a diet and now--finally--I am back to pre-pie weight."



--Marilyn I.



Why I volunteer...

"I volunteer because I don't think it is enough to say that I am Pro-Life and not actually help in some way.

It is very humbling for me to be at the office each week and see all of the other volunteers who give their time and energy making a difference in the lives of pregnant women in need.

I enjoy my time volunteering at Gabriel mostly because I see and hear about all the women who are being helped by this wonderful organization." --Kathy H.

Make a meaningful difference... for life!

Did you know that you can make a meaningful difference for life? Making a Planned Gift to support *Gabriel* after your death may be the simplest, most powerful way to leave a legacy in the pro-life arena.

By naming *Gabriel* in your will or trust you will be helping to support our moms and babies far into the future.

It may also be the most effective way for you to reduce the tax burden on your family or estate. For information, call 800-264-3565 x 309.

100-4-100, the easiest way for you to help Gabriel thrive.

Women count on our programs to provide the necessary tools to build a new and better life for themselves and their children.

And, *Gabriel* programs are the vital pathway to their success.

The easiest way for YOU to help us sustain our programs is by becoming a member of The Campaign for Sustainability, 100-4-100.

100-4-100 is the most convenient way for you to support us monthly without the hassle of signing and mailing us a check or remembering, each month to use your credit card. Either by check or

credit card, your donation can be automatically deducted from your account.

Enroll in *100-4-100* today! Contact our office for more information or [click here](#) to sign up on-line.

There are many other ways you can help!

We have an immediate need for:

- Diapers, size 3-6 months
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Formula-sensitive soy, and non-soy, varieties
- Metro cards

Administrative and Fundraising assistance:

Periodically, we need help with events and administrative tasks. To volunteer, contact us by dialing 1-800-264-3565, ext. 301.

GIVE NOW!

We wouldn't be a charity if we didn't ask for money, the fuel that keeps us running. [Click here](#) to donate on our website or send a check to PO Box 2116, Bowie, MD 20718.

For other opportunities not listed, or more suggestions on how you could serve, please call us at 1-800-264-3565!

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