

# Samaritan House News

Homeless Shelter For Women and Their Children

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## August Anniversary Celebration - Favorite Month of the Year

When I was a kid, I loved August! It was county fair time, water in swimming pools had reached a temperature that didn't take your breath away upon your first dive, and there was always someone willing to pack a picnic basket for a trip to the lake. I still love August! Maybe not for all the same reasons but I love the warmth; I love the way the oak tree in my back yard welcomes robins, cardinals and bluebirds and occasionally a not so welcome woodpecker. He or she seems to know when I am trying to sleep in and chooses that very time to relentlessly peck.

I love my tree partly because it reminds me of my mother's favorite poem "Trees." I think of 'my' tree as being that tree. When I sit out on my patio doing absolutely nothing; just looking at my tree, I think of my mom and find a sort of connectedness. And, if the wind chimes she hung over ten years ago before her passing happen to tinkle in the breeze, that just adds to the mystique. I am, as you may surmise, quite the sentimentalist, as was Joyce Kilmer who penned the famous poem.

Metaphorically, Samaritan House could be that tree; welcoming those who need respite and a place to be sheltered; maybe for a season, until they are ready to 'fly' on their own? I like that idea. Sheltering is what we do and I believe we do it very compassionately. Samaritan House has embraced within its figurative branches, over 12,000 women and children in the twenty-nine years it has been in existence and you, our faithful supporters, have helped make that happen. I so look forward to August 17th when we will get together to commemorate our anniversary with old and new friends alike.

In keeping with this allegoric litany, allow me to propose a recipe for an evening you will not soon forget and will hopefully look forward to again next year:

- 200 faithful friends of Samaritan House
- 2 dueling pianist
- 8-10 Panera Bread staff volunteers
- 100 silent auction items
- 1 beloved emcee



Blending the above with a tiny bit of believing in something magical is a recipe for an evening destined to be remembered for a long time. We can't wait to see you there!

~Marilyn

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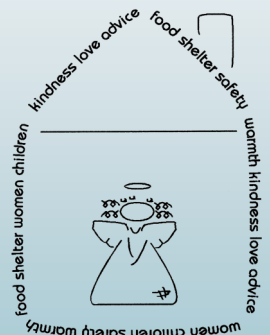
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*"This is the place  
where I learned to  
be strong."*

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# Adopt-A-Room - *Mission Accomplished!*

Last fall we revived the Adopt-A-Room program that had been stagnant for many years. We never expected to have such an immediate and passionate response. Within months, each room was adopted by a local family, business, organization or church group. In addition to the adoption of the rooms, we were able to form many new partnerships that helped fill in with volunteer time and monetary support to address doors, hallways, trim, painting radiators, plas-



We are blessed to have so many volunteers embrace our mission to provide dignity and hope to the women and children who for a short time call Samaritan House their home. It is through this partnership that the rooms now have a whole new look and feel. When walking into each room, you can feel the love and prayer that has been extended. The women and children have noticed the difference and appreciate it so much.



ter repair, furniture replacement and more.

The adopters cleaned, painted, provided linens, curtains and décor. Seemingly spreading love and encouragement with each brushstroke – and that is a lot of love! Some rooms took more than others – furniture, plaster repair, new doors. It was quite an endeavor. It is a delicate matter to balance resident needs and sleep schedules, volunteers, and projects. This was met with understanding and patience from our volunteers and residents alike.



In a building this size, there will always be projects. In our next phase of improvements to the shelter, we will be addressing flooring in the resident's rooms, painting in the hallways and common spaces, furnishing a room to be used for health screenings and group sessions and updating two bathrooms.

We sincerely and affectionately appreciate *everything* that has been done and look forward to continued partnerships



and expanding the Adopt-A-Room spaces beyond the resident's rooms.

Summer tends to be a busy time at the shelter so we try to ease up on projects. For the time being, we do have a few volunteers working on plaster repair and priming to prepare some of the hallway spaces for adoption. If you are a skilled painter and would like to help or would like further information about the Adopt-A-Room project or other ways you can contribute and get involved, visit us at [samaritanhouselima.org](http://samaritanhouselima.org).

## TOGETHER WE CAN AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! WILL YOU HELP?

Please find my tax-deductible contribution enclosed for the following donation:

\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting a separate receipt for my gift.

Please note any person being recognized for a birthday, memorial, etc., along with their address. A separate acknowledgement will be sent to the recipient excluding the dollar amount.

With your support, over the past year alone, 21,657 meals have been served and 7,221 shelter units (one person, one night) have been provided nearly 250 women and children.

*The women and children of Lima's Samaritan House thank you!*



# New Beginnings - *In Their Own Words* Page 3

Last week, three of our single residents signed leases, packed up their belongings, and started a new chapter in their life. Even just a few years ago, this was much more difficult to achieve during the short time here as housing assistance for singles was hard to come by. Though not impossible, it is difficult to save for a deposit and pay monthly expenses on minimum wage employment or a disability check. By staying at Samaritan House, each of these women were able to save a considerable amount toward their future housing expenses. In addition to their personal savings, they received assistance through Rapid Rehousing that worked with them individually to help with the least amount of assistance needed toward a deposit and, in some cases, partial rent for a short time. A few of the residents left notes expressing their gratitude which are shared below - in their own words.

*I became homeless after I left my husband who refused to continue to work with me through my sickness. From the hospital, I went to live with a friend; however after a few months the situation wasn't working out. I noticed she began to seclude herself from me, and I began to realize living with her was harming our friendship. To avoid conflict, I chose to find a new place to go. I asked my co-worker for help to find a place to go. She told me about Samaritan House and we looked up the number together. I told my friend I felt it was best for me to move into the shelter so we would not begin to argue. At the shelter I was really, really scared and worried. I had nothing but my job when I came. However, as the days went by and I began to work with Janel and Brandi, I started to get back on my feet again. I began to feel more strength every day from all the uplifting words and encouragement they gave me. I felt most helped by the goal planning. I became more comfortable at the shelter and with my circumstances every day I was at the shelter. This is the place where I learned to be strong. I have a strong faith in God and feel the Lord allowed me to get a driver's license, a car, and housing. I found a place that is like family to me. I cannot thank them enough for all the help given to me and I know they truly care. They helped me ALL the way through. Nothing is impossible with God.*

*I would like to give my most sincere thanks to all the staff of the Samaritan House. Thank God for this place because where would so many families go when there is nowhere to go. This has been an experience of hardship. No one should ever go through this but there are times when the inevitable happens. Hard times strike when you least expect. When I got here I felt lost like I couldn't believe where I was at. Don't get me wrong, the whole staff here are amazing, very nice and kind, very understanding and it is very clean. They do not only help you by staying here, they encourage you by building back up your self-esteem and offering various educational opportunities through other programs here. They help you to find housing. God Bless to all who contribute to this place.*

## Wish List

**Grocery Items:** Sugar, Butter, Coffee Creamer, Lunch Meat, Regular Coffee, Kids Snacks, Cheese, Cooking Oil, Eggs, Boxed Meals & Mixes, Powdered Milk, Frozen Meat, Hamburger/Ground Sausage, Cereal, Breakfast Bars

**Office Supplies:** Postage Stamps, Pocket Folders, Copy Paper, Wide-ruled Single Notebooks

**Household Items:** Large/XL & Kitchen Trash Bags, Paper Towels, Disinfecting Wipes, Gallon-size Storage Bags, Floor Cleaner for Laminate/Linoleum, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Laundry Detergent, Bathroom Cleaner, Bleach, Furniture Polish, Air/Fabric Freshener, Clear Packing Tape, Masking Tape, Spray Disinfectant, All Purpose Cleaner

**Misc:** 10 Pack Bus Passes, Good Condition Steeled Toed Shoes/Boots sizes 5-12, Ladies Flip Flops, Wal-Mart/Meijer/Chiefs Gift Cards, Tennis Shoes, Insulated Lunch Totes, Adult Cough & Cold Medicine, Adult Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen

**Bold: Items Most Needed**

Complete list available at [samaritanhouselima.org](http://samaritanhouselima.org)

## 29th Anniversary

### Raisin' Bread Celebration & Fundraiser

**Gold Sponsor** - \$500. Up to 8 tickets. Company name and logo on event program.

**Silver Sponsor** - \$250. Up to 4 tickets. Company name and logo on event program.

**Friend of Samaritan House** - \$100. Up to 2 tickets. Recognition at Event.

**Donate a Silent Auction Item.** Recognition on donated item. Auction items must be received by August 15th.

Sponsorships due by August 12th.

Forms available at [samaritanhouselima.org](http://samaritanhouselima.org) or by calling (419) 222-4663

## HELP WANTED

We are currently seeking applicants for a part-time House Management position. 4p-12a Saturday & Sunday as well as occasional coverage needs. \$11.19/hr. Apply in person. EEO Employer.



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### Mission Statement

Restoring personal dignity and independence to homeless women and their children by providing shelter, hope and guidance.

### Vision Statement

Lima's Samaritan House, Inc. will be recognized as the community leader in providing quality service to homeless women and their children with integrity through empowerment, education, financial stability and networking.

## Mark Your Calendar—It's Celebration Time!

### *29th Anniversary*

### *Raisin' Bread Celebration & Fundraiser*

An evening featuring Dueling Pianos, Appetizers, and Silent Auction



Wednesday, August 17th, 2016

5:30 to 8:00 pm

City Club (Lima)

144 S Main St

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by completing the reservation card inside. For information on becoming a sponsor or donating an auction item, see page 3 or visit [samaritanhouselima.org](http://samaritanhouselima.org)

