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### CHANGE SERVICE ADDRESS

### CARYATID SPOTLIGHT

#### *Honesty, Integrity, Patience & Trust*

Four bardiglio marble caryatids named Honesty, Integrity, Patience, and Trust, have symbolically held up Marian House for almost twenty years. These figures, designed and carved by Claire McArdle, represent the strength and beauty inherent in each woman that comes through Marian House. They have been a beacon of hope to residents, reminding them of virtues that we not only uphold as an organization, but ones that we hope to instill in them during their time with us. In an article published in The Daily Record, when the caryatids were installed, Claire stated, "I wanted them to be more symbolic (of the women), not where they are coming from, but where they are going."



Installed in 2001 after being created in Carrara, Italy, the figures are inspired by the women who come to Marian House. The women stand six and a half feet tall against columns of rough stone, symbolizing that although they come from difficult experiences, the women who come to Marian House can emerge from their past and become the self-sufficient, successful, individuals they strive to be.

Since becoming a part of Marian House, the caryatids and the courtyard have drawn community members and other people passing by, offering a serene getaway and space for reflection in the midst of life's hustle and bustle.

This April, former Board Chair, Tere Geckle, and former Executive Director, Sr. Augusta Reilly, as well as other vital supporters of Marian House and the caryatids' commissioning, Susan Gauvey and Pattie Batza, co-hosted a gathering celebrating the 20-year anniversary of the commissioning of the sculptures. Held in the courtyard, with the caryatids as the backdrop, community members, former and current Board members, friends and supporters of Marian House alike came together to celebrate our history and reflect on our mission as we continue to look forward to serving more women and children.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday Tours - Dates below

*Hear from our Executive Director, one of our residents and tour the place our women call home!*

May 9 - 4:00-5:30PM

June 13 - 8:00-9:30AM

July 11 - 4:00-5:30PM

*Please RSVP to [advancement@marianhouse.org](mailto:advancement@marianhouse.org)*

Renovation Celebration - June 5, 2019

*Celebrate the completion of Independence Place with us! RSVP at [marianhouse.org/rsvp](http://marianhouse.org/rsvp)*

Ravens Raffle Drawing - July 30, 2019

*Purchase tickets online or in person before July 30th! [marianhouse.org/ravens](http://marianhouse.org/ravens)*

11th Annual Race to Embrace Independence 5K - September 28, 2019 - Lake Montebello

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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The mission statement for a non-profit organization is the heart and soul of the organization. Marian House has held true to its Mission, Vision and Values since our founding in 1982. We believe that these declarations are inspirational and reflect the work that we do for the women we serve.

April 12th marked the 37th Anniversary of Marian House. We have accomplished some amazing goals through the years, all the while living true to our Mission. At a recent strategic planning session with the Marian House Board of Directors we reviewed our Mission, Vision, and Value statements. We believe the language is still as pertinent today as it was in 1982 when it was created. However, we determined that some wording needed to be updated to be more inclusive.

I invite you to read our Mission, Vision, and Values statements and note the updated language (in blue).

Thank you for your continued support of Marian House.

In Peace,  
*Katie*

Marian House is a holistic, healing community for women and their children who are in need of housing and support services. We provide a safe, sober, and loving environment that challenges women to respect and love themselves, confront emotional and socioeconomic **barriers**, and transition to stable and independent lives.

Marian House strengthens our society by unlocking the potential found within the women we serve.

Marian House values the innate dignity of each human being. Within a culture of respect and understanding of the human condition, the values of patience, trust, honesty, and integrity direct all of our interactions and endeavors. **Marian House is committed to equity and inclusion. We value diversity of thought and honor individual identity which includes race, color, national origin, gender identity, sexuality, class, and religion.**

## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

*Evette*

Evette came to Marian House last November after staying six months in a recovery center. It wasn't her first time getting sober and pursuing recovery. Evette started using drugs when she was twenty-four years old.

*"I never thought I would get caught up in it and that I would form a habit. Then, I started getting into fights, getting out of control, living on the streets, and going in and out of jail. I went on and off to a couple different 30-day treatments, I would only stay clean for a little bit before I started to use again. But I kept getting caught and so the last time, I went to jail for 5 years."*

After being released in 2009, Evette stayed sober for 8 years until she entered a relationship with a partner who used drugs and money to control her. She eventually started using drugs again and found herself caught in the cycle all over again.

*"I got to a point where my body was needing more and more drugs, and I didn't have the money to supply it anymore. I got tired of what it was doing to my body and to me."*

At this time, Evette entered into a recovery center. She had heard of Marian House before, from some of our alumni in the recovery community and she was determined to get into our program.



*"This time is different. I've made up my mind. I'm done living in that cycle."*

Since Evette came to Marian House, she has been working hard with staff and building relationships with other Marian House residents.

*Marian House is teaching me how to live a responsible life. I'm growing up all over again. I have my own room, with my own key, and chores to keep me responsible! I'm becoming more mindful of my own life and how I want to live it. I feel really loved and taken care of here."*

Evette recently finished our Job Readiness Program and is currently participating in Nutrition Training through Johns Hopkins where she helps prepare meals for patients.

*"I was really scared of looking for jobs. I haven't worked in a long time or even gone on an interview. But the staff took me step by step, so when the time came, I was ready! I knew how to introduce myself, shake their hand and answer questions, and I wasn't scared anymore!"*

She expects to finish training in early July and is excited to start working soon. In the future, Evette wants to buy a house and help take care of her grandson.



*"It's another chance at life. I didn't get to be the mother I wanted to be because I was caught in my habit. But now, I get to be the best grandmother I can be – the one my grandson deserves."*

Stories of success like Evette's are possible through the generosity of people like you. Please consider supporting Marian House today!

Donate through the enclosed envelope or at [marianhouse.org/donate](http://marianhouse.org/donate)



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## LATEST HAPPENINGS:

see some photos from our recent events!



Volunteer Appreciation event



Job Readiness Program graduation



Marian House 37th Anniversary



Mindfulness groups



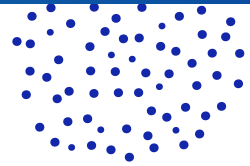
Founders Dinner: Residents and Sisters from SSND and Sisters of Mercy gathered for dinner to celebrate Marian House's 37th Anniversary





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## INAUGURAL MARIAN HOUSE RAFFLE – "YOU GOTTA PLAY TO WIN!"



Marian House is conducting its first ever Ravens raffle fundraiser and the winner will receive three (3) Season Tickets to the 2019 Ravens Football Season or you can take the \$1,500 Cash Prize Option. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The drawing will take place on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Church (4111 Old York Road, Baltimore 21218) and the winner does not need to be present.

The Seats are in Section 552, Row 12, Seats 23, 24 and 25. Tickets may be purchased on-line at [marianhouse.org/ravens](http://marianhouse.org/ravens) or you can mail a check made payable to Marian House for the amount of tickets you want and we will mail you the tickets.

Mail your check to:

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Net proceeds from the Ravens raffle will provide much needed revenue to support all Marian House programs. Your participation will mean so much.

Thanks and GOOD LUCK!




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**OR A \$1,500 CASH PRIZE!**  
**RAFFLE TICKETS: \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$25**  
Buy online at [marianhouse.org/ravens](http://marianhouse.org/ravens)



Drawing at noon on **Tuesday, July 30, 2019**  
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**Net raffle proceeds go to benefit Marian House, a holistic, healing community for women and their children in need of housing and support services.**

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