



Sarah's... an Oasis for Women

Report to the Community

2017 – 2018



One lesson at a time.

One woman at a time.

One day at a time.

From the Director

In Focus: Volunteers at Sarah's

Volunteers who work in the house relate with women of diverse backgrounds, language skills, appearances, and life experiences while respecting physical, life experience and emotional privacy. They have a strong commitment to Sarah's and knowledge of our mission and ministry. They are flexible, consistent and self-aware, and can collaborate with and be accountable to residents, staff and other volunteers. Their generosity of spirit enhances and enriches both staff and residents.



Some of Sarah's volunteers have reached out to Sarah's on their own; others come through placements from programs such as *St. Catherine University Community Work and Learning*, *Ignatian Volunteer Corps*, and the *St. Joseph Worker* program. Additionally, CSJs and Consociates have a wonderful presence at Sarah's. Sarah's also appreciates the long-term commitment from community, church and school groups in our area.

Because of the positive impact for the residents and staff, we are tremendously grateful for our volunteers! THANK YOU for all you contribute!

Cheryl Behrent



2018 Madonna Della Strada and Robert Hobbins Community Service Award Winners Announced

On Friday night, May 11th, 2018, the Ignatian Volunteer Community (IVC) gathered to celebrate the work that all of the IVC volunteers do to support all of their service partner organizations including Sarah's... an Oasis for Women.

This special evening recognized the distinguished service of Mary Himrod, a long time IVC volunteer at Sarah's, with the Madonna Della Strada Community Service Award. Sarah's was recognized as well with the Robert Hobbins Community Service Award.

Congratulations all!

Who lives at Sarah's?

- Women over the age of 20 who are not currently parenting
- Women of any ethnicity, creed or religious affiliation
- Women for whom no other resources are currently available
- Women who are medically independent and chemically (addiction) free
- Women with a willingness and ability to live in a community where space, food preparation, household and grounds work are shared

Sarah's focus is providing a home, and connecting current residents to resources and support through our network of community-based service providers, programs, and professionals.

Sarah's served 43 unique women from July 2017 to June 2018.

100% are connected to appropriate resources

40% moved on from Sarah's

69% of Sarah's current residents are in school

56% of Sarah's current residents are working full- or part-time



Staff JUNE 2017–JULY 2018

Cheryl Behrent	Director
Peggy White	House Manager
Martha West	M.A., CFRE® Community Relations Associate
MacKenzie O’Kane	St. Joseph Worker
Shelby Batterson	Social Media Intern, Night Staff

Sarah’s Advisory Council JUNE 2017–JULY 2018

Sarah Brenes, Chair	The Advocates for Human Rights
Nancy Davis	CSJ
Marilyn Harder	Friend of Sarah’s
Renuka Jayatunge	R.N., Former Resident
Rojina McCarthy	Center for Victims of Torture
Margaret McRaith	CSJ Consociate
Colleen O’Malley	CSJ
Teri Fink Peterson	ELL Teacher
Alex Philstrom	Deluxe Corporation Human Resources
Betty Schindler	R.N., CSJ Consociate
Amy Smith	International Institute of Minnesota
Cheryl Behrent	Director, CSJ Consociate
Martha West	Community Relations Associate CSJ Consociate

New at Sarah’s!



Betty Schindler, R.N.
St. Joseph’s Hospital
is the new Chair of
Sarah’s Advisory Council.

Peggy White
is the new House Manager for
Sarah’s... an Oasis for Women.



Save the Dates!



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December 2018

16th Annual St. Kate's Charity Ball to benefit Sarah's
Friday, December 14th, 2018, 7:00PM – 9:30PM
Rauenhorst Ballroom, Coeur de Catherine
St. Catherine University. *All are welcome!*

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January 2019

At Sarah's: Networking with Sarah's Residents
Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019, Time: TBD

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May 2019

The Carondelet Ministries Gala
Friday, May 3rd, 2019, 6:30PM
Hilton Minneapolis, 1001 Marquette Avenue South, Minneapolis
All are welcome!

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June 2019

Sarah's Annual "Welcome Home" Breakfast Buffet and Benefit
Wednesday, June 12th, 2019, 8:00AM – 9:30AM
Anderson Center, Hamline University
This event is free and all are welcome!

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July 2019

At Sarah's: Sarah's Annual Reunion
Saturday, July 27th, 2019, 4:00PM – 6:00PM

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Sarah's House Tours

Sarah's house tours are scheduled by appointment.
Please contact Martha at 651-696-8672 for more details.

How can I get involved?



Share: Invite your friends to join us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram). Spend time reflecting on how you might deepen your engagement with Sarah's. Hand out Sarah's quarterly wish list to people you know. Download Sarah's information from our website:
www.sarahsoasis.org.



Help: Join Sarah's as a volunteer! We need volunteers with a wide variety of gifts, talents, and skills. Find out more and schedule a house tour by contacting Peggy at 651-696-8642 or housemanager@sarahsoasis.org.



Give: Consider a financial donation to Sarah's. Become a recurring donor and join the Friends of Sarah's Circle. Make a difference in the lives of the women of Sarah's through financial gifts and/or gifts in-kind. Visit our website www.sarahsoasis.org/donate-2 or contact Martha at 651-696-8672 for more information.



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Mission

Sarah's... an Oasis for Women

is a home dedicated to safety and dignity for a diverse community of women where they can begin new and productive lives.

Vision

Women healing from trauma continue vibrant, meaningful lives and contribute to the common good.
