



St. Clare's Home

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Pink & Blue Gala Success!

Thank you all for your support of our annual **Pink & Blue Gala**! The Mardi Gras-themed event at the beautiful Fluor Dining Venue provided a fun-filled evening for over 500 guests, who learned more about the moms and babies currently living at the home. We played the Heads-or-Tails game and enjoyed a wide variety of items in our silent and live auctions. Competition was fierce as attendees bid on prizes. The highlight of the evening was Father Bart Leon's offering – his authentic New Orleans gumbo dinner went for \$19,000 TWICE as auctioneer Ben Farrell asked a stunned Father Bart if he would be willing to cook a second dinner. We thanked Father Bart for his generosity, he thanked St. Clare's for his little miracle – one of the winners is the surgeon that gave the priest a much-needed knee replacement surgery!

St. Clare's Home raised almost **\$400,000** from the many generous supporters that attended the evening's festivities. Mark your calendar for next year's gala: Feb. 21, 2025!

Visit stclareshomesc.org/photoalbums to see all the pictures from the evening, or stclareshomesc.org/pink-blue-gala for videos.



PINK & BLUE GALA cont.



We also honored the memory of our great friend Joe Conway at the Pink & Blue Gala. He died on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 2023. Joe completed many wonderful projects for St. Clare's. To see the tribute to Joe, visit [In Memory of Joe \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

To honor his memory we have instituted the **St. Joseph the Worker Award** to a volunteer that gives a significant contribution to St. Clare's Home. Our first award goes to Maura Chamberlin – Maura has worked so hard in many ways!



Some of her volunteer contributions include:

- Volunteer coordinator without pay for three months while we searched for an employee
- Coordinator for our 2023 Pink & Blue Gala
- Led the sponsor team and helped with the auction items and the software committees for 2024 Gala
- Helps the moms at St. Clare's with education opportunities and offering a variety of classes
- Organizes trips to the YMCA, getting our moms free memberships and weekly donations of food
- Brings the moms to the library and got them all library cards
- Arranged for the moms to get free dental cleanings
- Worked with the local meat packing store to get a discount on the meat for the home
- Regularly drives moms to appointments
- Brings meals – including Christmas dinner!
- Arranged for Santa to come to St. Clare's so we could have a wonderful party with current and alumni moms
- Advocates for St. Clare's monetary needs and donations of essential items for current moms and those who have left the home.
- And most special, she is the godmother of one of our babies who was baptized

Thank you, Maura, for all your innovative ways of helping St. Clare's Home achieve our goals with helping moms in need!

Success Stories:

Deona Green & Cindy Castrol



These two women are residents of St. Clare's home. They came into the home with humble backgrounds, desperately in need of shelter, hope, love, food and care. Through the grace of God and the assistance of the hard-working staff, the home was able to meet their basic needs. And, then, our moms were guided to embrace life and take a giant step forward to work and prepare to face a future with confidence. They were offered the opportunity to make an independent living and to take care of their babies.

Deona Green enrolled in a CNA class in Greer. She was able to navigate her studies and successfully passed her exams and is now a certified nursing assistant. Cindy Castrol opted to study to be a for nail technician. She completed her training and was also certified as a professional Nail Tech.

We are delighted and thank God for the successful completion of their training for careers. We celebrate them for meeting the goals and vision of St. Clare's Home. We could not be more proud of them!



Fire Safety at St. Clare's Home



During a recent visit, the fire marshal conducted safety training at St. Clare's. He ensured that staff, residents and mothers were well-prepared to respond to fire emergencies so as to minimize risks to all occupants.

The fire marshal thoroughly inspected the premises to ensure compliance with regulations, including reviewing the emergency plans, checking fire exits, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, and adequately using outlet surge protectors, cell phones and other safety equipment.

In addition, the fire marshal trained residents and staff on fire safety procedures, evacuation routes, fire drill protocols and effective use of fire extinguishers. He provided recommendations for improving safety, including changing the front door knob, adding a smoke detector and conducting a fire drill to practice evacuation procedures.

All residents and staff will participate in the drill, and a date has been scheduled for it to occur!



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TUES 21 MAY

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM • DINNER STARTS AT 6 PM
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Guest speakers: SC Lieutenant Governor, Pamela Evette
SC Knights of Columbus State Deputy Jeffrey Crouch

Help us support St. Clare's Home in providing a safe & loving home for expectant mothers & children who are in need. There will be dinner & cash bar.

Buy TICKETS by May 14th or become a SPONSOR by May 7th!



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Local businesses make an impact!



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. ... Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” **Mt 25:35-36, 40**

St. Clare’s Home has received many generous gifts in 2024. We sincerely thank area businesses for these generous gifts:

- The **Greer Fire Department** recently offered CPR refresher and Fire Safety courses for staff and residents. We had the opportunity to hone our skills and practice lifesaving procedures.
- **Greer Christian Learning Center** is sending a volunteer to our home weekly to teach English to our Spanish speaking residents.
- **Palmetto Family Orthodontics** is providing one of our residents with free orthodontic work.
- The **Taylor’s YMCA** provides weekly groceries and free memberships to the facilities, including the gym and pool.
- The **Period Project of South Carolina** generously supplied us with a year’s worth of feminine products.
- **House of Raeford Farms** is bringing us unlimited chicken products for the moms, babies and sisters of St. Clare’s Home.

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