



# St. Clare's Home

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## St. Clare's Home Celebrates Two Years!

We were blessed to celebrate our second anniversary on Friday, Aug. 11, the feast of St. Clare of Assisi. On this day, we thanked our volunteers with breakfast and Mass, celebrated by Father Bart Leon from St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church in Greer. Approximately 35 guests attended, and our guests of honor mingled with current and former residents and staff and, of course, the St. Clare's babies! This year's volunteers have helped in so many ways. They demonstrate again and again their willingness to give their gifts of time and talent and materials that keep the home afloat.

We would not be able to provide the support that our residents need without volunteers teaching classes, babysitting, providing rides, organizing small and large parties, fundraising, sorting donations, writing thank you notes, making improvements to the campus, providing meals and praying for us! If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer please contact our volunteer coordinator, Colleen Chmiel: [stclaresvolunteer@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:stclaresvolunteer@charlestdiocese.org).



# Gardening & Growing *with God*



The moms at St Clare’s home relate with one another and those they encounter as the images of God. In the same vein, they appreciate the beauty of God in nature.

The home has a garden that God has blessed with some vegetables such as zucchini, tomatoes, collard green, swiss chard, cabbage, kale, eggplants, carrots, onions, lettuce, and chili peppers. The women water these plants simultaneously, co-creating with God to preserve the earth. It is a great way to thank God for his blessings!

– Sister Theresa Adeboye



ISZAMINA AND HER MOM HONEY PICKING FOOD FROM THE GARDEN



THE MARY STATUE AT ST. CLARE'S HOME

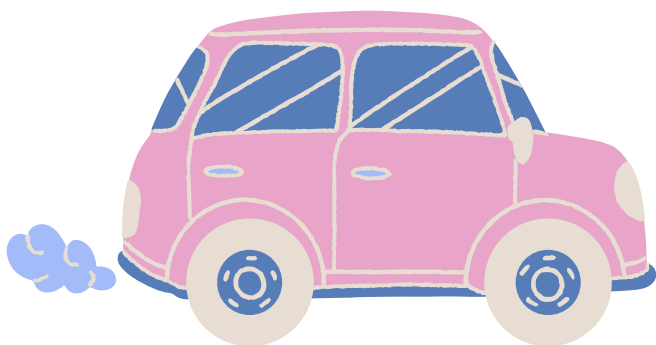
# CARPORT CONVERTED

*thanks to volunteer  
generosity*

The conversion of the carport to a storage facility is now complete! Here are some before and after photos. It was certainly a worthwhile project and will now provide the St. Clare's staff a clean and safe storage facility.

A huge thank you to the crews from St. Mary's Church in Greenville for volunteering their time over two weekends this summer to enclose the car port. The effort was led by Mike Holian and Deacon John Heuser.

The enclosure was followed by a group from St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Greenville, led by Mike Holian and Bernie Degrees, to add shelving. This space will allow for much-needed storage to be able to serve the moms inside and outside the home!



# Success Story

## *250 moms helped!*

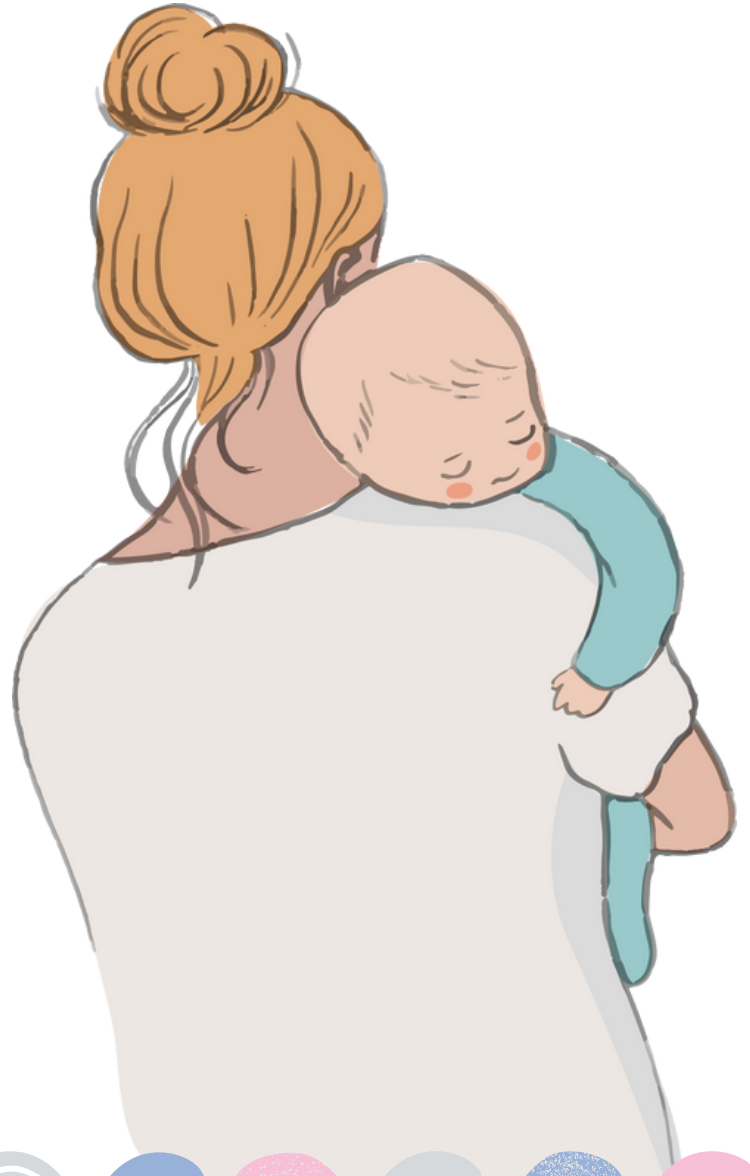
St. Clare's outreach at Catholic Charities of South Carolina, the home in Greenville County, and the diocesan Office of Family Life in Rock Hill, are helping even more moms in crisis outside the home. In the past two years, we have helped **over 250 moms** with additional services, furniture and baby items.

Two weeks ago, a mom called us in need of help because her daughter had a baby and had not prepared anything. St. Clare's was able to supply this worried grandmother with a crib, changing table, diapers, wipes and clothing for her newborn grandchild.

We received another call last week from a woman whose sister was in prison and had given birth. This sister volunteered to take the newborn, but needed our help. St. Clare's was able to supply her with a crib and clothing, plus diapers, wipes and formula!

There are many women not in need of shelter but just a helping hand. Our outreach centers are able to provide this critical assistance thanks to donations received by you – our generous donors.

THANK  
YOU!





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*Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

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Development Volunteer

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our mission without you!*

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