



# St. Clare's Home

RESTORING HOPE ~ SAVING LIVES

DECEMBER 2025



## Many Thanks This Season

Being at St. Clare's during the holidays is always such a special time. The generosity of so many to make these days exceptionally beautiful is so heartwarming – volunteers make delightful meals for the residents and bring extra gifts for moms, children and babies, reminding them of the true spirit of Christmas.

The past few months have been bustling, with many mothers arriving and transitioning. We are thrilled to see several moms successfully secure their own apartments and begin to support themselves and their children. Currently, we have six pregnant mothers and three siblings in Greenville, along with three moms in Charleston. Two mothers from Charleston have recently welcomed their babies, and one is expected to deliver in January. It's inspiring to witness so many women at St. Clare's Home who are enthusiastic about pursuing their education and employment opportunities. It has been and is a joy to observe their progress toward becoming self-sufficient and independent.

We sent a heartfelt Thanksgiving message to our friends and volunteers, expressing our deep gratitude for their wonderful support. If you didn't receive the email and would like to join our mailing list, please click the link:

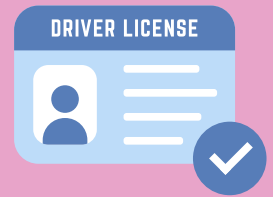
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*Valerie*

**Valerie Baronkin**, Executive Director

# A DREAM COME TRUE

## *Tyler passes driving test thanks to community kindness!*



We are absolutely bursting with pride here at St. Clare's Home! Our resident **Tyler** has achieved a wonderful milestone: she officially has her driver's license! This significant accomplishment was made possible by the incredible generosity and community spirit of our friends at St. Theresa the Little Flower Church.

Tyler was recently blessed with a fully sponsored driving school program and driving test, thanks to the profound kindness of **Tom Buttillo** and **Steady Driver Training, LLC**. Their sponsorship removed a major financial barrier for Tyler, allowing her to focus on learning this vital life skill.

Tyler embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm and dedication, and all her hard work paid off when she confidently passed her driving test on her first attempt with Tom! Having a driver's license provides Tyler and her newborn with the independence and mobility needed for future employment and daily life – a true stepping stone to a successful future.

# Heartfelt Thanks – Celebrating our dedicated volunteers in Greenville & Charleston



We recently had the immense pleasure of hosting our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Celebrations** at our Greenville and Charleston locations. These gatherings are more than just parties; they are sincere expressions of our profound gratitude for the dedicated and loyal hearts who give so freely of their time and talent to both St. Clare's Homes.

At St. Clare's, we are truly blessed to have a community of volunteers whose commitment is nothing short of miraculous. Their service is a living, breathing testament to the Gospel message. As St. Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:23:

*“Whatever you do, do it heartily,  
as for the Lord and not for men ...”*

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Our gracious volunteers embody this truth every single day. Whether they are tutoring a resident, helping with administrative tasks, tending to our gardens, or simply offering a kind word and a listening ear, they serve heartily, seeing the face of Christ in every person they encounter. They are the hands and feet of our ministry, providing essential support that allows our staff to focus on the core needs of our residents.

The spirit of loyalty and faithfulness demonstrated by our volunteers is a priceless gift. Many of these dedicated individuals have been walking alongside St. Clare's Home for years, offering consistent, reliable support through all seasons.

We celebrated their steadfast commitment with special recognition, shared fellowship, and joyful meals. It was a beautiful opportunity to pause, reflect and honor the countless hours they have selflessly given. Their dedication is not just about time; it's about sharing their hope, wisdom and love, nurturing a supportive environment where our residents can heal and grow.

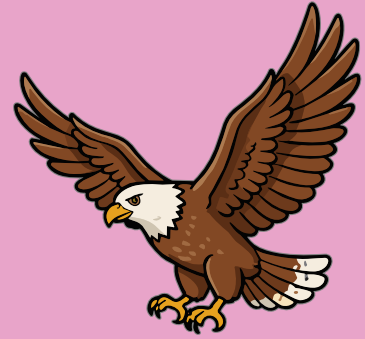
To all our amazing volunteers in Greenville and Charleston: **Thank you!** We pray for you and your families, and we remain eternally grateful for the vital role you play in our mission.

May God continue to bless you richly for your generosity and faithful service.

*Appreciate  
you!*



# Two Eagle Scout Projects



## CHRIS HAYES

We are grateful to Eagle Scout Chris Hayes, who completed his project at St. Clare's Home in Charleston. With the support of his family and dedicated Eagle Scout team, Chris designed and built a beautiful outdoor patio in our backyard.

This welcoming new space will provide our residents with a peaceful place to relax, gather and enjoy the outdoors. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Chris for his hard work, generosity and commitment to serving our community.

## LUKE CAPELLE

Eagle Scout Luke Capelle completed "Eagle Square," a pavilion with picnic tables to serve the needs of our moms in the home as a gathering place for celebrations and parties.

We are grateful to this young man who has shared his resources, talents and time to provide it for our St. Clare's community in Greenville. May God bless him and all his loved ones.

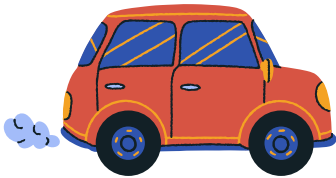
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# Community Partnerships



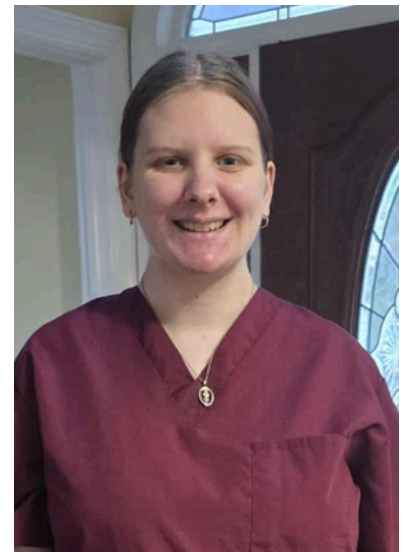
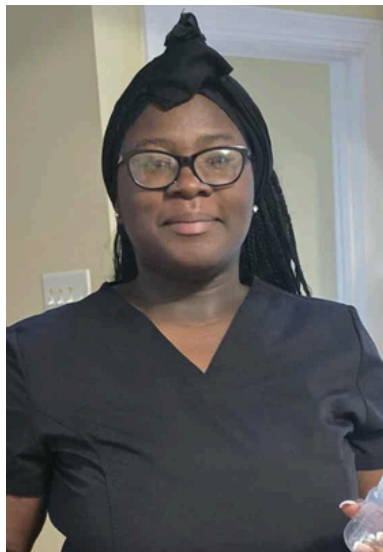
*Thanks to all businesses that support St. Clare's Home. Here are just a few examples of the generous help we have received recently!*



We extend our deepest gratitude to **Tom Butillo** and **STEADY DRIVER TRAINING LLC**. Your commitment to supporting our residents is a beautiful testament to the Catholic principle of charity in action.

**UNITED WAY** has recently poured incredible blessings onto the residents of our Charleston home! Its partnership, specifically through the generous funding from the Barriers to Employment Grant, is a direct answer to prayer. This grant provides school scholarships, new tires and medical scrubs helping our mothers overcome obstacles and walk confidently toward self-sufficient futures.

## SC WORKS



St. Clare's Home—Greenville facilitates resident self-sufficiency by partnering with **SC WORKS** through its job and training programs. These programs offer certifications in numerous fields, including Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), phlebotomy, medical interpretation and patient care technician. Our partnership is a very helpful step in empowering our residents to become self-sufficient.

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**NIMBLE THIMBLES QUILT GUILD** raffled their annual Opportunity Quilt this year. With the help of our community members, they raised \$1,660 for St Clare's home.

**ABBOT ANSWERING SERVICE** is providing St. Clare's Home with both a Charleston and a Greenville line for 24-hour answering services. This ensures that we don't miss the opportunity to help a pregnant woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

**STELLA MARIS CHURCH** on Sullivan's Island conducted a babybottle fundraiser and gathered monetary donations for St. Clare's Home during the month of October (Respect Life Month). The parish community raised \$15,228 for St Clare's. And, they gifted us the baby bottles in case another parish would like to hold a campaign!

Mark Advent of **ADVENT HOME SERVICES** has made many house calls to our Greenville home providing electrical and plumbing services.

A free oil change and changing a flat tire was provided by **CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AUTO-MOTIVE** in Goose Creek with a promise of additional discounts on future service.



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**JOHN WING**, a Knight of Columbus, kindly offered to take care of our cars. He will perform monthly routine checkups, and if anything needs to be repaired, he has generously offered to cover the cost.

We have recently partnered with **FRONT PORCH HOUSING**, who is providing our moms with transitional housing. Several of our mothers have already received housing assistance, and Front Porch will give priority to St. Clare's moms in future. We appreciate this opportunity for our moms after their time with us has ended and especially that they will receive this extra support as they continue to work toward their independence.

The **UPS STORE** at McAlister Square in Greenville printed and mailed St. Clare's Christmas Cards at cost. The UPS Store in Summerville printed flyers for us for free and was a sponsor at our Charleston Gala!



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

*We could not accomplish our mission without you!*



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Are you able to donate a car for the moms?  
Call Valerie at **864-275-5505**



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