St. Clare's Home

RESTORING HOPE ~ SAVING LIVES

OCT 2026



A Season of Thanks

As we enter the beautiful Fall Season, we just completed our 2nd Annual Pink and Blue Gala for Charleston on Sept. 26, at the Charleston Mariott on Lockwood Ave. The Gala was a huge success not only with the funds raised for the operating expenses for the Charleston Home but also because everyone had a beautiful fun filled evening with good food and friends sharing a common mission.

Also, this year we are trying to raise funds for a new convent for the sisters that are the caretakers of the Charleston St. Clare's Home. The Hospitalier Sisters of Mercy have been living at St. Clare's with the moms for the past year and ½ and need their own space for the community life and breaks from being at their job 24/7.

We are especially grateful to the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy for their significant contribution to the Greenville Convent built 3 years ago and have now another significant contribution to the Charleston Home's Convent. God bless these Sisters who have a rich history of helping our diocese in so many ways. The sisters were founded by Bishop John England of the Diocese of Charleston in South Carolina, in 1829, and have worked tirelessly throughout the Diocese for the past almost 200 years.

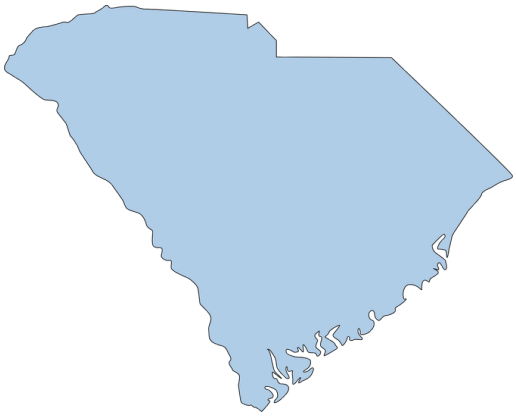
Both St. Clare's Homes are filled to capacity, and we have a waiting list of 6 moms looking to move in when there is an opening. We continue to help other low-income women with assistance and baby items as needed. Please pray for our mission and these women and children we are helping. God does provide in so many ways and so many blessings but without your prayers and support none of this would be possible.

Valerie

Valerie Baronkin, Executive Director

Tax Credit

South Carolina has passed incredible legislation that allows donors a Tax Credit for any donation to an approved Pregnancy Resource Center. We are an approved agency! This is a tax credit not a tax deduction. **This means you get your donation back up to 50% of your taxes.**



Please click here for more details:
https://www.stclareshomesc.org/

Join Our Facebook group



See pictures of new babies and exciting news about St. Clare's Home!

SCAN ME

We're Hiring!



*Special thanks and farewell to **Patricia Duffner**. She has given her notice to able to spend more time with her family. We appreciate Patricia's wonderful work and service to our clients and wish her well in her future plans.*

We are hiring! Are you interested in joining St. Clare's Home Mission to help pregnant moms and their babies?

We are hiring two very important positions!

CLIENT COORDINATOR (CHARLESTON)
DIRECTOR OF MISSION AND RESIDENT SERVICES (GREENVILLE & CHARLESTON)

For more details and to apply visit: https://charlestondiocese.org/jobs/

Apply Now

A Double Dose of Sugar and Spice

On June 17, St. Clare's Home-Charleston gathered under bright, sunlit skies for a joyful celebration honoring our two expecting mothers with a double blessing: a gender reveal announcing two sweet baby girls and a graduation ceremony marking their achievement as Certified Nurse's Aides. We began our day in prayer with the Holy Mass, offering gratitude to God for the precious gifts of life growing within our home. Afterwards, our community came together on the back porch for a delicious lunch provided by our devoted volunteers, surrounded by vibrant decorations generously created by a local event decorator.
As a Catholic mission, we strive to give Jesus to these young women not just through our words, but through our daily actions–reflecting His tender mercy by surrounding them with unconditional love, spiritual support and practical encouragement as they take steps toward a brighter future.


KAYLA


ZENAIDA

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you." We ask our entire community to keep these mothers and their baby girls in your prayers as they embrace motherhood and their new callings in healthcare."

Jeremiah 1:5

Continuing Education and Building Careers for a Prosperous Future



Several of our residents in both of our St. Clare's Homes have made tremendous progress toward continuing their education and building careers:

Ariana: Who is expecting her baby in December, is working full-time while preparing for her national phlebotomy certification exam. She is pursuing obtaining a driver's license.

Esther: Is expecting her baby in December, is employed full-time and she has a driver's license.

Khalia: Is due in mid-October, recently stopped working as she prepares for the birth of her baby. She completed her phlebotomy training and continues studying for her national exam while pursuing her driver's license. She is working diligently on obtaining a driver's license.

Madin: Is preparing to move into her own apartment, a significant step toward independent living with her 9-month-old Jrue. She has also been offered a new position utilizing her phlebotomy training, allowing her to begin a career in the healthcare field.

Melissa: Who is expecting in November, has completed her CNA training and successfully passed her national certification exam. She is currently employed and actively seeking a position in the healthcare field.

Noelle: Volunteering at St. John the beloved and Immaculate Conception and has full-time employment beginning after her maternity leave (she is due in October) utilizing her CNA certificate. She is working towards obtaining a driver's license.

Sara-Phoenix: Currently enrolled in CNA school and is expecting in October.

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Talaysia: Is making steady progress toward earning her GED. After completing her studies, she plans to pursue employment in a childcare setting, a field that aligns with her passion for working with children. She is expecting a little one in December

Taylor: Has welcomed a healthy baby boy, Luke. In addition to becoming a new mother, Taylor recently completed her phlebotomy training and is preparing for her national certification exam.

Victoria: Due in October, continues to work full-time while advancing her education through Clemson University's Medical Assistant Program.

Zenaida: Graduated with 2 certifications, CNA and phlebotomy. She is working full time and is due in October.

Each mother is working hard to prepare for her child's arrival while pursuing educational and personal goals.





SEVEN WEEKS
COFFEE

> Our mission is to **promote** Godly values, **provide** excellent coffee, and **protect** every beating heart.

OUR **PURPOSE**

At seven weeks of development, a baby is the size of a coffee bean, and for the first time—**a heartbeat is clearly detectable.**

As a values-based business we donate **10% of our total proceeds** to pregnancy care centers across the US.



OUR **COFFEE**



Our coffee is sourced through Direct Trade. This is the only way to ensure farmers are paid honest and **legitimate wages.**

Our coffee is specialty grade and is harvested from small lot farms in award-winning coffee regions. **Pesticide and mold-free.**

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OUR **IMPACT**

We lead with our tithe. Our donation process is transparent and simple. **All we do is move the decimal one spot over.**



Through our coffee sales, we have **donated hundreds of thousands of dollars**, supporting the immediate needs of pregnancy centers and Pro-Life organizations across the US.

WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR COFFEE TO SERVE A GREATER PURPOSE?

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15% of every sale will be donated to:

St. Clare's Home

Scan the QR code to order!

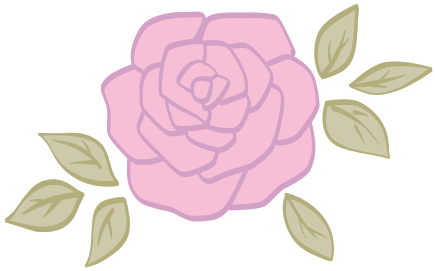
Updates Around St. Clare's Home

Refreshing Our Homes: Recent Updates and Backyard Transformations

Transforming a house into a home is an ongoing journey of love, hard work and community. Over the past few months, we've been busy tackling several meaningful projects around our properties–from essential home repairs and backyard projects to a deeply personal new front yard addition that holds a lot of heart.

Here is a look at the recent updates that have freshened up our space and made it safer and more functional for family life.

The Front Yard Rose Garden: A Living Legacy at our Charleston Home



One of our most cherished new projects is the creation of our front yard rose garden. This special space is designed to be a living family legacy, where we will plant a new rose bush for every baby born. To make it even more meaningful, the garden features custom stepping stones lovingly crafted by the youth group from Immaculate Conception, blending community, faith and family history right into our front landscape.

Our Greenville home and garage

Our Greenville home just received the ultimate exterior facelift! We completely upgraded the look and durability with brand new, low maintenance Hardie Board Siding. At the same time, we gave our chapel the care it deserves by reinforcing its foundation with fresh, sturdy wood framing. It feels like a brand-new house, built to last for generations to come.

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A Special Backyard Garden with St. Benedict Youth-Charleston

Another of our most meaningful recent projects took place right in the backyard, thanks to the incredible hands and hearts of the youth group from St. Benedict Parish. Together, we undertook a garden construction project that has completely transformed our outdoor space. Watching these young people pour their energy into building and planting has been a true highlight, and we now have a thriving garden area that brings a wonderful touch of nature and community spirit right to our doorstep.

Curb Appeal and Deep Cleaning: Power Washing



Charleston weather can be wonderful, but the humidity, pollen and coastal elements can take a toll on exterior surfaces. To get everything looking crisp and bright again, we brought out the power washer. Giving the exterior surfaces, walkways and siding a thorough deep clean instantly refreshed our home's curb appeal, making everything look renewed and well-cared-for as we head into the new season.

Hearts are full and our garage is organized

A massive thank you to the wonderful volunteers from the volunteers of **Project Matthew 25** for building new shelves for us. This extra storage space is a game-changer, allowing us to house more essential donations for the pregnant women and new mothers we serve in our home and across the Greater Greenville area. We couldn't do this work without community partners like you!

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STUDENTS IN GREENVILLE PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT MATTHEW 25



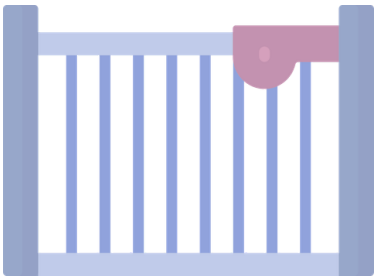
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Smooth Operations: Garage Door and Opener Repairs at our Charleston Home

Functionality is just as important as aesthetics. Lately, our garage door had started showing its age with a few stubborn mechanical hiccups. We completed necessary repairs on both the garage door itself and the automatic opener. Now, everything glides smoothly, quietly and reliably restoring a little everyday peace of mind and convenience to our coming and going.

Safety First: Installing Baby Gates

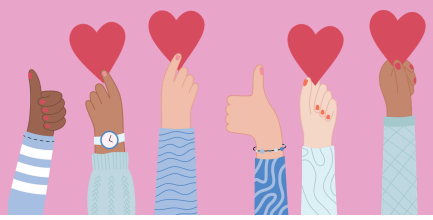


With busy household rhythms and safety always a top priority, we also focused on childproofing key areas around the house. The installation of new, secure baby gates helps ensure that high-traffic zones and stairways remain safe, giving us great peace of mind as family and little visitors move about the house. From legacy rose gardens and community-built projects to essential home maintenance, these past few months have been all about making our Charleston home safer, more beautiful, and even more welcoming. We love how these updates have brought new life to our space!

Transforming the Downstairs Bathrooms:

We are incredibly grateful to the amazing crew of volunteers who rolled up their sleeves to transform our downstairs bathrooms! This hard-working team tackled the ultimate DIY challenge: stripping away decades-old wallpaper in our Greenville home and applying fresh, modern coats of paint that have completely brightened the entire space.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Driving Instructors:
- Thomas Butillo-Charleston
- Brandy from Road Runners Driving School-Greenville

Mechanics:
- Chris Dauerer – Greenville Home
- Jerry Duffner, Christian Brothers and John Wing- Charleston Home

Doulas:
- Bethia Gambrell, Amanda Hucks and Ginelle Barry– Greenville Home
- Shauntay Dunning – Charleston Home

Meat Donations:
- Allen Terry – Charleston
- House of Raeford Farms, Inc - Greenville

Thank you

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

We could not accomplish our mission without you!

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