

Mater Filius of Nebraska is a miraculous home for mothers who need to change for the better. Change is hard. It's so difficult to realize we need to change until it's too late. There are so many stages every woman goes through in the process, and it's scary and uncomfortable for everyone involved. So please be patient. Be their anchor. You don't have to understand where one has come from, just where they want to go.

Today I am four and a half years sober, and healthier than ever! I have been at my job for three years and I am the #1 leading salesperson. I have

custody of both of my children who are perfectly healthy and happy. They are thriving at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School where they are receiving the absolute best faith-based education.

We are living in the home I bought this year ALL ON MY OWN! In the recent crazy, housing market at that. I realize that I put in a lot of hard work, but I couldn't have done it without every woman who entered the Mater Filius of Nebraska house, God's grace, and all of you!

Thank you and God Bless You All!



Highlighting Donors and How They Support Our Mission



We are humbled by the generosity of our community and the surrounding area.

Here's how organizations have stepped up to help:

- Knights of Columbus support
- American Heritage Girls Donation drives
- Boy Scout Eagle Projects
- Sts. Peter and Paul School Donation Drive
- St. Columbkille Admission to 8th Grade Volleyball Game
- St. Robert's Admission to Daddy Daughter Dance
- Marian High School Diaper Drive
- Columbus Scotus Pro-life Club Workday
- Gross Highschool Jeans Day Money Collection
- Concordia Highschool Workday
- Parish Support Outreach and Donation Drives

How can you help Mater Filius? Here are a few ideas:

- Estate Planning
- Foundation Giving
- Donation Drives
- Children collecting donations in lieu of birthday gifts
- Remember us when planning your parish events



A Letter from our Directors



We have had a busy year at The Mater Filius House, serving 25 Women, 16 children and 15 babies since October 2021. We are happy to have the specter of Covid behind us for now, and the house has returned to its normal rhythms. We are especially grateful this

season of Thanksgiving for all the blessings received. Currently, there are 5 mothers, 5 children and 3 infants living at the house. All the mothers are working hard to make positive changes in their lives and we continue to try and offer a nurturing environment to help them reach their goals. We are proud of their decision to choose life and continue to help them on their journey towards independence.

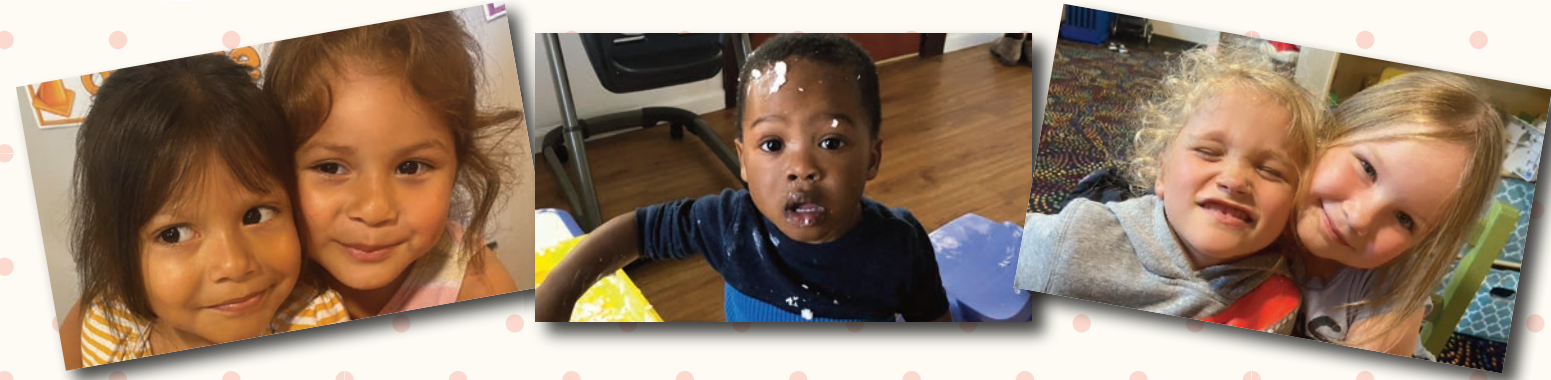
With the Dobbs decision overturning Roe v Wade, we anticipate even more need for our services. We are appreciative of all support that we have received from the community. We remain committed to this mission of supporting these women and beginning the process of generational change.

Please take the time to read the newsletter for a more in-depth update as to the things happening at the house. As always, we are thankful for all the donations to Mater Filius, be it household goods, clothing, formula, monetary support or the volunteering your time. Without your support we would be unable to fulfill the mission of Mater Filius: Defending Life with Love.

Thank you for your support and please keep our mothers, their children, and the Mater Filius community in your prayers!

Anne and Steve Raynor

welcome to the world!



Meet Karen: Our New ECLC Director

We are excited to announce Karen Targy as the new Director of the Early Childhood Learning Center. Karen comes to us with many years of childcare experience. She and her husband have five children ranging from 26 to 14 years old. When they started their family, Karen left the business world and ran an in-home daycare for several years. After their youngest child started preschool, she substituted at her daughter's preschool and continued at that preschool as an employee for 10 years.

Karen is a patient and kind person who is excited to live out our mission of Defending Life with Love. Karen enjoys spending time with her family, reading, gardening, crafting, walking, and spending time at their family farm.

Our little ones have been enjoying playing and picnicking outside. The older children have been water coloring leaves and making fingerprint apple crafts. Learning about and taste testing different apples and apple sauce has been a favorite.



Meet Elise Sambol: Our New BLU*tique Director



Elise is an Omaha native who was raised in the pro-life movement where she prayed outside abortion clinics and joined her mom, when possible, at pro-life events. She continues to support the sanctity of life through prayer but has found an additional way to support mothers and their



children through Mater Filius of Nebraska. After serving in the home on Thursday evenings, she has decided to fulfill the current need of running the Blu*tique. She is putting her style and organizational skills to use at the Blu*tique and looks forward to supporting the growth of our moms and their families in this new role.

Off To School!

Congrats to our recent preschool graduates who have transitioned into their new school! Mater Filius of Nebraska sponsors seven children who attend Catholic elementary schools in the Omaha area. We applaud their moms who have chosen Catholic education for their children. This is another example of how our generous donors assist with generational change.



Amanda Carrico was a resident of Mater Filius of Nebraska in 2018. On Nov 6, she spoke at St. Wenceslaus on behalf of Mater Filius. We want to share her speech with you.

A Mother's Story....

My name is Amanda Carrico, and I would like to share with you the meaning of Mater Filius, what it means to me, and what it could mean for other women and children.

Stolen from the Facebook page, but this touches my heart every time. "Once while praying outside the abortion clinic, two women felt God prompting them to do something more to support pregnant women. Together, Julie Mainelli and Stacey Floersch met with the Mater Filius International foundress and founded Mater Filius Nebraska. Go like and follow for updates, cute baby pics and donation lists, etc."

I found Mater Filius in August of 2018 during a desperate Google search for a place not only to live, but to safely give birth, and recover with my baby.

Mater Filius of Nebraska is a Catholic Apostolate Home for pregnant women in crisis, open to all women from all walks of life.

Around June of 2018, I found myself homeless, living in a tent in rural Tennessee, and withdrawing from all kinds of unmentionables. I went to the Emergency Room thinking I was having a gallbladder attack, while that was true! (Thanks, Google) They also informed me I was six months pregnant. Going back six months, I lost my

daughter, who was just two years old at the time, to CPS/DHHS because of my alcohol use and dad's drug use in the home. I was IN my rock bottom. I let the darkness take over, and I remember so vividly convincing myself of the worst with my baby. I'm thinking I've already destroyed this innocent life inside me AND won't ever see my daughter again. My irrational mind led to me to not only consider taking both lives but trying.

Now I know, whose hands were on us and that He wasn't allowing me to give up quite yet.

I was sent to jail the next day with two felony drug charges. Apparently because I was pregnant, they let me go. I don't know, but the feeling was very strong. I could only wonder if it was all meant to be as I had just enough time in jail to get clean enough to be able to ask for help. After winding up six hours away in Omaha, Nebraska, I met with Julie and Stacey when I arrived at Mater Filius in early August 2018.

As they explained how everything works in the home, I explained bits of my situation, expecting judgments and criticism... I was floored by their acceptance. All they asked of me was to be honest and do my part. The love and structure they were offering is what my heart and mind KNEW we needed. (Thanks again Google, or God for guiding me.)

There was a time shortly before I came to Omaha that I wouldn't even consider listening to someone; let alone take advice from another who hadn't been through the things I experienced. As if the only one that could help me was me alone. That's just the beginning of it, wanting to help myself.

Once I realized that, accepting help from others who genuinely cared and wanted the best for my family and me was the best thing I could have ever done. In turn, being able to help others was truly, life changing!

I remember the first time I prayed during a Bible study workshop with Rita. It was the first time I opened my heart to God again in 14 years after losing my mother. We went around the room, and she asked us to request prayer for any struggles in our lives. I requested patience. Something I've always struggled with; probably rooted in my addictive mindset of always needing instant gratification. We prayed for my patience during the rest of my pregnancy with my son and for better things to come. I promise you; it was instantaneous. I still feel it was God's way of saying "I'm still here waiting for you, and I love you". To this day, I still feel the calmness I have is from the one prayer that I still pray every day.

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