

Story of the Month

Clarissa and her baby moved to OMH in February 2024, just before our last year's annual fundraiser. With some extra time on her hands, she decided to volunteer at the event. Luck was on her side when she met her future employer that evening and was offered a job, which she has been working at ever since. Clarissa has also enrolled in college and is working with Habitat for Humanity to

secure housing for when she leaves next year. We're excited to share that Clarissa may be our speaker for next year's event, and we're hopeful that she'll be able to share how OMH has positively impacted her journey and helped her thrive.



Above: we met with Vern Johnson at Trip's Diner in Tampa.

Left: Clarissa and her daughter have been taking care of tomato plants at OMH.



What's New?

Our mentorship program is growing, but we're still looking for more mentors to support our moms.

If you're interested in becoming a mentor, please reach out to Aniko at 941-485-6264 ext. 1505.

Clients On The Move

We've welcomed 2 new moms with babies, bringing us to back to full capacity with a waitlist of over 20 clients. We're seeking the resources to serve even more families and expand our program.

Updates

Fundraising

Thank you to the incredible generosity of everyone who attended our Wine Tasting and Dinner Auction Fundraiser, we raised over \$280,000! It was such a wonderful event. Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's event on February 26, 2026, at the Plantation Golf and Country Club.

Power Hour with Vern

We recently had the pleasure of meeting with Vern Johnson, a truly generous individual who has been contributing to Our Mother's House monthly since 1998. Vern, who will turn 94 this November, is still brainstorming ways to support OMH. He shared that, a year before turning 90, he pledged to walk, run, or bike 900 miles over 10 months, averaging 3 miles a day. Now, as he approaches his 95th

birthday, he's considering repeating the challenge and is exploring ways to turn it into a fundraiser to benefit Our Mother's House. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months!

What is Success?

A recent question I was asked was how we define success at OMH. Does success mean every client achieves all their goals and transitions to permanent housing? While that is the ideal outcome, not every client reaches that point within two years. The housing market today requires more capital than ever before.

With this in mind, I define success by whether the client is in a better position than when they started, with momentum moving them toward a brighter future.

Upcoming

Corks for a Cause

At Farfelu Wine Bar on March 20 between 6-8 PM powered by the Sassy Sisters.

Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus - Lady of Mount Carmel in Osprey will be hosting a golf tournament in May.

Sip and Shop

On April 4th between 2-6 PM, at Sara Campbell (1508 Main Street, Sarasota, FL). Sara Campbell is a beautiful high-end boutique in Sarasota. 15% of sales during the event will benefit Our Mother's House.