

No Greater Love

The quarterly newsletter from St. Gianna Program of Catholic Social Services

Fall 2024



Marian Sisters
of the Diocese of Lincoln



Marian Sisters serve the women at St. Gianna's Home with love and compassion, offering solace and restoring safety.



Sr. Bernadette Radek, M.S.



Sr. Karen Eden, M.S.



Sr. Carol Hohmeier, M.S.

"It saved my life being here"

St. Gianna Program resident thankful for the support that carried her from a life of abuse to a future filled with hope

"I got to the point where I thought it was normal."

Stephanie now knows what she experienced before coming to our St. Gianna Program last summer was not "normal." There is nothing normal about being told you are not worth anything, or getting your leg run over by a truck or having multiple black eyes and cracked ribs. This was the life that Stephanie until recently.

Stephanie went into rehab four years ago, but was still living in an unhealthy relationship. The abuse was sporadic at first, which led Stephanie to think "this won't last" and "It's probably something I've done. It will get better." It didn't. The abuse became constant and she couldn't take it any longer. "I got sick of it. It was not ending." Her sponsor in AA had heard about our St. Gianna Program and helped Stephanie reach out for help through Catholic Social Services. Within two weeks, Stephanie came to our St. Gianna Program with "my sobriety, my clothes and a few things that were on my wall that were my grandmother's." Now, her life is so different than it was just a few short months ago.

Stephanie now feels a sense of peace and calm- a welcome change from the environment she came from. She has a full-time job and is saving up to buy a car. Her goal is to be self-sufficient to the point where she can move to her own apartment early next year. Stephanie is so grateful for the love and support she receives in the family-atmosphere of our St. Gianna Program. "The Marian Sisters have been wonderful! When you walk in the door and are greeted by their smiles, it's the best feeling ever!" Most of all, she is so grateful for the life she now leads. "There is help out there. It saved my life being here."



Hear more of Stephanie's story by listening to this month's "Hope in the Good Life Podcast." Hosted by CSS Development Officer John Soukup, our podcast features stories of hope from CSS clients, volunteers, supporters and staff. The podcasts are on our website at csshope.org/podcast, or scan the QR code.





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A BENEFIT FOR
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Sunday, December 8, 2024
3:00 PM
St. John the Apostle Church
Lincoln, NE
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Carole Fest

Sunday, December 8th 3:00 PM

St. John the Apostle Church, 7601 Vine Street, Lincoln

Join us for Carole Fest, a concert for the benefit of St. Gianna Program. Enjoy performances by area choirs at St. John the Apostle Church, Lincoln. There is no cost to attend, but you may support the important work of SGP with your donation at the concert, send in your donation in the enclosed envelope or donate online at csshopes.org. Please join us for this family-friendly, festive fundraiser!