



Gianna House Project

January to
March 2024

From Boxes to
Baby Store

Walking with
Moms in Need
(WWMIN)



Walking with Moms in Need



- The Family of the Good Shepherd is comprised of four parishes, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ss Cyril & Methodius, St Jane Frances de Chantal, and St. Rene Goupil
- Our Walking with Moms in Need ministry goals:
 - Research and share information on the resources available in our community to help women and families in difficult pregnancy and parenting situations
 - We want all our ministers and parishioners to know that help is available
 - We will provide support to any woman in need in our community boundary
 - Building connections with community support networks
 - Strengthen the support networks for pregnant women, moms, and families within our local Sterling Heights community
 - Provide our parishioners with training to develop good listening skills so that they can confidently reach out and support women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.



Gianna House

<https://giannahouse.org>



Gianna House is a maternity and parenting residence in Eastpointe.



- Residential program for young women (18-25) who need a safe place to stay during their pregnancy and during the first year of the baby's life.
- Provide local community mothers with diapers, formula, clothing, and baby supplies when they attend classes and earn “baby bucks” to shop at the Gianna House baby store.

In December 2022, Gianna House had a devastating flood which damaged their basement.

- By December 2023, the physical damage had been repaired. The restoration company had cleaned, sanitized and boxed clothing, sewing fabric, and supplies. There were hundreds of boxes to unpack and organize.
- Walking with Moms in Need volunteered to take on this task in January 2024.

Project Planning and Preparation



Betty and Joan at their information table at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church the weekend of January 28-29, 2024.

Our Lady of Czestochowa and St Jane Frances de Chantal also hosted information tables in January.

Our Walking with Moms in Need ministry organized information tables in our church lobbies to ask for donations and volunteers for our Gianna House project.

Thank you to our generous donors:

- Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church parishioners
- Our Lady of Czestochowa parishioners
- St. Jane Frances de Chantal parishioners
- Anonymous donors

Main Store Area

Before



During



After



Center Shelf Area



Before



During



After



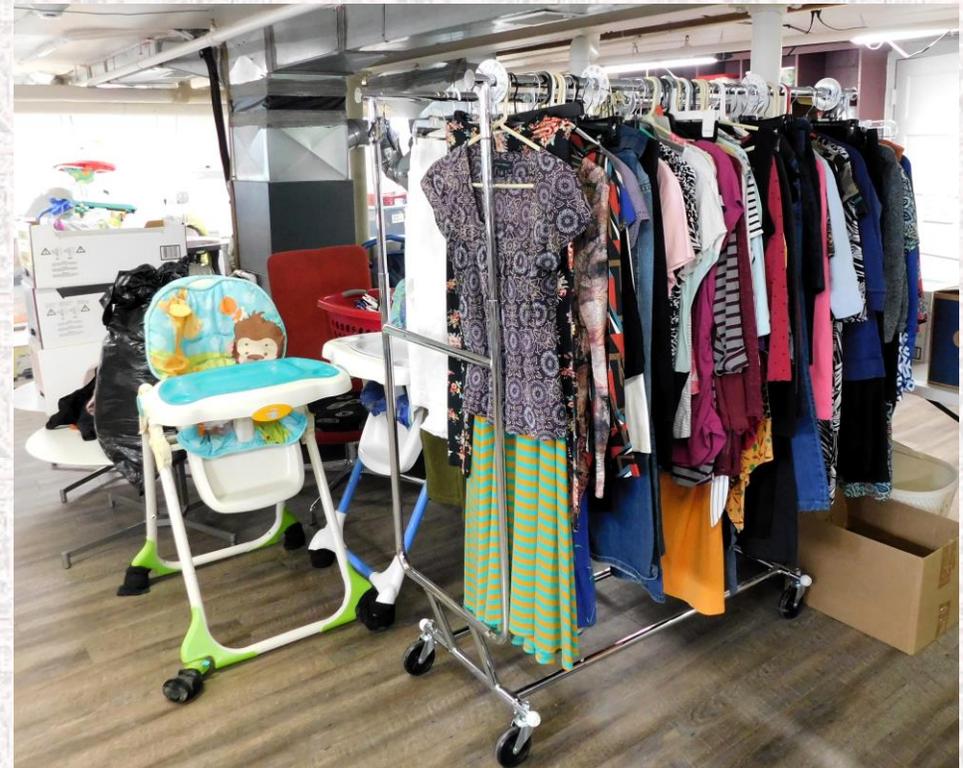
Center of Basement



Before



After



Washing Machine Area



Before



During



After



Sewing Room



Before



After



Circuit Breaker Room Area

Before



After



Our Volunteers



355 total hours work

20 volunteers

\$4,000 for lumber,
hardware, bins, tables,
clothing racks, and
supplies

