



# PRECIOUS GEMS Home for Women

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## GOD IS DOING GREAT THINGS!

Repairs have been completed in the apartment after the fire and Sheryl is moved back upstairs. We now have drywall instead of lath & plaster and the electrical has been brought up to current code. What Satan meant for evil, God meant for good!

We have a full house! Four residents now live in the home. We are honored that they chose to live at Precious Gems. They are settling in nicely and are getting to know each other. Our prayer is that they will become a family to each other—cheering each other on as they each seek to overcome their past difficulties and become who God wants them to be.

Three of the residents are employed (one has 2 jobs) and the fourth is actively looking for employment. Two attend Baker College. Each resident will have a mentor as well as a volunteer who will assist them with financial literacy. It is our desire that what they learn and the relationships they develop while at our home will give them solid footing and support for the rest of their lives. Each is working on developing and meeting long and short-term goals that they set for themselves. Sheryl has been assisting them with various things such as proper ways to clean, meal planning and preparation, setting boundaries, learning appropriate dress and etiquette, being kind, positive and encouraging, making healthy food choices and apologizing and forgiving others. They are learning to sew and have learned from a volunteer how to decorate cakes and cupcakes. A couple of them are interested in art. One crafts jewelry and would like to have her own business someday. Another has saved up money to purchase a car.

Devotions are a part of each day. All four have been participating and we have been encouraged by the spiritual growth of the women. They all have chosen to attend church with Sheryl and two have made commitments to the Lord to make real change happen in their life. That is the main goal of our home—to see women come to Christ or deepen their relationship with the Lord. We are thrilled to hear that they are praying and searching for God's direction in their life or hearing for the first time that Jesus loves them. God is blessing this home in a mighty way. We know that "with God all things are possible" and this home is certainly proof of that!!

## OUR MISSION

To serve our God by providing a home to young women who are homeless; to help them learn to trust; to help them make good choices; to provide stability as they mature; to help them discover who they are, where they want to go, and what they want to be; to give them a place to call home as they begin their adult journey in life.

Suppose a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to her, "Go I wish you well; keep warm and well fed", but does nothing about her physical needs, what good is it? Faith by itself, if not accompanied by works, is dead. James 2: 15-17

### ***Prayer Requests:***

- ◆ Continued spiritual growth of our residents
- ◆ Employment for our latest resident
- ◆ Wisdom for Sheryl

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To everyone who attended, sponsored and donated to our  
Third Annual Diamonds and Rubies event.

We raised over \$11,000 which will support the home for several months!!

To Steve Kalmbach and Mark Grogan for being so faithful in removing our snow.

To Kate Overmyer for doing nails and hair for our residents.

To Treasa Cooper for hosting a pizza and game night.

To an anonymous donor who purchased the Cadillac News for us for 15 months.

WE ARE SO BLESSED!

*We currently spend about \$400 bi-monthly to mail out newsletters. If you have an e-mail address we could send the newsletter to instead, we would appreciate it if you would supply that address to us.*

*It is important to us to keep you informed, but e-mailing would give us more money to spend on the residents and the home.*

*Please e-mail us at [preciousgemshome@gmail.com](mailto:preciousgemshome@gmail.com) or call Lynn at 231-878-8613.*

**Thank you for your support!**

#### HELP MAKE OUR HOME BEAUTIFUL!

Let us know if you would be willing to donate a flat of annuals or a hanging basket.

Not only will this beautify our home, but it will help our residents learn to plant and care for outdoor plants.



To send contributions to Precious Gems,  
Please mail it to:

c/o Michelle Jenema  
4394 S. Forward Rd.  
Falmouth, MI 49632

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