



# PRECIOUS GEMS Home for Women

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## Renovation

By Lynn Mulder, President

Well, our renovation and redecorating is underway. We have made great progress with the help of many volunteers. The room we will be using for the kitchen is stripped down to the studs. We are hoping to start soon on putting the beam in so we can remove a wall between the kitchen and dining room. Once that is done, we can start work on the electrical and plumbing in the kitchen, then the drywall, and then hang the cupboards. We are working on getting bathroom fixtures such as the tub/shower units, toilets and sinks. Once those are acquired, we can start plumbing. There is also some electrical work

that needs to be done throughout the house. We have several builders, electricians and plumbers that have generously agreed to help us accomplish all this.

The painting is almost complete on the first floor. We are now starting to patch the walls and strip the gorgeous woodwork upstairs in the house parent apartment. We will then repaint and possibly install a mini kitchen.

All the bedrooms have been "adopted" and have been furnished and decorated. We have all the furniture we need for the house.

We had a deck donated that is built in the back of the house.

We are SO thankful for all the people who gave of their time and resources to help us in so many areas. Our hope is that the home will be ready for occupancy in September. Please pray that the work would progress smoothly and we will be ready to help young women in need very soon.

We can still use people with construction knowledge/skills to help with the renovation. Please contact me at 231-825-2533 if you are able to help in this way.

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## MORTGAGE PAYMENT

We are still in need of mortgage payments. As a church, individual, family or business, would you prayerfully consider a gift like this? Could you commit to ONE per year? The donation would be \$671.60.

## 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

## NEEDS

- \* Electric Start Push Lawn Mower
- \* Vacuum Cleaner
- \* Dirt Devil Hand Vac

\*Precious Gems is a 501(c)3 organization so your gifts are fully tax-deductible

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Lisa Bronkema, Treasurer  
130 S. Sabina St.  
McBain, MI 49657

### RELIEF STAFF NEEDED

Relief staff will be responsible for the home when the house parent(s) is not on duty. Some overnight stays would be possible. They would be responsible to see that the home keeps running smoothly in the absence of the house parent(s) and the policies and procedures are followed. A main part of this job is just to love these women and to let them know they are precious to God. This can be a paid position or volunteer. See our website for an application and job description.

### BETH MOORE SIMULCAST

LADIES: Precious Gems Home for Women presents the **Living Proof Live Simulcast with Beth Moore and worship leader Travis Cottrell**. Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 9:30 am – 4:15 pm at Temple Hill Baptist Church in Cadillac. All proceeds will benefit Precious Gems. Cost is \$25.00, which includes lunch. For tickets, please call Lisa Bronkema at 231-825-2353 or Bonnie Alworden at 231-920-6643 or send an email to [preciousgemshome@gmail.com](mailto:preciousgemshome@gmail.com).

### HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

Precious Gems Home for Women is looking for a mature Christian couple or single female that would serve the Lord by being house parents. We offer an apartment and small stipend. Responsibilities include assisting the residents with setting and achieving their educational and/or employment goals, life skills training and most importantly, showing these young ladies the love of Christ. Please see our website at [www.preciousgemshome.org](http://www.preciousgemshome.org) for a complete job description, application and our statement of faith.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**Are you looking for a way to use your organizational skills to serve the Lord? Precious Gems needs a Volunteer and Activity Coordinator.**

**This position would include the following duties:**

- \* **Coordinate with staff opportunities for training, retreats and other activities beneficial to the staff in relationship to the home.**
- \* **Develop and maintain a volunteer list**
- \* **Screen potential volunteers**
- \* **Coordinate paid and volunteer services regarding maintenance of the home and grounds, life skills training, activities for the residents, etc.**
- \* **Develop and maintain affiliations and relationships with various support organizations and local businesses.**
- \* **Assist residents in finding help with GED preparation, college entrance and financial aid forms and finding volunteer and employment opportunities.**

**If interested or for more information, contact Lynn Mulder at 231-825-2533 or 231-878-8613.**

**(This is a volunteer position that would require 10-20 hours per week)**

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