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Dear Friend of Gabriel,

With winter officially behind us, we at *Gabriel* are thankful for the Lord's provision for us and for the moms we served during those bleak, cold, months.

Spring brings with it the anticipation of warmer weather and a brighter outlook for the months ahead.

Speaking of the months ahead, our *Twentieth Anniversary Gala* is only 37 days away.

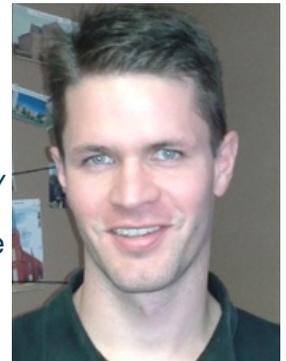
In addition to a delicious buffet dinner, the Gala will include inspiring messages from our Board of Directors and Church Coordinators, practical stories of how our Angel Friends share their love and concern for our moms, and heart-warming stories from our moms--past and present.

However, we'd be most honored and blessed if you could join us. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for a joyous celebration of God's faithfulness to our ministry!

In His service,

Stephen J. Wallace

Executive Director



We are hiring!

Know anyone who would make a great Director of *Gabriel's* Church-based Ministry? Or, someone who would enjoy the challenge as House Director for our newly-renovated Bowie home? Position details are available on our website. Please check back or call 800-264-3565 x 302 if you, or someone you know, would enjoy being a part of our team.

Mary C. ... what Angels do!

I have been an angel friend to Nan for almost two years. Now 18 years old, she has two children ages one and two.

My interaction with Nan was originally to provide practical items that any mother with babies needs. However, our relationship has become one of friendship and mentorship as I strive to see her reach her independence and work her way out of "the system."

My goals also include teaching her how to respect herself and "wait" until the Lord sends a man who truly loves her. With no male role model in her life, that concept has been hard for Nan to grasp. Our now close relationship has been built on trust, so much so that her children call me "grandma."

Often, as Angel Friends, we must help young moms like Nan to deal with the minutia of life that most of take for granted--like helping her obtain authentic photo identification.

Having accompanied Nan to the DMV to secure a driver's license, each time we refused and asked to return with a second form of address verification. Although this request sounds reasonable, her being less than 18 years of age made the verification process painful, with seemingly no real hope for quick resolution.

This is where Angel Friend creativity allows us to spread our wings and search for solutions. After sending Nan a postcard from me, which verified her address, we sought and received her voter registration. Problem solved. Fortunately, Nan had her original birth certificate and her social security card, or we would have had to file for those as well and delay the process even further.

Obtaining birth certificates and identification for the children was equally as frustrating. But at long last, all documentation is current and Nan has all the forms tucked safely away in a file folder I purchased for her.

With each passing day, I recognize Nan growing in ways that prove she is on her way to becoming a self-sufficient young mother. She is able to understand the responsibilities that come with motherhood and independent living.

Accomplishing these small tasks that most of us take for granted has been very rewarding for Nan.

Nan feels blessed to be my friend, something I don't take lightly. I, on the other hand, feel honored to be given the time, talent, and treasure to help meet Nan's needs at this critical time in her life. From my perspective, I am receiving more from her and her children than I could ever give.

If you are contemplating volunteering for an organization, I can assure you, you will not find a better way to serve the Lord than by becoming someone's *Gabriel Network* Angel Friend.

--Mary C.

Join us May 2 as we celebrate of twentieth year!

Plans are underway for our 10th annual Gala as we prepare to celebrate our twentieth year of service to women who may be homeless and pregnant and

who have chosen life for their unborn child.

With your support, and that of generous sponsors, our goal is to raise \$100,000 at this, our biggest fundraiser of the year. If we meet this goal, we will be able to:

- Sustain all three of our maternity homes for another year.
- Strengthen our Church Ministry Director's efforts to bring more dedicated church volunteers into our network of service.
- And, hire a day-time counselor and coordinator for our Bowie home.

So, plan on joining us...

Gabriel 20th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, May 2, from 6:30-10PM

Knights of Columbus Rosensteel Hall

9707 Rosensteel Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

*For more information call 800-264-3565 x 301 or visit
gabrielnetwork.org to register online.*

Help us help our moms when you make your purchases at AmazonSmile.com this spring.

Preparing to work in your garden as soon as this nasty winter weather breaks? Need garden supplies and other useful tools to start your projects? *AmazonSmile* is a simple way for you purchase those much needed supplies AND show how much you love our mom's. At no extra cost to you.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com Amazon will donate a small portion of the purchase price to *Gabriel*. For more information about how you can make your purchase count for *Gabriel*, [click here](#).



There are many other ways you can help!

We have an immediate need for:

- Diapers, size 3-6
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Formula-sensitive varieties
- Metro cards
- New Car Seats
- New Pack-N-Play
- New and Used baby bottles (if used, please clean first)

Administrative and Fundraising assistance:

Periodically, we need help with events and administrative tasks. To volunteer,

contact us by dialing 1-800-264-3565, ext. 301.

GIVE NOW!

We wouldn't be a charity if we didn't ask for money, the fuel that keeps us running. [Click here](#) to donate on our website or send a check to PO Box 2116, Bowie, MD 20718.

For other opportunities not listed, or more suggestions on how you could serve, please call us at 1-800-264-3565!

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