



LIFE *Lines*

Newsletter of Mother Seton House, Inc.
“We cherish life by supporting pregnant women,
new mothers and infants in need.”

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Mom and Baby Are *Doing Fine!*

It was a bittersweet day when Serene and Rowan moved out. So many of Serene’s hopes and dreams were coming true. Their little family had achieved their economic goals, and secured an apartment together. Just shy of Rowan’s first birthday they were able to begin their lives as a family.

Serene was a guest at Mother Seton House throughout her whole pregnancy and until Rowan was almost a year old. During her stay at Mother Seton House she developed confidence and organizational skills. We came to love her quiet ways and gentle spirit.

“I am very glad I had the opportunity to stay here. I appreciated the help Lilla (daytime volunteer house manager) gave me and the conversations we had.”



Gene put Mother Seton House on a *Firm Foundation!*

The Board of Directors, with the help of his wife Barbara, surprised Gene Bourque with a celebration dinner at Fryeburg Kitchen and Market. The occasion was the retirement of Gene from the Board, and head of Building and Grounds. Gene’s dedication

as a volunteer for 20 years at Mother Seton House helped create and maintain the safety and function of the home. He attended to every detail, from securing a dry basement to dealing with ice on the roof. We are very grateful to Gene for his devoted years of service.

A letter from the director

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you from our beautiful sunroom/office. It is peaceful - mom and baby are napping and I just finished my thank you notes to donors. It is a luxury to enjoy the sun, the calm, the abundance of comfort here at Mother Seton House.

Often it is a bustling place. Tutors, visiting nurses, social workers and donors are in and out providing support. When multiple moms are in residence the kitchen is a hub of

activity.

The best times are when I get to hold a baby while his mom is making lunch or folding laundry. We sing silly songs and tell each other stories. Nothing beats coaxing a smile from a four month old.

Thank you to each of you for your prayers and donations. Mother Seton House is a sanctuary for the moms, the babies and the volunteers.

In Faith, with Hope,
Cyndi Broyer



A Special Visit

On a special day in August of 2025, the Mother Seton House was visited by the Most Reverend James Thomas Ruggieri, Bishop of the Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church of Portland, Maine.

Bishop Ruggieri expressed an interest in knowing more about the ministry of the Mother Seton House, so Director Cyndi Broyer invited him to visit and tour our home and its facilities.

He asked each of us to tell about our personal connections and experiences with Mother Seton House. After his tour we sat at the dining table and discussed and answered some questions regarding the qualifying criteria for admission and other general questions about our operations

At the conclusion of our warm discussion, the Most Reverend offered many thanks for sharing our time and information with him, gave a house blessing, and said our mission would be in his prayers.

This was a very special moment for all of us as we indeed



felt God's Blessings from his visit. Those present were Claudia Everett, Bonnie Marsh, Les Gunther, Gene and Barbara Bourque, Joan Newton, Lilla Ridlon, Cyndi Broyer and David Cianciolo.

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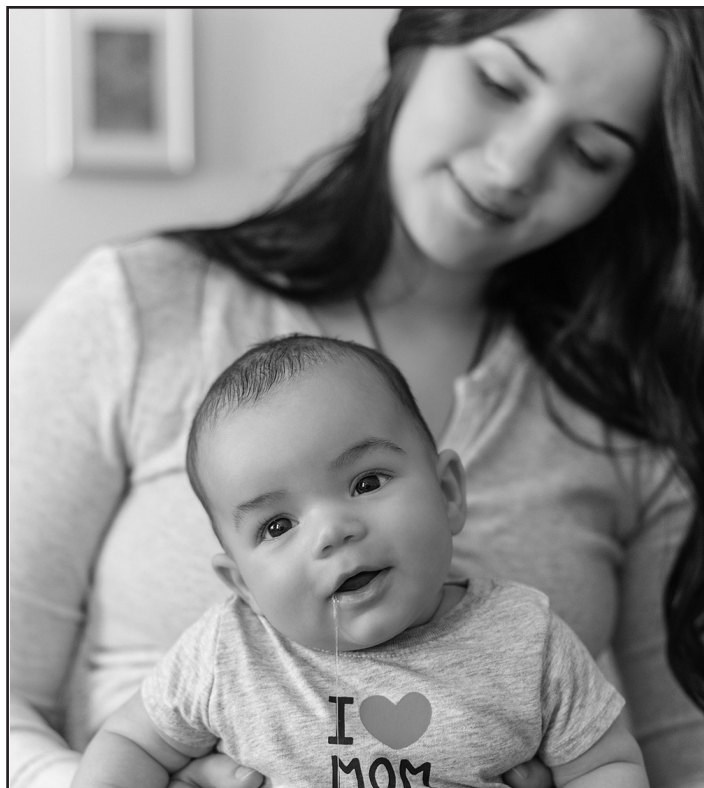
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Step BY Step Mady @ Trip

Mady arrived at Mother Seton House with a wisdom beyond her years. She handles baby Trip with care and confidence, and he is thriving. At four months, he focuses quickly on new voices and faces, and, after a thoughtful few moments of eye contact, rewards the speaker with a sweet smile. He is starting to gurgle in response, and you can tell that he is already familiar with the art of conversation. Mady attributes her comfort level in his care to being part of a large family and giving much time and attention to her younger brothers. She is determined to do her best in caring for Trip.



Putting one foot in front of the other, Mady is taking thoughtful and balanced steps toward a positive future for herself and young Trip. We are happy to help her along the way.



Having grown up in Bangor, Mady has friends and family there, but she finds Fryeburg to be a nice little town and enjoys walking about the neighborhood with Trip on pleasant days. She feels much support and opportunity and important help with baby supplies at Mother Seton House as she completes her schooling and considers possibilities for the future.

Beyond school and baby care, Mady enjoys online videos, drawing, and frequent walks, a nice balance. Thinking ahead, she would like to work

through adult ed for training in cosmetology. One of the activities she has enjoyed in her family was giving hair cuts, and feels that it would make a practical and enjoyable career.

Many... Thanks!

We are very grateful to Tom Sturdivant, owner of Fryeburg Kitchen and Market, for donating the celebration dinner for Gene Bourque. It was delicious and deeply appreciated.

It's easy to donate to Mother Seton House



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