

St. Marguerite d'Youville Home



Balinda Chargois, Housing Director

Welcome Balinda: Balinda has been a close friend of the DesOrmeaux Family for many years and it is her love for Mrs. Brenda that drew her to become a volunteer at The Foundation. Balinda began helping at the Maternity Home, then the Transition Home, and soon added chores such as mowing the lawn, weeding flowerbeds and repairing anything that needed fixing. It wasn't long before her talents and compassionate personality were seen as a perfect fit for our ministry. Now as Housing Director, Balinda guides the moms as she teaches them vital life skills to encourage self-sufficiency. *"I have found my calling. From teaching them how to cook to helping their children with homework, I am privileged to spend quality time with everyone in the home. Many of the girls see me as a mother figure and have told me how much they appreciate my help and enjoy talking with me because I always put God first. It is touching when they see that I respect them as individuals who have had very challenging pasts."*



Vanisha: Welcome to our newest baby in our Maternity Home. Meet Nalani. She was born on Feb. 12th, weighing only 3lbs 2ozs. Her mom, Vanisha was hospitalized for 6 weeks due to complications and went into premature labor at 31 weeks. Vanisha was able to see her baby in the NICU via the hospital's webcam and had limited visits. Nalani is now home and growing steadily. She is picking up her head, has a strong cry and loves listening to Mickey Mouse's Playhouse. Vanisha is doing on-line GED classes, volunteering at Baby & Me Boutique and shares her beautiful voice with us as she spends time in our Chapel for Mass. She left April 27th to start her new journey. She says she will use all the tools she learned here to help her survive financially, mentally and faithfully with God.



Yanira: Yanira came to us when she was just a few weeks pregnant back in Nov. At that time she could only speak Spanish, but has since begun an on-line English Course, as well as working toward her GED. She is due this summer and has already chosen a name for her baby girl, Daniela Martinez. Yanira has been volunteering at Baby & Me Boutique, reading her bible, attending Mass & Adoration. Her favorite meal she has learned to cook is crawfish etouffee with homemade biscuits. Please continue to pray for a safe delivery & healthy baby.



Abby Johnson: Vanisha and Yanira were grateful to meet Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood Director, whose conversion story was featured in the anti-abortion movie "Unplanned". They said it was an incredible honor to hear her life changing testimony she shared as the guest speaker at JPG Academy's 2020 Gala hosted on March 13th in Lafayette. Thank you to our supporters who help place such powerful, pro-life activists in their lives.



Please keep our home in your prayers and remember to refer mother-to-be in a homeless situation. We will love, guide, and nurture them by the graces that God pours on this ministry. If you feel led, we are in need of more faithful House Moms like Tami Schulte who blesses us with her time. As always, we thank you for your continued support and prayers.

You are Forever in our Hearts, Balinda