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# Winter 2024 Newsletter

## OUR NEWEST ARRIVALS:

Name	D.O.B.	Weight
Gabriella	9/5/24	7lbs 7oz
Orhan	9/5/24	7lbs 12oz
Gabriel	9/23/24	8lbs 13oz
Wyatt	9/24/24	8lbs 12oz
Kiaan	9/27/24	5lbs 8oz
Willem	10/11/24	6lbs 8oz
Lila	10/31/24	6lbs 9oz
Romeo	11/23/24	8lbs 1oz
Heaven-lai	11/23/24	5lbs



**No Child ever unwanted  
 No Mother ever rejected**

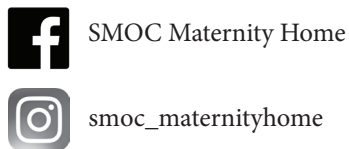
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In 1986, The Saint Margaret Home started helping others and only continues to do so with your ongoing help. The Home needs your prayers. The Home needs your volunteer time. The Home needs your contributions. The Saint Margaret Home is a 501©3 organization and your contributions are tax deductible. You can donate in many ways- designate the Home as your United Way Beneficiary (United Way No. 8986), Paypal or Venmo @SMOCHome . You can also check out our Amazon Wish List. The Home appreciates all the support.



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We at Saint Margaret believe that every life should be treasured and loved. No one should ever feel unwanted. Saint Margaret knew much suffering and abandonment in her life, though she never lost her Faith nor Trust in God's love and shared it with whomever she met. We at the Saint Margaret Home wish to emulate her generosity of Spirit and love for those feeling unwanted or abandoned – respecting the Life of every Woman and Child. The Saint Margaret Home wants to do what it can to make sure every life is appreciated.



*“A baby is an angel whose wings decrease as his legs increase.”*  
 ~ Author Unknown

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Dear Friends,

This year flew by! This past fall, my household finally got the hang of kindergarten, finished our first soccer season and celebrated my husband's 3rd lung transplant anniversary! I feel like I blinked and it was already November! This holiday season I am especially thankful for my family, friends and everyone here at SMOC. Currently at the Home we have two mothers, five month old twin boys and a two month old baby girl! Another expectant mother will be moving in shortly. Thanks to help from St. Katherine of Siena parish and Board Treasurer Chip Duke, the moms were able to enjoy a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner. We are looking forward to Christmas and making new memories.

We continue to help over 110 parents in the community monthly. I would like to say how much we appreciate the ongoing support for the Home and parents we serve. We are only able to continue helping hundreds of parents a year because of supporters like you. As always, thank you for your continued support. We appreciate every prayer, well-wish, donation and kind word. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year!

Love and Positive Thoughts Always,  
Eileen



### *Kaitlin's Story in Her Own Words*

They are so amazing they helped me before I had my baby and after. They give me diapers and wipes each visit. And they give me most of what I need or ask for. They are very helpful and reliable. And they are amazing. I worked with Tara a lot and she is amazing. Tara helped me through a lot and she worked with me and my schedule. She's an awesome person and you will love working with them and as my baby gets older I will donate anything she doesn't need to give to someone in need. For real I have been struggling with this new child and without this place I don't know what I would've been doing. Thank you so much for yall help. And I recommend anybody to use this program.

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***"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work."***  
 ~ C.S. Lewis

*Huge thanks to LaSalle College High School for continuing to volunteer at the Home for their annual Branch Out day! These young men, their fathers and teachers helped clean up the grounds, remove our AC units for the season and more. See you guys next year!*

**\*\* Update!** Our fundraiser was rescheduled for 1/26/25. Come join us!

SMOC MATERNITY HOME PRESENTS  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH** **NFC CHAMPIONSHIP WATCH PARTY** **GAME STARTS AT 3:00 PM**  
**The Green Parrot Restaurant & Pub**  
 240 N. Sycamore St.  
 Newtown, PA 18940

**Raffle Baskets, 50/50 and Block Pool!**  
 Proceeds to benefit the SMOC Maternity Home

SMOC Maternity Home is a registered nonprofit 501(c)3 helping pregnant women and parents with children under the age of 1. We help with parenting education, support with material items such as diapers and more. All services are free of charge.

Can't make it and would like to participate in the 50/50?



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 Drawing live on Facebook 1/27/25 at 12:00pm

For more information, call 215-245-8039 or visit us at [facebook.com/SMOCMaternityHome](https://www.facebook.com/SMOCMaternityHome)

**\*\*Wish List\*\***

**Wipes • Size 3 to size 6 Diapers • Paper Towels • Dish Soap • Formula**