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Dear Supporters and Friends,

We are now celebrating our 36th year of existence at Little Mary's. This 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization has entertained families from all of the Great Lakes States and many of the other states in the country. This unique facility entertains families who have children with life threatening or terminal illnesses. When space is available, we accept terminal adults and have extended our services for medical seminars and conferences pertaining to our clientele. Women's, men's and youth retreats have also been part of our winter agenda.

Spring offered a time for work bees by individuals and groups that have supported our organization for many years. These people were locals and from areas throughout the state.

Wal-Mart had a fundraiser for us at their fulfillment center in Coldwater, Michigan. Gary Garrett was the person who headed this program. The drivers donated many paper products, dish soap, laundry detergent, garbage bags, and games. They also gave us a donation of \$500.00 which was matched by a donation from Big Lots with their own \$500.00 donation.

In June, Eli Anglebrant, a past guest and cancer survivor, brought his Boy Scout Troop to share his past vacation experience here at Little Mary's. These young men, along with the troop leaders, donated several days of service to bring vibrant colors to the grounds. They painted the picnic tables, lawn chairs, and love seats in the yard. What a gift they gave to the guests and the community. After returning home, Eli presented his story to the Kiwanis Club in Flint. The club was impressed by the work Little Mary's does and the dedication of volunteers like Eli, that they sent a donation of \$500.00 in Eli's name. He is truly a gift to his family and to Little Mary's.

The 4th of July festivities were absolutely breathtaking with the fireworks over Crystal Lake. Our local parade with a full house at Little Mary's, and a pot luck picnic with guests from several area churches made for a perfect celebration.

The autumn season began with the second Louisiana Dinner provided by St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Irons. We received a donation of \$2,000.00 from the dinner.

At the end of October it was exciting to see the 100 Women Who Care, which is a local community women's group who formed an alliance with the intent to streamline fundraising to help local organizations. They chose Little Mary's as the recipient. We received checks totaling \$7,000.00 dollars. Both of these generous donations are being used for the renovation in the bathrooms on the lower level. The Country and Fantasyland apartments are extremely popular and are the only two that are wheelchair accessible. The bathrooms will be equipped with handicap accessible showers. The remodeling has started already with all the labor being donated. We are also planning to construct a small kitchenette in the conference area of the recreation building which will allow for cooking or for keeping food items warm. The sink will enable easier clean up for the guests as well.

We recently changed our outdated locks on the doors. We now have a master key that will allow our staff and emergency personnel to access the property without having to carry a ring with multiple keys on it. Guests will still have a key for their apartment.

In November, we were informed that many of the trees on the grounds of our property have the Oak Wilt Disease. Jesse Roman, owner of Roman Empire Tree Service, has been removing the infested trees at no cost to Little Mary's. Thank you for all you help with our grounds.

The 1959 Black Cadillac that was donated to Little Mary's by Dick and Beverly Trumley will be auctioned off at the 45th Annual RM Sotheby's Fall Auction held August 30 thru September 2, 2018 at the Auburn Action Park in Auburn Indiana. The proceeds will be used for the never ending upgrades and ongoing repairs of our unique building. It is with great sadness that we have to announce that Beverly passed away in February. We will miss this wonderful woman and her support of Little Mary's for the past 35 years.

MARK YOUR CALANDERS

Little Mary's Hospitality House
Presents Our 36th Anniversary Gala



Join us Saturday, July 28, 2018 at
The Norman Township Community Center
1273 S Seaman Road • Wellston

Adults - \$25.00 • Children 7-13 - \$10.00 • 6 and Under - Free
For tickets or more information please call Little Mary's at (231) 848-4699

The menu will be a Five Star Dinner of Surf and Turf. We will have our silent auctions, the grand raffle and several bucket raffles. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the children of the Irons Bible Church. Mark and Teresa Fischer, proprietors of Fischer LP Gas Co. will again be donating all the food and paper items for this memorable event.

Everyone knows about the online shopping boom that has come to be and with that boom, Amazon has provided a way for you to donate a portion of your shopping total to Little Mary's. For more details visit, <https://smile.amazon.com>.

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Thank you for your continued support and prayers which allow all our guests to enjoy the beautiful gift of Little Mary's Hospitality House.