



# Mamma's Hands

Celebrating 30 Years!

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## HOUSE of HOPE May Mother's Campaign!

The days are getting a little longer, flowers are in bloom, and the month of May has arrived! We are reminded of new beginnings, and of all the wonderful women in our lives to be thankful for, whether it is a mother, sister, aunt, or friend.

This month we celebrate Mother's Day and the importance of moms, but homeless women are often forgotten. Every mother deserves to feel special! At the HOUSE of HOPE, we celebrate all mothers. We honor the difficult sacrifices and choices they make to protect their families. We acknowledge their hard work and determination to create a better life. We celebrate the love they have for their children.

We are honoring the hard-working mothers at the HOUSE of HOPE all month long! Here are some of the ways you can contribute to making sure that all moms have a safe home and the support needed to realize their dreams.



- ◆ Visit: [mammashands.org](http://mammashands.org) to make a contribution in honor of an influential woman in your life.
- ◆ Follow us on: [facebook.com/mammashands](https://www.facebook.com/mammashands), and invite a friend to learn about Mamma's Hands.
- ◆ Send cards or words of encouragement to the mothers at the HOUSE of HOPE.
- ◆ Start your own fundraiser for the HOUSE of HOPE on Facebook or Give Lively.
- ◆ Join our volunteer shortlist to be notified of volunteer opportunities at the HOUSE of HOPE.
- ◆ Check out our new blog featuring one Mom's story of how the HOUSE of HOPE saved her family.
- ◆ Support our crucial **Annual Auction & Dinner Gala** – rescheduled to **Friday, October 16, 2020!**

We appreciate all of the wonderful contributions of time, talent and gifts that make moms feel special this Mother's Day. All funds raised during the month of May will go directly to help the mothers at the HOUSE of HOPE as they work hard to create a bright future for their children. For more information, please contact Executive Director Kimberly Jackson-Belaggoun at [kimberly@mammashands.org](mailto:kimberly@mammashands.org).

*From All of Us at Mamma's Hands — Thank You for Your Support!*

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# HOUSE of HOPE

## *Kind Hearts & Helping Hands!*



As always, we are so grateful for our incredible volunteers! When HOUSE of HOPE needed fabric masks and COVID-19 supplies, our kind supporters stepped up to help keep our moms & kids safe!

Our Sincere Thanks to: *Rachael & Mary Drake, Chrystelle James, Christine Mallone, Mary Marres and Tiffany Porter. And to Everyone who has made a donation during this time – Thank you, ALL!*

Carrying on the Family Tradition: Denny & Leslie's daughter, *Rachael (Hancock) Drake*, has been helping Mamma's Hands since going out on the **Phone Home Bus** as a child to feed the homeless. So, it naturally followed that Rachael and her daughter, *Mary*, would launch into a marathon-sew to provide 32 fabric masks for the urgent need at the HOUSE of HOPE! Thank you, Rachael & Mary for continuing the tradition!



HOH Residents are happy with their new masks!



Rachael and daughter Mary in their mask-sewing marathon mode!

## You Can Help the HOUSE of HOPE & Local Businesses!

The women and children at HOUSE of HOPE need our help, and so do our local businesses! So why not help both? Here's an easy way to do it!

What if we each purchased gift cards from our favorite local businesses and donated them to **Mamma's Hands "Legacy of Love" Auction, scheduled for Friday, October 16!** The business gets a boost now when they really need it, and Mamma's Hands gets a boost for its very crucial fundraiser. This is a win-win for them and a feel-good, 2-gifts-in-one moment for all of us!

You can mail gift cards to: Mamma's Hands, PO Box 40464, Bellevue, WA 98015. And, please consider attending Mamma's Hands Gala in October – it's a great time for a great cause!

Thank you! - *Suzan Watanabe*, long-time friend & supporter of Mamma's Hands



# HOUSE of HOPE

## *Leisa Finds a New Beginning!*

Leisa\* and her 2-year-old son, Nico, entered the HOUSE of HOPE in August 2019, after domestic violence from her husband left them homeless. In the safety of our shelter program, as part of her care plan, she attended onsite biweekly parenting classes, and Nico received important developmental screening and speech and motor therapies through our community partner, *Encompass*.

During her stay, Leisa secured a job as a prep cook, and because of her income we were able to refer her to confidential transitional housing. Leisa and Nico graduated HOUSE of HOPE and moved into their own apartment in December 2019. "Secret Santa" gifts and donations from our program helped furnish their new home.

Now, with stable housing, Leisa looks forward to having her 10-year-old son, Nestor, back permanently with the family. She is doing well at work and is in line for a raise. We remain closely connected to Leisa and her children through our HOUSE of HOPE Aftercare Program. It is such a joy to witness the family's success!

***"Thank you so much for the HOUSE of HOPE, and God bless all those who helped us. Our new apartment is such a blessing! We're not homeless anymore, and the kids are so happy. Because of you, we had our first Christmas in 5 years. Words cannot express how grateful I am to Mamma's Hands!" - Leisa, 2019 HOUSE of HOPE Graduate (\*Names changed for safety)***

## HOUSE of HOPE: Making an Impact on Homelessness!

- **Domestic Violence:** While families often experience more than one cause of homelessness, domestic violence remains the leading cause of homelessness for the mothers & children at the HOUSE of HOPE. In 2019, 82% of resident applicants gave domestic violence as the cause of their homelessness. 2019 saw an increase in applications, with our largest referral base being from 2-1-1 Crisis Connections. On average we see between 2-5 resident applications per week from families seeking safe housing.
- **Providing Services & Resources:** Our onsite services are offered based on best practices in addressing family homelessness. Working with our community partners, we provide residents with specialized services, such as one-on-one parenting coaching and pediatric behavioral therapy for children experiencing trauma.
- **Making an Impact:** In 2019, the HOUSE of HOPE program graduated 15 families into stable housing, and served nearly 60 women and children in residence. Currently, our Aftercare Program provides follow-up care and support services for 16 families, including 79 children.

**HOUSE of HOPE serves locally, helping families in crisis to rebuild their lives.**

**Thank you for your generous support!**



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# New Event Date!

**Friday, October 16, 2020**

Mamma's Hands  
Gala Auction & Dinner Event

The Golf Club at Newcastle

**For Information, to Purchase Tickets, or to become a Sponsor:**

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