Thank you CBRE for providing our kiddo birthday cakes!

A mother’s persistence, upcoming events, and February fun!

**Mall of America Pond Fund**

In February, Haven Housing will be the recipient of the Mall of America Pond Fund.

All of the coins tossed in the fountains at the MOA throughout the month of February will be donated to Haven Housing!

If you visit the mall this month, be sure to make a wish for the women and children of Haven Housing!

**Denise’s Perseverence**

Denise, a 21-year-old mother of twin baby boys, had been homeless for three years, had no rental history, poor credit, lived with a history of abuse and domestic violence, and struggled to maintain good mental health when she moved into our emergency family shelter.

While staying at St. Anne’s Place, Denise quickly connected with other residents. She attended every on-site yoga class and participated in field trips, parenting classes, mental health groups and financial classes. Her sons were enrolled in PICA Headstart and attended consistently while mom worked hard to find housing, applying for several apartments only to have them fall through at the last minute. However, Denise persisted even through the disappointment of seeing many residents, now friends, move on to stable housing.

After the twins’ 1st birthday and seven months at St. Anne's Place, Denise received Section 8 funding and she and her babies have moved into their own apartment in a small Minnesota town. While we miss Denise and the boys, we are so proud of their determination and accomplishments.

**Save the Date: Upcoming Events**

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HeArt of Giving Boutique  
Saturday, February 10th  
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Hubbard Marketplace  
10am - 4pm

Looking for a unique Valentine's gift? Join us for a one-of-a-kind shopping experience right here in Birdtown. Many vendors will be donating a portion of their sales to Haven Housing. Find handmade jewelry, decor, branded clothing, ceramics and much more! **Bring your little ones along**: they can work with some local artists to create something fantastic to take home!

Catholic Community Foundation Forum  
Monday, March 12th  
**St. Catherine University**  
6 - 8:30pm

Register today to network over hors d'oeuvres and drinks as our very own Julie Kelley will represent Haven Housing on a social philanthropy panel: *How do we support young mothers and their children in crisis and help them break the cycle of poverty?*. We are grateful to have been a 2017 Catholic Community Foundation grant recipient.

Happy Hour with Haven Housing  
Tuesday, June 5th  
**Bauhaus Brew Labs**  
4:30 - 8:30pm

Join us for drinks, food, live music by Daniel Switch, a silent auction, a gift card wall, networking, community, and fun at Bauhaus Brew Labs to **support our mission** to provide women in crisis or transition with a stable environment and the opportunity to explore options for their future!

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**Partnership Feature**

Did you know we provide over **17,000 diapers** to babies and young children each year at our emergency family shelter, St. Anne's Place? If we were to purchase that many diapers each year it would cost about $60,000. Luckily, **The Diaper Bank of Minnesota** works with us and other agencies throughout the Twin Cities to provide diapers to families in need.

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**Current Needs**

Are you looking for a way to help Haven Housing? We are currently in need of:

- gift cards ($10 or more) for the gift card wall at Happy Hour with Haven Housing
• women’s and children’s (ages 0-18) socks and underwear (must be new)
• women’s and children’s waterproof mittens/gloves (new or like new)

If you would like to help, please reply to this message with any questions or to schedule a delivery; you can even order online and send them directly to us.

"That's the reason I stay sober: to get my education and take good care of my kids." - Haven Housing participant