



Thanking the Lord as we complete our first full year of serving our residents, their families, and the Portland community



Becoming a part of the Martha & Mary Home

We need:

- Household helpers
- Compassionate Companions
- Marketing & Admin. support
- Dedicated donors
- Prayer Partners

"Love begins by taking care of the closest ones – the ones at home."

Blessed Mother Teresa

Merry Christmas from Martha & Mary Home to your home

Dear Friends,

People who visit our home often tell us: "I had no idea it would be so beautiful" or "From the moment I walked in, I felt such peace."

This is what we had hoped and prayed Martha & Mary Home would become when we opened on Dec. 1, 2010 – a place of beauty, hope, and peace even at the difficult time of death. Here in the beauty of the Dieringer home we have cared for 30 residents and their families in our first year. They have come from Portland's wealthiest and poorest neighborhoods, from a variety of faith perspectives and work experiences ranging from home to the open seas.

Each resident comes with a unique story. At Martha & Mary Home we learn these stories as the lives of our residents come to rest with us. We see each resident with inherent dignity, created in the image and likeness of God. We provide care and encouragement to make that dignity shine amid the

challenges our residents and their loved ones face in their final weeks and days.

Our ministry comes not just through us who are caregivers. It comes through the kindness and generosity of countless friends who share a vision of dignity at end of life. They cook meals, clean house, maintain the yard, pray, and donate money. This support is tremendously gratifying, and it helps us to stretch our resources to supplement the private and Medicaid reimbursements we receive for care.

Many of you have already generously supported our ministry, helping it become a model of compassion and support for those close to death. We are asking for your help so we can continue the patient, loving care that we can and must provide to one another during that special time at the end of our lives.

Merry Christmas from all of us!

Pat Cary, RN, MSN, Executive Director
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Christmas Wish List

- White all-cotton wash cloths and hand towels
- Tablecloths, 60 X 120" & napkins
- White all-cotton twin sheet sets
- Polish pottery pieces in memory of Evelyn Wojcik Dieringer
- Disposable gloves
- Baby wipes
- Disinfectant surface wipes (in round containers)
- Paper towels
- Gift cards
- Ground coffee

