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**Maggie's Place Welcomes New Addition:
Fifth Maternity Home to Open to House More Moms in Need**

(PHOENIX, AZ) - 02/02/2023: Maggie's Place provides pregnant, homeless women with safe shelter where they are surrounded by a loving community of support and wrap-around resources. Currently, Maggie's Place operates four maternity homes for pregnant women experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County (The Magdalene House; Phoenix, The Michael House; Glendale, The Elizabeth House; Tempe and The Hannah House; Mesa). With all four maternity homes full to capacity each night, Maggie's Place is welcoming a new addition - The Gabriel House.

"Even though we were disappointed with the Governor's decision to eliminate Maggie's Place from the state budget, we felt the need for our services is so great, that it was imperative we make the financial investment to expand", Laura Magruder, Maggie's Place CEO, said.

The Gabriel House, located in the West Valley between 99th and 107th avenues off of Camelback Road will open late summer of 2023. "Adding an additional maternity home to house more homeless, pregnant women is a vital next step for Maggie's Place as we continue to thoughtfully grow to address the need in Maricopa County", Laura Magruder, Maggie's Place CEO said. "We currently receive an average of 50 calls a week from pregnant moms seeking shelter that would qualify for our services that we are unable to house due to being at capacity."

Homeless and expecting mothers are able to move into a Maggie's Place maternity home at any point during their pregnancy and are able to live in the home until one year after their baby is born. During their time living at a Maggie's Place Home they are supported by live-in AmeriCorps members and an array of staff members who assist in equipping moms with essential resources. "We're working to meet moms where they are at to create a client-led pathway to independence, stability and joy", Magruder said.

With more than 13,000 individuals experiencing homelessness nightly in Maricopa County, and a 21% increase in homelessness since 2020, The Gabriel House will increase the number of expectant mothers Maggie's Place houses each night by 31%.

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About Maggie's Place Maggie's Place welcomes homeless pregnant and parenting women and their children into a safe and loving community, providing life-changing programs and ongoing services to help them become self-sufficient. Upon leaving a Maggie's Place home, women and their children are provided with ongoing support, including parenting education, child development and enrichment programs, employment assistance, social events and programs for improving family relations. To learn more, visit <https://www.maggiesplace.org>.