



## Jessica Is Standing On Her Own.

Before she came to St. Teresa Home, Jessica had overstayed her welcome at friends' homes and found all the homeless shelters full. To escape the cold, she stayed with her infant daughter in an all-night restaurant by ordering cup after cup of coffee.

When Jessica's caseworker told her about the Father Taaffe Homes, Jessica was hesitant, concerned that religion would be pushed on her, making her feel uncomfortable. But keeping her baby safe was her first concern, so she took the chance and made the call.

"A couple of days later, I was sitting in the house I had always dreamed of living in. A week later, I had my own room there – and my baby was warm."

Now, Jessica's life has completely changed. She graduated from community college, got a job, and moved into her own apartment with her daughter. She knows if she feels alone or has an emergency, help is just a phone call away. St. Teresa's will always be like home to her.

"I have no idea where my little girl and I would be if I had not found St. Teresa's Home and had the help of our housemothers. I love this home. They are like family to me and Kady."

## Father Taaffe Homes change lives

Reverend Monsignor Charles Taaffe began the Father Taaffe Foundation by opening the St. Brigid Home on St. Patrick's Day in March of 1975 in a rented house in Keizer, Oregon. As social conditions changed, so did the needs of young mothers. By 1990 Father realized that many more teenage mothers were keeping their babies and that there was a need for a home where young mothers could go with their babies.



Rev. Msngn. Taaffe  
1926 - 2008

Today, Father Taaffe Homes actualize his vision as a nondenominational, nonprofit, charitable program, where homes provide structure, security, unconditional love and encouragement for single, pregnant teens and teenage mothers with children.

Certified by the State of Oregon and operated by Catholic Community Services, the homes – St. Brigid, St. Monica and St. Teresa – provide young women, ages 12 to 20, a safe and nurturing environment from which to build their futures.

**St. Brigid** is a beautiful English cottage on a creek in North Salem that can accommodate up to five young mothers and their babies. Teens learn how to make positive choices about their futures and becoming good moms.

**St. Monica** is a rambling ranch, built into a tree-covered South Salem hillside that can accommodate four young mothers and their babies. Teens learn about baby care and creating futures for themselves and their children.

**St. Teresa** is a stately colonial, nestled in a grove of old cedars in South Salem. Up to four young mothers, either pregnant or with babies, are supported in a family atmosphere through each phase of early motherhood.

# Father Taaffe Homes

*Nurturing homes for teen girls who are pregnant or parenting their babies.*

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# *Giving hope and help when needed most.*

## What is it like to live in a Father Taaffe Home?

The family-like, peaceful, welcoming environment at the Father Taaffe Homes helps young women rise above life's challenges. They learn skills to help them succeed as single mothers, from parenting to running a household to creating a healthy future for themselves and their babies. Those who come to live in a Father Taaffe Home are provided with basic amenities, including food, laundry facilities, access to local transportation, and computers to help with school work and job search.

Father Taaffe Homes are welcoming, comforting homes, inspiring hope for the future, self-confidence and independence.

## Who Provides Care?

Each young mother is responsible for providing full-time care for her child, including arranging child care while attending school or working. Housemothers are available 24 hours a day to comfort, guide and share both special moments and difficult times. They help to build self-worth, confidence, good judgment and trust, and help young moms learn how to make good choices for themselves and their babies.

To live at a Father Taaffe home, a teen mom must attend school or be employed, follow curfews, do their own laundry, and help with household chores. No finances are required, but a portion of a teen's monthly support may be requested to help offset her living expenses.

Teen mothers may stay at a Father Taaffe Home for as long as assistance is needed. Most mothers-to-be stay through the duration of their pregnancy, and mothers with babies move on after steps are taken to make the transition successful. All teen mothers are asked to create a set of goals for a 1-year and 5-year plan.

## How are the Father Taaffe Homes funded?

Father Taaffe Homes are operated by Catholic Community Services and funded in full by the generous contributions of caring individuals.

Volunteers are welcome and appreciated. Most often, volunteers assist with maintenance, repairs, computer repair and training, landscaping, driving, answering telephones and office tasks. To discuss volunteer opportunities, call 503.393.2843.

Donations of maternity clothes, baby clothing, personal hygiene and nursery items, baby furniture and equipment are given to residents as needed. Household items and furniture help our young mothers furnish their own living spaces after leaving our homes. Additionally, gifts of bath towels, twin-size bedding, laundry detergent, umbrellas, trash bags, paper towels, toilet paper and other household necessities are greatly appreciated at all Father Taaffe Homes.

All donations are tax deductible, and a receipt will be provided. For information on how to donate, call 503.393.2843.

## A Forever Home for Everyone

Since 1938, Catholic Community Services has been serving vulnerable children, adults and families. Today, CCS employs nearly 250 members of our community and offers more than 20 programs to help create "A Forever Home for Everyone" with a focus on Home, Family and Ready-for-Life services.

At CCS, a Forever Home is a concept, not a place. To us, a Forever Home is the opportunity to live responsibly in a safe, nurturing, permanent home and caring community.

CCS is a leading proponent of consumer-directed care and evidence-based practices. We believe the dreams and aspirations of the people we serve should guide our work.

At St. Brigid, St. Monica and St. Teresa Homes, teens often experience "family" for the first time. Bonding with other young moms and housemothers allows them to form friendships that far outlast their stay. Life at the Father Taaffe Homes helps young mothers prepare to create their own "forever homes" for themselves and their babies.