

St. Mary's Home

Heart & Soul

170 Years of Caring for Children in Need: St. Mary's Home 1838-2008

On Monday, June 4, 1838, at 10:00 o'clock, a group of women answered the call from the first Bishop of Mobile, The Reverend Michael Portier, and met "to form a charitable society to alleviate the extreme poverty and suffering and to give aid to the many destitute and orphaned children of Mobile." These faithful and dedicated women created The Catholic Female Charitable Society of Mobile and established an orphanage. The women opened the "Asylum" to its first 3 children on December 26, 1838.

Today, 170 years after the first meeting, the work of these devout, kind, and charitable women continues. The Asylum developed into St. Mary's Home and into Catholic Boys Home. Now St. Mary's Home cares for both male and female children who have been abandoned, abused or neglected. St. Mary's Home has come full circle in its 170 years. In 1838, the ladies of The Catholic Female Charitable Society ran the Asylum and cared for children of both sexes. Since 1987, St. Mary's Home has operated under laity, as it had originally.

In the 170 years of caring for the most needy children of our community, St. Mary's Home's mission has remained the same with the exception of adding 2 words

***"Our mission today
is the same as it was
170 years ago"***



Sister Margaret Flynn, DC welcomes Andy Wynne as the administrator to St. Mary's Home in 1987

– abused and unwilling. The ladies who met on June 4, 1838, determined that their mission was "The support and education of destitute orphans and children abandoned or neglected by their parents, or whose parents are unable to support or educate them." Our mission today is the same as it was 170 years ago.

Are you on the e-list?

This year, St. Mary's Home plans to create an e-newsletter to send to its friends and supporters. This will keep you informed about the happenings at SMH and help reduce mailing costs. If you'd like to subscribe, please send your email address to Jill Chenoweth at jillc@stmaryshomemobile.org.

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St. Mary's Home

Our mission is to support and to educate destitute orphans and children abandoned, neglected, or abused by their parents or children whose parents are unwilling or unable to support or educate them.

LIVING OUR FAITH

As St. Mary's Home begins its 170th year of serving children, I can not help but think of all who have made St. Mary's Home what it is today - the thousands of children that have lived at St. Mary's Home; the families of those children; the grandchildren, great grandchildren and all of the generations that have followed them; and the unknown number of volunteers, donors, and staff who have cared for the children we serve. As with any charity, the real results of our labors are known only to God.

I had the opportunity to attend the installation of our new Archbishop, Thomas J. Rodi. In his homily, the Archbishop spoke about what a small percentage of Catholics reside in our State and reminded us that an even smaller number of disciples went out to bring Christ to the world. Archbishop Rodi stated that our identity as Catholics does not cut us off from others, "it brings us into the broader community of working together for the good of all."

"St. Mary's Home is a great example of bringing others together for the common good."

St. Mary's Home is a great example of bringing others together for the common good. At St. Mary's Home, in the name of our Church, we partner with the State of Alabama, the United Way of Southwest Alabama, other nonprofits, men and women of all faiths, and our own Church to care for children who have experienced life circumstances that no child should have to experience. Through this collaboration, we live out our faith. As stated in the Letter from James, "what God considers to be a pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering, and to keep oneself from being corrupted by the world."

The women who heard the call of our first Bishop and had the courage to create St. Mary's Home serve as a reminder

to us all that we are all called to serve others. For me, the founders of St. Mary's Home are the most powerful example of what can happen when people of faith come together to put their love in action. Miracles can and do happen.

Important Work Performed by Nonprofit Organizations

Congressman Jo Bonner (R-Mobile) recently met with Andy Wynne, St. Mary's Home administrator, and Jill Chenoweth, St. Mary's Home director of development, in his Washington, D.C. office. Wynne and Chenoweth were in Washington attending the National Nonprofit Congress, an assembly of nonprofit agencies from across the country. In their meeting with Bonner, Wynne and Chenoweth discussed the value and impact of nonprofit agencies in southwest Alabama and throughout the state as well as how to better inform the public on the important work performed by nonprofits. Founded in 1838, St. Mary's Home is a residential



From left to right Andy Wynne, Jill Chenoweth & Congressman Jo Bonner (R-Mobile)

treatment facility for abused, abandoned and neglected children in Mobile, Alabama, providing shelter and long term residential care.

HAPPY 170th BIRTHDAY, ST. MARY'S HOME

Help us celebrate our 170th year of caring for children by partnering with us in our mission to care for abused, abandoned and neglected children. We need you to:

Volunteer

By **tutoring** at St. Mary's Home, *you* can help a child who is typically 2 years behind catch up academically where the child needs to be in order to succeed.

By **servicing** as a recreation aide, *you* can spend time with a child who needs one on one attention from someone special. *You* can teach the child how to throw a ball, jump rope, ride a bicycle, or play checkers.

By **working** on a service project, *your* church or civic group can help maintain St. Mary's Home and can create a more homelike atmosphere for the children.

By **hosting** parties or holiday celebrations, *your* church or civic group can provide the children with special moments in their lives.

By **teaching** a specialty class in our summer program or after school program, *you* can share your special gifts and talents with children by teaching them to sew, write, paint, or play an instrument.

To ensure that St. Mary's Home continues to provide care for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of our community for 170 more years, please contact Andy Rehm about volunteering at arehm@stmaryshomemobile.org or 251.344.7733 or Jill Chenoweth to discuss your giving options at jillc@stmaryshomemobile.org or 251.344.7733.

Donate

By giving to the **Endowment Fund**, *you* give a gift that lasts forever. Interest earned on the Endowment Fund provides money to St. Mary's Home for program service and basic care needs for the children and for maintenance and repairs to our building (erected in 1961).

By making **monthly** and **annual donations**, *you* ensure that St. Mary's Home has the financial resources to provide the daily and physical necessities for the children.

By naming St. Mary's Home in your **will**, *you* have many options to give a gift to St. Mary's Home while leaving an inheritance for your loved ones.

By donating **vehicles**, **property**, and **stocks** to St. Mary's Home, *you* can receive tax deductions for the items donated.

By making **memorial gifts** and **gifts in honor** of friends, loved ones or business associates, *you* can provide a remembrance of loved ones while supporting St. Mary's Home's mission.



*Leave a
Legacy*

Consider leaving a gift to St. Mary's Home in your will. Provided is a sample bequest clause that you can give to your attorney to update your will to include St. Mary's Home.

SAMPLE CLAUSE

ARTICLE VI

I give, devise, and bequeath the sum of \$ _____
to
St. Mary's Home Foundation, Inc. of Mobile, Alabama.
This request is to be delivered in cash and not in kind
and is unrestricted.

SMH Happenings

Blue Gill's Concert for the Children

On behalf of the children at St. Mary's Home, thanks to all of you who attended The Blue Gill Concert and Silent Auction for the Children which benefited Saint Mary's Home Foundation on Saturday, April 26, 2008. Your donations helped us raise over \$13,500.

Brent Burns created a fantastic lineup of musicians featuring himself, **Lisa Christian**, **George Eberlein**, **Elaine Petty**, and **Lisa Zanghi**. They rocked the crowd of over 300 for 5 hours.

Winston Groom kindly attended the concert and signed copies of his works, which **Barnes and Nobles** sold at the event and then donated 20% of the sales to SMHF.

Mr. Kenny Sylvester sold and signed copies of his cookbook, *Mr. Abe's Goody Book*. Mr. Kenny donated 100% of the proceeds to SMHF.

Over 80 businesses, artists and individuals gave items for the silent auction. Please see the list of silent auction donors, and please support their businesses.

The event was a great success for our first special event. All of the musicians donated their time; the Blue Gill



Musicians performing at the Blue Gill Concert for the Children

donated the use of its facility; and over 80 area businesses and individuals donated items for the silent auction. Because of the phenomenal support from the community, every dollar raised will benefit the children.

Proceeds from the Blue Gill's Concert and Silent Auction for the Children will assist St. Mary's Home with the care of the children who live here. Donations will assist us with providing individual counseling for the children, money for the

Thank you to all of the businesses, artists and individuals who donated items for the Blue Gill's Concert and Silent Auction for the Children. Please support the businesses and artists who donated generously to support the needs of our children.

Alabama Cruises
at Bellingrath Gardens
and Home
All South Supply
Atchison Imports
Avis Budget Group
B&B Pet Stop
Barnes & Noble
Mary Ellen Beall
Bebo's Carwash
Belle Bouquet
Bojangles Bar & Eatery
Brenda's Nails
Rev. Dennis Brown
Butch Cassidy's Café
Butch's Restaurant
Callaghan's Irish Social Club
Cammie's Old Dutch
Ice Cream Shoppe
Carpe Diem & Tea Company

Doris Chenoweth
Kara Coats
Gray Collins
The Complete Skin
Care Center
Ellen Copeland
Cottage Hill Chiropractic
Cotton Capers
Dauphin Island Sea Lab
Kristin Davis
Karly Dobson
Kelly Estle
Robin Farnell
Shannon Faye
- Professional Gardener
Feather Your Nest
Femme
Friedman's Fine Jewellery
Danielle Garland
Sharon & Dan Garland
Helen Guthrie
Marsha Hobbs
Fontaine Howard
John Bosco Jeweler
Jerome Kekatos
Keith Kingan's Classic Cars, Inc.
Margaret Kriner
Laura Kay's Nursery & Florist
Limb by Limb - Phillip Pacetti
& Kelly Molyneux
Lola Bell's Pet Grooming
Michi Lunceford

Suzanne Lyell
Manuel's Vintage Room
The Market
Lester McIntyre
McCoy Outdoor Company
Meghan McKinney
Michael McLeod
Bertice McPherson
Jimbo Meador
Middle Bay Boat Company, Inc.
Abe Mitchell
Violet Nagy
Naman's Culinary Services
Tom Nettles
Kimberly Nicolas
Nouveau Salon & Day Spa
Paint Friendly Studio
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Peddie
Pelican Reef Restaurant
George Radcliff
Lucia Ray
Kay Rodriguez
S.A.P.'s Framing
Pauline Savell
State Chemical
Marion Stimpson
Kenny Sylvester
Taste
Mary Ann Taylor
Tensaw Bream Fishing Club
Tonya's Florist
Mitch Tousinau

David Trimmier
Dr. Aldo Trovato
U.S.C. Glass
Lyn Manz Walters
Donna Webb
West Marine
Jeanne & Andy Wynne
Zales The Diamond Store

Special Thanks

Brent Burns
The Catholic Week
Karron Fillingim
at Barnes and Noble
Winston Groom
Jere Hough
at WKRG - CBS 5
Debbie Lord
at the Press-Register
Sean O'Hara
Dee Dee Pipkin
at the Blue Gill
George Radcliff
Rosie Seaman
at WKRG - CBS 5
Darwin Singleton
at WPMI - NBC 15
Sean Sullivan at WAVH
- 106.5 The Pirate
Kenny Sylvester
St. Mary's Home Staff
and Volunteers

Blue Gill's Concert for the Children

children's weekly allowances, money for the children's school field trips and extracurricular activities, and funds to purchase clothing and birthday gifts for the children.

We greatly appreciate your support for this event and for our children. Thank you for helping make the event a success and for helping us raise over \$13,500.

Photos Courtesy of Ellen Copeland & Andy Rehm

Winston Groom giving an autographed copy of his book to a fan.



Volunteer Happenings

Volunteers needed to sell programs at the Bell Micro LPGA Classic golf tournament September 11-14, 2008. Proceeds from the sales benefit St. Mary's Home. For more information call Andy Rehm @344-7733.



The **AT&T Pioneers** provided a Memorial Day cookout for the children & staff.



2007 America's Junior Miss, Nora Ali, accepted a charm from Mary Jo Hrbace, St. Mary's Home Auxiliary, and Andy Wynne, Administrator, on behalf of the children at the Annual Junior Miss visit to the Home.



Kohl's Department Store's A-Team provided a morning of fun, fellowship and a \$500.00 donation for the children



Volunteers from **Junior League of Mobile's** First Annual Hands Across Mobile, worked with the older children to refurbish our board room.



United Way of Southwest Alabama's Annual Day of Caring provided helpful, hard working volunteers from **Williams Company, Kemira, BankTrust, Thompson Engineering** and **Mobile Works**.



Mrs. Cynthia Tatum and Mrs. Wanda Buchannon brought the girls of **Precious 1016** for a meet and greet with the girls of St. Mary's Home.



Kappa Alpha Psi with the Kappa League sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Jill Chenoweth, SMH Foundation Director, **Ginny Holliman**, volunteer, and **Michael McLeod**, volunteer, sell shamrocks at the **2nd Annual Shamrock Sale** to benefit **Saint Mary's Home Foundation** at **Callaghan's Irish Social Club**. The sale raised over \$1,400. Thank You to John Thompson, and his partners and staff for their assistance.



Memorials & Honors to St. M

St. Mary's Home supporters make memorial and honor gifts of loved ones, friends, or business associates. Families make memorial gifts to St. Mary's Home in lieu of sending flowers to memorial or funeral services. Frequently, donors make annual memorial gifts on Mother's Day, anniversaries or birthdays to honor their beloved. Memorial gifts provide a remembrance of loved ones who

In memory of Mr. Barnes

Jill Chenoweth
Michael McLeod

In memory of Joseph E. Brown

Jill Chenoweth
Mr. & Mrs. Walter D'Olive
Michael McLeod

In memory of Henry Davis

Mary D. Howle
Marlene Rodgers

In memory of May Smith Davis

Mary D. Howle
Marlene Rodgers

In memory of Mary Baxley

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In memory of Kit Brinkley

Lynn and John K. "Robbie" Robinson

In memory of Kitty Carney

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In memory of

Mary Cothrun Crenshaw

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In memory of Mrs. B. Gill

Mr. & Mrs. Walter D'Olive

In memory of Raymond Globetti

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gregory Globetti

In memory of Chris Haddox

Bryce & Greg Scales

In memory of

Mrs. W. Brevard Hand

Jill Chenoweth
Michael McLeod
Mr. & Mrs. Andy Wynne
Mr. & Mrs. William Wynne Jr.

In memory of Alvin Harris

Lynn and John K. "Robbie" Robinson

In memory of Floride Turner Huff

Mrs. Murray Thames

In memory of

Anne Lucinda Sawyer Kalifeh

Rosalind & Jim Arendall
Jim Boothe Contracting & Supply Co.

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Mr. & Mrs. Larry Workman

Jeanne & Andy Wynne

Mr. & Mrs. William Wynne Jr.

**In memory of the Kenny Family
Rev. Mr. & Mrs. A. Gordon Kenny**

In memory of Mike Kopf

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In memory of Brandon Landry

Mr. & Mrs. Buddy McDade

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rand

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Lynn and John K. "Robbie" Robinson

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Mr. & Mrs. Tom Woodford

In memory of

Captain George R. Mahoney

P.J. & Leon Mahoney

In memory of Morris Mayer

Lynn and John K. "Robbie" Robinson

In memory of Wayne Morr

Ms. Mary Gilmore

In memory of Ruth Cazalas Moore

Sylvia M. Warren

In memory of William J. Moore, Sr.

Sylvia M. Warren

In memory of Marge Mullins

Mary Gilmore

In memory of Cathy Pope

Michi and Chandler Lunceford

In memory of M.F. Primeaux

Rosemary Primeaux

Mary's Home

Family members often suggest these gifts to St. Mary's Home on holidays such as Christmas or Mother's Day. We appreciate the support of family members while supporting the mission of St. Mary's Home.

In memory of Richard J. Oates

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Weinacker

In memory of Chad Orr

Dalton Orr

**In memory of
Mary Johnson Perez**

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Vulevich, Jr.

In memory of Cathy Pope

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Lunceford

In memory of Charlie Rehm

Kay Rehm

In memory of Alden Robinson

Mr. Julius Kretzer

Susan Mosley

In memory of Grace Sheridan

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Shreve

**In memory of
Robert S. Spotswood, Sr.**

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Shreve

Miss Carolyn R. Smith

**In memory of
Julie Ann Southworth**

Mr. & Mrs. John E. Cowles

Mr. Marston Luce

In memory of Cosi Tata

Lynn and

John K. "Robbie" Robinson

In memory of the Tellier Family

Rev. Mr. & Mrs. A. Gordon Kenny

In memory of Dr. Charles Terry

Martha & Kenny Muscat

In memory of Elizabeth Tew

Mary Gilmore

**In memory of
Rhonda Marie Wilson**

Brackin McGriff & Johnson, PC

Mr. & Mrs. Claude Carter

Dr. & Mrs. William C. Hicks III

Mr. & Mrs. V. David Jellenc

The Kullman Firm

Dr. & Mrs. George Martindale

Dr. & Mrs. Leon V. McVay III

Mr. & Mrs. Michael O. Meador

Dr. & Mrs. Cecil Morgan

Joan and Mark Robinson

St. Luke Episcopal Church

Education for Ministry Group

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Variali

In memory of Van Wilton

Annie & Frank Summersell

**In Honor of the 2008
Juvenile Mardi Gras Court:**

Manning Courtney

Mary Rose DeMouy

Sally Immel

Millie McAleer

Edward Morrissette

Mike, Kim, McRae, Michael,

Kimberly, & Thomas Barnett

The following children asked their guests to make donations to SMH in lieu of giving them birthday gifts. SMH greatly appreciates these young men's civic leadership.

**In honor of their birthdays -
Mitchell Roubion, Tucker Thames,
Marco Lorico-Rappa, Matthew
Pond, Alex Pond,
and Louis Delashmet**

Colleen & Russell Blackwell

Mary Emily & John Edwards

Martha Hennessy

Sugar & Patrick Immel

Julianne & Robert Jackson

Karen & Michael Rodriguez

Susanna Salter

Melinda & Lawrence Seiter

Jeanne & William Thames

In honor of Chandra Brown

Myra Evans

In honor of Sarah Long Damson

Skeeter Diehl

In honor of St. Jane de Chantal

Sisters of the Visitation

In honor of Ellen Copeland

Ms. Sherril Arnold

In honor of Hunter Galloway

Skeeter Diehl

In honor of

Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Guthans'

Golden Anniversary

Diane & Eddie Vulevich

In honor of Mary Lou Hyland

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Kallen

Nereides Society

**In honor of Louise Luce McClelland
for Mother's Day**

Mr. & Mrs. John McClelland

In honor of

Catherine McPhillips

Margaret & Gavin Bender

Dr. & Mrs. W. Frank Cope

Mrs. J. Kenny Crow Sr.

Skeeter Diehl

Anne & Jim Frost

Reneau & Win Hallett

Mr. & Mrs. Randall Hollinger

Tricia and Slade Hooks

Mr. & Mrs. David Kirby Howard

Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Inge

Mr. & Mrs. Earle W. Long III

Nell McPhilly Lott

Beth, Henry, Henry T.,

& Elizabeth Morrissette

Mrs. John T. Murray

Ms. Audrey Patterson

Dr. & Mrs. James L. Perrien

Master Lawler Russell

Mr. & Mrs. E. Bailey Slaton

In honor of Carol B. Oates

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Weinacker

In honor of Patsy Overstreet

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Green

In honor of Arlene & Paul Pella

Amy Pella

In honor of Mrs. Tony Rand

Mr. & Mrs. Buddy McDade

In honor of

Annie & Frank Summersell

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Davis

In honor of

Mary Ann & Stewart Thames

India & Bob Lacey

In honor of

Susan & Marty Wuttke

Lynn B. Robinson

Foundation News

Thank you to the Mobile and Baldwin County Catholic Schools for participating in the Spirit of Giving fundraiser as part of our Catholic Schools' Big Field Day. The students at Christ the King, Corpus Christi, Little Flower, Most Pure Heart of Mary, St. Dominic, St. Ignatius, St. Mary, St. Pius X, and St. Vincent de Paul raised \$767.59 for the children at St. Mary's Home.

Thank you to the Student Council at St. Vincent de Paul for holding a bake sale to benefit St. Mary's Home. The Student Council raised \$145.47.

Thank you to Kohl's Department Store for their grant of \$500 to Saint Mary's Home Foundation.

Celebrate Grandparents' Day on September 7, 2008

by making a donation in memory or in honor of your grandparents.

Use the enclosed envelope and note that the gift is for Grandparents' Day.

Please send gift by September 1, so that we can send a card to your grandparents.

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, September 6, 2008

St. Mary's Home 1st Annual

Rally for the Children Tennis Tournament

Copeland-Cox Tennis Center in Mobile

World Team Tennis Format – 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 Teams

Women's Singles • Men's Singles • Mixed Doubles

Women's Doubles • Men's Doubles

Qualifying Event for National World Team Tennis Tournaments

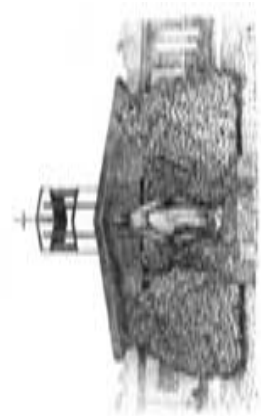
\$30 per player

For more information about playing, serving as a sponsor, or serving as a volunteer, please contact Jill Chenoweth at 251.344.7733 or jillc@stmaryshomemobile.org.



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