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### Momma's house opens new home in Massapequa

With a lot of determination and "true grit," Momma's House, Massapequa, was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by board members, friends and residents of Momma's House. Momma's House Massapequa is a 100-year-old home that has been completely renovated thanks to the many volunteers who helped gut, clean, refurbish, paint and furnish this old home and the generosity of many building suppliers who provided the materials to carry on the renovations. It is the fourth Momma's House on Long Island.



Shown in the photo, left to right, are Deidre Shea, Pat Shea, John Ackerina, Richie Kevin, Joan Philips, Nyria, Jayden and Mary McCaffery.

Momma's House serves as home to young women who are pregnant and have chosen to have their babies. The women come to Momma's House in desperation because they are either homeless or abused in a crisis because they are pregnant.

The women may live at Momma's House before and after their babies are born for a period of up to two years. During that time, the women receive support and encouragement needed to prepare for the day when they and their baby will leave. The women will have a good job that pays benefits by the time they leave. Equally important, they will have had guidance in parenting and personal responsibility. The women leave knowing that they have overcome some tremendous personal obstacles; they have matured and have accepted the responsibilities of motherhood.

Momma's House is in the midst of a capital campaign to raise funds for a new home. "We always have a waiting list, said Pat Shea, founder of Momma's House. "There is a tremendous unmet need to help more women who chose to carry their baby to term."

To contribute or volunteer, contact Pat Shea at Momma's House, 1857 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793 or call 781-8637.

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