



Our Mission

To heal and restore Michigan's abused, neglected and poverty-stricken women and children, so they successfully transition into a productive and healthy adulthood.

Our Vision

Every year, thousands of disadvantaged children and families in Southeast Michigan are faced with poverty, abuse and neglect. Our vision is to end these multi-generational patterns by transforming these children and their families into productive, contributing members of their communities.

In the Beginning

Vista Maria began in 1883 as an orphanage, located in the Ward Mansion in Detroit. Founded by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, its mission was to help young women and girls in emotional, social and spiritual distress.

Today

Currently, Vista Maria offers intensive core treatment services to restore girls and boys from the traumas they have experienced through physical, mental and sexual abuse; substance abuse; and mental health issues. Our goal is to ensure that all children receive the education, community resources, health care and emotional support needed to become self-sufficient and successfully transition to adulthood.

Tomorrow's Vision

We recognize that additional care and support are required for our children to succeed once they leave our care. To further support them, we will leverage our assets to provide ongoing services, such as education, health and food services, life long learning opportunities, and positive recreation activities. Our success is documented, our resources are exceptional and our vision for the future is clear. We invite you to contact us to learn more.



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"I never believed I could make anything of myself-but now I know I can succeed."

- Stacy, age 15



Rebuilding Lives

At Vista Maria, we serve over 1,000 children every year who have been abused, neglected and traumatized. They are confused, angry and scared. Some are full of despair with little hope for a promising future.

We help them to rebuild their lives through our full array of highly intensive programming, including female gender-responsive treatment, to help address the tough issues faced by adolescent girls, ages 11 to 17. We also provide community based services for emotionally challenged boys and girls, ages 6 to 17 in Michigan's foster care system.

Located in Dearborn Heights on 37-acres, Vista Maria provides a special place for children and their families. They receive emotional, educational, psychological and spiritual guidance.

Our success is statistically proven through a nationally known research firm and is demonstrated by outcomes in educational preparedness, physical, cognitive and emotional health. Whether it is education, healing treatment or social and family development, we have the expertise and success record to steer children and families in the right direction.

Meeting the Special Needs of Children

Our Programs Include:

Residential programs for girls that are focused on mental health, trauma recovery, substance abuse treatment and community reintegration

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Two on-campus alternative education charter schools

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A continuum of highly intensive foster care services for boys and girls

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Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare partnerships and care programs

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Mentorship and youth assistance programs

Children are Our Future

When you support Vista Maria, you give children the opportunity to heal from past traumas and victimization so that they can become productive, contributing members of society.

— Ways You Can Help: —

Give a Gift:

- Contributions can be made online at www.vistamaria.org or call 313•271•3050
- We accept gifts of cash, securities, bequests and real estate

Volunteer

Support or Host an Event

Mentor a Child

We welcome your call and are available to give a campus tour or to further explore ways you can make an impact. Call us at 313•271•3050 or visit www.vistamaria.org



— Affiliations —



Founded by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

