



# The Magnifier

...news from Magnificat Houses

Magnificat Houses, Inc. (MHI)

*Jubilee Issue!*

Fall, 2018

## 50th Jubilee Celebrations Bring Generous Outpouring

Mayor Turner Honors Our Founder, Praises Our Ongoing Work at **October 6th Gala**



Archbishop Celebrates Jubilee Mass At Co-Cathedral **November 11th**

Following, Community Surprises Rose Mary With **95th Birthday** Garden Party

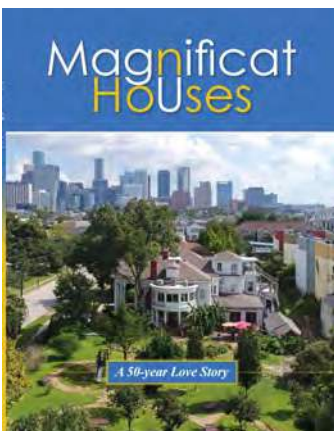
**Book** Documents Our Half-Century Journey



A YEAR IN PLANNING, the four seeds of our tribute to Rose Mary Badami bloomed proud this fall. Happily, our founder was able to attend all events, experience the outpouring of love and recognition, reconnect with old friends and founding volunteers, visit with residents current and past, and hold in her hands the colorful book documenting her courageous journey to create Magnificat.

MAGNIFICAT HOUSES:  
*A 50-Year Love story*

This limited edition hardcover book colorfully illustrates our history from 1968 - 2018, our golden jubilee year. Through hundreds of photographs, news stories, documents, and personal



accounts, the moving tale of our improbable founding and growth celebrates the miracle that is Magnificat Houses. (\$40, contact [ckelly@mhihouston.org](mailto:ckelly@mhihouston.org))

AT OUR GALA, the 320 grand ballroom patrons broke into spontaneous applause as Rose Mary entered, overwhelmed and delighted. Mayor Sylvester Turner, after a lively **speech honoring MHI's continuing positive impact on the City, visited Rose Mary's table** to deliver warm words of appreciation to her and Executive Director John Boyles. Called *A Jubilee Celebrating Love and Mercy*, the Gala was a success in every sense of the word: a full house, playful ways to bid in support of Magnificat Houses, fine food and a sea of **yellow roses (Rose Mary's favorite)**.

OUR JUBILEE MASS was celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza and con-celebrated by Fr. Frank Wittouck,

SCJ, assisted by Deacons Lynn Carney and Martin Lemond. The Archbishop cited our work to a near-capacity crowd. Father Lawrence's moving program tribute brought new volunteers to our table.

OUR GARDEN PARTY and surprise 95th Birthday Party dodged the 80% chance of rain predicted (divine intervention?) and Rose Mary spent the afternoon blissfully reconnecting with residents and staff.

*"We are eternally grateful to the Gala participants—our donors, underwriters, gala attendees and dedicated volunteers who raised funds urgently needed to undergird our mission, repair our properties and meet our monthly obligation to those we serve. The level of caring and creativity that went into realizing these Jubilee events is humbling and awe-inspiring. Thank you!"*

*John Boyles  
Executive Director*



# Many gave, many helped, many celebrated

October 6th



**THE FABULOUS FOUR** led our Gala Campaign with great success! Becky McAndrews, Suzanne Shaffer & Melissa Dolan meet Founder...

Gala photography: Izabela Gryciuk

And meanwhile, our residents and faithful volunteers stayed f



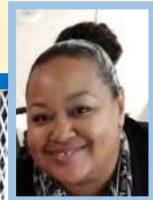
# ated our 50th year in loving community

n Gala Night



Committee to resound-  
Anne Young, Elaine  
er Rose Mary Badami.

November 11 Jubilee Day



**FOUR FABULOUS FAMILIES** helped Jubilee Day Chair Janice Arredondo create the residents' celebration: the Arredondos, Mendozas, Mathews & Mezas.



ocused on fulfilling our mission (kicking off our next 50 years)



# Staff Changes: Comings and Goings

**MICHELLE MOORE** joins us as Mustard Seed manager, lending her 25 years experience as Macy's visual merchandising manager. Michelle was drawn here by her 4th grader Caitlin's volunteer experience at our soup kitchen.



**DR. JOHN GALLAGHER** has offered weekly medical services to our residents on campus for several years, greatly relieving their health concerns. Sadly, his own health prevents his continuing his kind mission with Magnificat. His joyful spirit of service will be greatly missed.



**COQUISE CLOUD, MBA**—or "CC"—joins us as intern to set up our new streamlined **Residential Services Department**, to aid residents with placement, job opportunities, or registering a personal or household concern. Underway are comprehensive employee and volunteer handbooks.



# Ways to Help

## DONATE

Kindly visit our website:  
**www.mhihouston.org**  
*(same site, new web address)*  
 Or use the enclosed envelope.  
 Please write your check to:  
**Magnificat Houses, Inc.**

## VOLUNTEER

Contact Larry Cronin  
 Director of Volunteers  
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## THRIFT STORES: Shop or Donate

**The Mustard Seed**  
 1410 Elgin @ LaBranch

**Anawim Thrift Shop**  
 2102 Common

**We pick up estates & large items:**  
 713-524-7333

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## Otherwise, we've been busy...



... moving our Admissions Offices to 3209 Austin Street, which processes over 100 residential applicants per month



...and feeding 250 a day at our Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen. (Here we host a clothing distribution in its courtyard.)



...and supplying our 16 group homes with food and goods 24/7.



...and assisting Clubhouse Members to gain marketable skills



...and making sure our residential community experiences holidays and birthdays

Thank you for all you do to support our mission!



She made it all happen!

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