



# Mom's House Matters

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## Congratulations Graduates

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of this years graduates.

***Lynee Lesperance***

*Suny Broome*

Radiologic Technology A.A.S.

***Kari Banks***

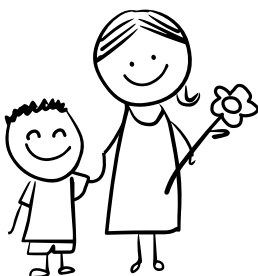
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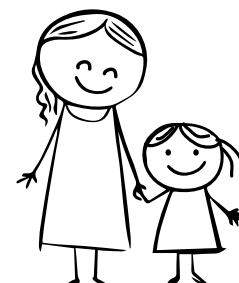
***Nellie Wolff***

*Mom's House*

Preschool



## Happy Mother's Day



Mom's House hosted its annual Mother's Day Tea/Luncheon on May 9, 2025, in celebration of the incredible mothers we serve. This special event was made even more memorable thanks to the generous support of Olive Garden, who provided delicious catering for the occasion. Our moms were treated to heartfelt, handmade gifts from their children and thoughtful gift cards donated by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH).

*"A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend."*

*-unknown*





# Preschool Graduate Spotlight

## Nellie



Mom's House has had the honor and privilege of having Nellie and her mom as part of our family since August 2022. Nellie was only 2 years old at that time. Over the years, Nellie had grown and developed into a spirited, intelligent, and curious young lady. Nellie likes anything Lilo and Stitch, the Lion King, stickers, art, and playing outdoors. Nellie will remain at Mom's House till the end of the summer program when she transitions to kindergarten.

Mom's House wishes Nellie the best as she takes her next step!

## HELL<sup>☀</sup> Summer Program



Mom's House is thrilled to bring back our summer programming for another exciting year! This initiative not only supports parents who are continuing their education during the summer months, but also offers flexibility for those who choose to take on part-time work. By providing a safe, nurturing environment for their children, we empower parents to pursue their goals while building stability

### Activities Planned

**June 2 - August 15**

Monday- Thursday  
9:00am- 2:00pm

Drive-In Movie

Summer BBQ

Ice Cream Day

Splash Pad Day

I love my Dentist Day

Trip to Animal Adventures

Rumble Ponies Game

Therapy Dog Visit

# ***What have we been up to?***

## *Life Coaching with Carrie Vee*

Working with the clients at Mom's House has been an incredible experience and blessing beyond words.

I have been able to work one on one with the parents that have chosen to work with me. Some of the topics included in that coaching are:



- Being happier and having more fun, even when life seems routine.
- Making major life changes that are exciting and scary at the same time.
- Becoming strong leaders, navigating office and school politics, and achieving professional dreams.
- Navigating setbacks and disappointments in a way that makes life better, not bitter.
- Speaking up with confidence rather than settling for less.
- Going to sleep at night feeling at peace about decisions.
- Conquering emotions that cause procrastination, emotional spending, and self-sabotage.
- Learning to make wise choices that take in mind personal values, long-term consequences, and emotional and mental well-being.

I watched these young parents grow and make positive changes in their lives and being a part of that growth is truly humbling. Sometimes I can't believe that I get to be a part of such an amazing organization and that I have the extreme privilege of working with these parents.

Being at Mom's House is the highlight of my week. I can truly say that I love every person in that building.



### *Bunny Visit*

A special thank you to Stable Hooves and Hands farms for allowing Basil the bunny to spend time with us for Easter.



*Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences*

**BINGHAMTON**  
UNIVERSITY  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

*Division of Speech and Language Pathology*

**Speech and Language Evaluations**

This semester we partnered again to provide all of our children with free speech and language evaluations. Clinicians and students conducted observations and assessments with the results provided to parents and teachers. Parents are offered the opportunity to meet with the clinicians if there are any concerns reported. Clinicians also provide the teachers with feedback and strategies to improve speech and language development. As part our ongoing collaboration, Teaching staff also participated in professional development training with clinicians to improve our speech and language instruction.



# ***Mom's House Graduate***

*Laura Bigelow*



Mom's House has done so much for so many. I don't even think they are aware of how many lives they continue to touch and how much confidence they instill in parents and children every day. I personally know this because back in 1988 my 2-year-old son (he had just turned two one day earlier) and I walked through the doors not knowing that Mom's House would forever touch our lives in so many ways.

Little did Matthew and I know that the confidence we would gain and the love we were given from our experience at Mom's House would lead us in the direction it has. I was able to earn my bachelor's degree in education from Elmira College and Matthew learned and excelled educationally and socially through play, kindness, educational activities and loving teachers and staff.

## *Where are they now?*



I have been in education for over 30 years as a teacher and an administrator working with students from 4 – 80 years old of all different backgrounds and nationalities. I never dreamed that the thousands of students I have worked with would make such a positive and beautiful difference in my life as they have.

I have taught adult GED and ESL classes, College courses, 7-12 English and have been an administrator k12. It has been an amazing 30+ years, and I know for a fact that without Mom's House I would not be where I am today. Matthew graduated HS on the honor roll, went on to get his bachelor's degree at Binghamton University graduating with honors and went to Upstate Medical School in Syracuse. He then did his residency on Long Island at Northwell Hospital and is now a trauma radiologist in Atlanta Georgia. During his residency Matthew met the love of his life and they now have two children ages 3 & 4. I went on to Marry the brother of one of the other mothers at Mom's House and then proceeded to have 4 more children and a total of three grandchildren. We live an incredibly blessed and full life.

I will always be extremely grateful for the impact that mom's house has had on us and continues to have on so many other families. Thank you to everyone who continues to support such an important place.

# Upcoming Events

Mom's House has decided to scale back on including registration forms in the newsletter to make room for more inspiring stories and important updates. All registration forms are now available on our website and can be accessed by scanning the QR Code below. If you prefer a paper copy, we're happy to mail one to you upon request.

## How to use a QR Code?

**QR Codes make it easy to access websites or links quickly.** Simply open the camera on your smartphone or device and point it at the QR code. A notification or link should appear—tap it, and you'll be taken directly to the intended webpage or information.



### *Mom's House Night at the Ball Park*

**Mirabito Stadium  
July 11, 2025  
Game starts at 7:05pm**

**\$3.00 from each  
ticket goes back to  
Mom's House**



### *Hart & Hills Memorial Golf Tournament*

**The Links at Hiawatha Landing  
July 26, 2025  
Shot Gun start at 1:00pm  
Limited spots available**

**REGISTER  
NOW**

# Upcoming Events

*Save the Date*

*Night of Hope*

**Thursday, November 13, 2025**

Traditions at the Glen - 4101 Watson Blvd., Johnson City  
5-6pm Cocktail Hour; 6-9pm Dinner and Evening Program

Tickets can be purchased on-line starting in August @ [www.momshouseny.org](http://www.momshouseny.org) or look for response card in September newsletter.

*Breakfast With Santa*

**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**St. Vincent dePaul Blessed Sacrament Church  
465 Clubhouse Road  
Vestal, NY 13850**

*More information in the September newsletter*

*Hoffman Car Wash Fundraiser*

**March 3 - August 15, 2025**

**\$14.00 Exterior Car Wash**

Get Tickets Here

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## Fundraiser Updates:

*Flower Sale Update*



**Sales  
\$3,620.00**

*Mother's Day Cards*



**Sales  
\$1,820.00**

# Memorials

**Albrecht, - Lenore**- Pamela Christina  
**Ballester, Julia** – Patrick Balleste  
**Battaglini, Adalene**- Pamela Christina  
**Battaglini, Joanne** – Pamela Christina  
**Battaglini, Lena** – Pamela Christina  
**Belles, Ann Marie**- Beverly Emmett  
**Berchtold, Sandy, Danielle,**  
**Kaleena, & Catherine**- Raymond Berchtold  
**Bray, Gloria**- Cheryl Ebert  
**Charsky, Kathleen**- Ronald Charsky  
**Christina, Edith** – Pamela Christina  
**Christina, Rose** – Pamela Christina  
**Colapietro, Bruno**- Karen Seybold  
**Convertino, Elle** – Pamela Christina  
**Darrow, Paula**- Lynne Windover  
**Distin, Lucy**- Sandra Distin & Dennis McCabe; Patricia Griffith  
**Drasin, Josephine**- Mr. & Mrs. Ford  
**Fetsko, Lucille** – Margie Fetsko  
**Franck, Frances**- Fran De Santis  
**Freedman, Virginia**- Lane & Janis DeCoster; Cindy Chadwick, Melissa Sutherland, James Martin, James Wesley, Sandy Monachino, Karen Seybold, Richard & Diane Avery

**Harvey, Crystal** -Raymond Berchtold  
**Hall, Joyce**- Her Daughters  
**Heimerl, Maria**- Mark & Liz Goodwin  
**Hirko, Marion** – Pamela Christina  
**Kane, Moira**- Susan and Peter Ronan  
**Kilyanek, Mary**- Timothy & Barbara Limer  
**Kirchmeier, Anna**- Randy Roeber  
**Limer, Lois** – Timothy & Barbara Limer  
**Lugo** – Angelo & Shirly Macchiano  
 Macchiano Family- Angelo & Shirly Macchiano

**Mider, Bonnie** - Dennis Hubbs, Dan & Heather Coleman, Carole & Joe Konrad, Joe & Tamara Onofrio, Barbara Adams, Mildred Tull, Patricia Ludwick Southern Tier Navhda, Meg Grant, Gudrun Knight, Zac Mider, Bill Randall, Bill, Roy, Russ, Doug Carmidgeous, Margret Smith, Judy & Paul Eldridge, Tioga Co. Sportsmen Assoc., Andrea Adams Hilliard, Bob & Diane Caryl, Beverly & Wayne LeChase, Lori A. & William Crawford, Linda Younger, John Feeney, Ron, Cheryl, Bethany Finch, Canne Family, Barbara Battistella, The Sewing Group, Ross and Kay McGraw, Diane Arbes

**McCabe, Margaret**- Sandra Distin & Dennis McCabe  
**McGowan, Madelyn**- Ann & Ray Barnard  
**McKenna, Jackie**- Patty Morgan  
**Moriarty, Joy** – Cheryl Ebert  
**Natale, Frank Jr.**- Frank & Alice Natale  
**Norkaitis, Alice**- Frank & Alice Natale  
**Newberry, Catherine**- Jim & Brenda Meckley  
**Peppenhiemer, Jane**- Sherry Neylan  
**Przybyzewski, Fran**- Raymond Berchtold  
**Roeber, Louise**- Randy Roeber  
**Ronan, Inez**- Susan and Peter Ronan  
**Salisbury, Kim**- Raymond Berchtold  
**Sementelli, Annetle**- Pamela Christina  
**Slocum, Helen & James**- Mr. & Mrs. Wright  
**Smith, Jean**- Ed Gaetano with Gayle Goetango  
**Woiccak, Jennifer**- Sue Woiccak  
**Zandy, Allison Sheyne**- Penny Zandy  
**Zandy, Virginia** -Pamela Christina  
**Zara, Barbara A**- John Zara

# Honors

**Andrews, Patricia**- Susan Mulvey  
**Barnard, Marilyn**- Ann & Ray Barnard  
**Barta, Mary E.**- Beverly Malane  
**Barton, Emily V.**- Joan Terrana  
**Cardullo, Constance**-Bill and Kristine Cunningham  
**Carrigg, Caitlin**- Patty Morgan  
**Diveris, Betty**-Daniel and Michele Ferraro  
**Fabrizi, Megan** – Annamary Zappia  
**Ferraro, Kirby**- Daniel and Michele Ferraro  
**Florini, Margaret**- Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Florini  
**Gance, Carol**- Carol Gance  
**Gates, Erika; Thorne, Lauren; Fernald, Carlyne** – Dan and Karen Gates

**Goodwin, Nancy**- Mar & Liz Goodwin  
**Halan, Margaret**- Jennifer Thrall  
**Ibanez, Trish**-James and Suzanne Miller  
**King, Marie N.** - Horace King  
**McMann, Shaina**- Barbara McMann  
**McKaig, Lois**- Margaret Trance  
**Miller, Kelly**-James and Suzanne Miller  
**Miller, Heather**-James and Suzanne Miller  
**Nichol, Theresa**- Rose and Jim O'Neil

**Norman, Linda**- Julie & Dave Pepper  
**Parseghian, Breann**- Annamary Zappia  
**Pulice, Joanne**- Caroline and Phillip  
**Regulski, Patty**- Andy Martone  
**Sweeney, Linda**- Dennis Sweeney  
**Tammaro, Mary**- Julie & Dave Peppe  
**Tewksbury, Josie**- Andy Tewksbury  
**Wright, Mary**- Mary B. Titman; Tom & Niki Wright  
**Woiccak, Brenda**- Sue Woiccak  
**Woiccak, Lorraine**- Sue Woiccak  
**Woiccak, Jen**- Sue Woiccak  
**Youarski, Mrs. Wilma**- Sharon A. Loudon

# Mother's Day

Distin, Lucy	Pepperhiemer, Jane	Convertino, Elle	Wright, Mary	Woiccak, Lorraine
Diveris, Betty	Roeber, Louise	Sementelli, Annetle	Nichols, Theresa	Woiccak, Jennifer
Fernald, Carlyne	Thorne, Lauren	Zandy, Virginia	Barta, Mary E.	Carrigg, Caitlin
Ferraro, Kirby	Pulice, Joanne	Christina, Edith	Andrews, Patricia	Hall, Joyce
Gates, Erika	Sweeney, Linda	Christina, Rose	McKaig, Lois	McKenna, Jackie
Goodwin, Nancy	Natale, Jr. Frank	Cardullo, Cosntance	Norman, Linda	Miller, Kelly
Heimerl, Maria	Norkaitis, Alice	Youarski, Wilma	Tammaro, Mary	Miller, Heather
King, Maria N.	Battaglini, Lena	Barnard, Marilyn	Kane, Moira	Ibanez, Trish
Kirchmeier, Anna	Battaglini, Joanne	McGowan, Madelyn	Ronan, Inez	Belles, Ann Marie
McCabe, Margaret	Battaglini, Adalene	Fetsko, Margie	Barton, Emily V.	
McMann, Shaina	Hirko, Marion	Parseghian, Breann	Woiccak, Brenda	
Newberry, Catherine	Albrecht, Lenore	Fabrizi, Megan	Woiccak, Jen	



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**June 2025**

## ***Wish List***

### **Paper towels**

Wicker baskets (large)

Copier/printer paper, 20 & 24 lb

Small note pads

Ink Cartridges: HP 62, HP564

Envelopes- #10

Batties (all sizes)

Art Supplies

Model magic

Science kits

Baby Wipes

Diapers (all sizes)

Bottled water

Baby laundry detergent -HE

Swiffer - wet/dry refills

Vacuum Cleaner

Disposable gloves

Spray Bottles

Gift Cards: Michaels, Walmart,  
Sam's Club, Wegman's, Target,  
Gas Stations



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **Reception Desk Volunteer**

- Thursdays 9:00am -1:00pm
- Answer the door and greet clients/volunteers
- Answer phone calls
- Light Administrative Work

### **Classroom Volunteer**

- As few or as many hours as you would like (open 7:30-4:00pm)
- Monday-Thursday
- Assist teachers in the classrooms
- Read to children
- Positively impact children