

Amanda first came to Santa Maria five years ago; she was homeless and facing many legal issues. Amanda was seeking to change her life but was unaware of how to obtain treatment for her substance use disorder. She made it clear to those in the justice system that she needed substance use treatment and was ready to change her life.

At this time Amanda also learned she was pregnant.

She was offered an alternative to incarceration through the WHO or Women Helping Ourselves program.

WHO is offered through Harris County's Community Supervision and Corrections Department and Santa Maria. This program provides substance use treatment and supportive services as an alternative to traditional incarceration for pregnant women and their newborns.

While at Santa Maria, Amanda received the services and support needed to live a life in recovery. This full array of services included parenting education, childcare, and child development activities, individual and group counseling, trauma support, career development, spirituality, and life skills training. In addition, Amanda was able to participate in Caring for Two, a program specifically for pregnant women or those with young children and their families.

Caring for Two utilizes an integrated team and services including parenting education and coaching, counseling and behavioral health support, healthcare navigation and care coordination and peer recovery support services. Amanda cites the Caring for Two program as having the biggest impact on her life at Santa Maria, specifically the influence and care given by Michelle Hansford, Caring for Two Outreach and Care Coordinator.

Amanda had this to say about Michelle, "I would watch her work, hear her talk, watch how she interacted with participants, and see how much hope she would give to us. It was the first time in my life that I felt like I could accomplish anything I put my mind to."

Today Amanda is a dedicated mother to threeyear-old William and a committed Peer Recovery Coach at Santa Maria walking alongside women through their recovery journeys.









# Caring for Two

anta Maria's Caring for Two program improves maternal and child health outcomes for families with a mother who is pregnant or has young children. Caring for Two uses an integrated team and provides services including parenting education and coaching, counseling and behavioral health support, health care navigation and care coordination, peer recovery support services, linkage to treatment and medication assisted treatment when needed. Services are targeted to women impacted by or at risk for substance use and trauma, their infants and other family members. Services are offered to area women in their homes, at partnering organization such as hospitals and women's shelters as well as to those accessing residential substance use treatment or living at Santa Maria. Caring for Two services may extend for up to an 18-month period.

The Caring for Two program has been on an accelerated growth trajectory serving an increased number of women, children and family members in 2024. Through the generosity of Caring for Two donors the program has grown significantly including staffing and services offered. Recently Santa Maria added Doula services for Caring for Two participants. Doulas are currently providing weekly education along with overall pregnancy care including accompanying participants to pre- and post-partum healthcare visits, assisting with creating birthing plans, answering questions, and even accompanying those who need it most into the delivery room.

Caring for Two has also expanded geographically providing programming for women, children and family members in Central Texas from their newly opened Austin office. The current Austin team includes two parent coaches and two peer recovery coaches. This dynamic team is supporting the Parenting in Recovery Court and working with other community partners to serve families in the Greater Austin community. Many of these families have traveled to Houston for Santa Maria's women with children residential substance use treatment program and are now reintegrating into the Austin community.

Santa Maria is grateful to the dedicated Caring for Two staff and the generous donor community who make this unique program possible. Your support allows Santa Maria to build family well-being and resiliency, including supporting mothers' physical and emotional health, improving non-medical drivers of health such as housing and transportation, and helping parents develop positive social support systems and build on their parenting skills.

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For twelve remarkable years Nadine Scamp, LMSW has served as the CEO of Santa Maria, however her tenure at the organization is nearing completion as she undertakes a new endeavor at the beginning of April as the CEO for Northwest Assistance Ministries. While the board and staff are saddened by Nadine's departure, they are glad that she will continue serving families in need and building programs and services that allow families to thrive.

Throughout Nadine's tenure she guided Santa Maria through unprecedented times, never losing sight of the organization's mission and the immense needs of those we serve. She has weathered actual storms that can only be described as biblical and led the organization to safely remain open through a global pandemic. Through Nadine's leadership Santa Maria both stayed the course in these difficult times and thrived, serving more women, children and family members in 2024 than ever before.

In addition, Nadine has led Santa Maria in programmatic growth and diversification. At the beginning of her time at Santa Maria she helped forge a partnership with Baylor College of Medicine to open onsite residential withdrawal management services and later grew this partnership to add an onsite and fully integrated healthcare clinic, centered around the unique needs of women with substance use disorders and their families, the I-CARE Clinic. Her stewardship of our Caring for Two program and

the partnership with Harris Health Ben Taub to implement the Maternal Perinatal Addiction Treatment Clinic and its nationally recognized MOM model for pregnant women with opioid use disorder has moved the needle on maternal and child health outcomes. Finally, she has led Santa Maria to answer the call to bring life-changing recovery services to the greater Austin area, meeting an enormous need for this community while expanding Santa Maria's geographic footprint. Santa Maria's board, staff and volunteers are filled with gratitude for Nadine's hard work and faithful leadership.



"Serving as the CEO of Santa Maria has been a true privilege. Walking alongside our participants, staff, volunteers and hundreds of community supporters has not only brought me immense joy but has allowed the support needed for Santa Maria to grow. The visions of serving more women, children and family members, integrating healthcare services, building strong programs to improve maternal and child health outcomes and expanding geographically have transformed from dreams to reality."

## WELCOME

Santa Maria's New CEO

## VAUGHAN GILMORE

Santa Maria's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Vaughan Gilmore, LCSW-S and LCDC has been selected to serve as the organization's Chief Executive Officer. Vaughan has served as Santa Maria's Chief Clinical Officer for more than three years, leading the oversight and development of program services, quality initiatives and training both staff and interns. Under her guidance Santa Maria has improved the quality, efficiency and effectiveness in delivering treatment services.

In addition to her leadership at Santa Maria, Vaughan brings with her a wealth of education and experience. She is a graduate of Texas Christian University and obtained her master's degree in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington. Before joining Santa Maria Vaughan served as the Director of Addiction and Recovery Services at The Menninger Clinic where she led a team of addiction professionals focused on providing integrated treatment for co-occurring psychiatric and addictive disorders. In this role Vaughan integrated peer recovery services into the inpatient setting and aided in the implementation of hospital-wide outcome measures focused on substance use disorders.

Vaughan is passionate about expanding access to recovery pathways and reducing stigma associated with substance use disorders. She believes that all women should have access to high quality substance use treatment regardless of their ability to pay. Her hard work and dedication is fueled by the mission of Santa Maria and providing recovery programs and services to women, children and families in need.

Vaughan officially began in the role of CEO on February 19, 2025. Santa Maria's outgoing CEO, Nadine Scamp will remain in an advisory role throughout March to ensure a smooth transition for board, staff and volunteers alike.

"Stepping into the role of CEO at Santa Maria is an honor and a privilege. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation Nadine has created — a foundation built on compassion, resilience, and a commitment to empowering women and families.

Over the past three years, I have seen firsthand the passion and dedication of our community, and I am inspired by the work we do every day. Santa Maria will continue to make a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve, ensuring they have the opportunity to heal, grow, and thrive."







- Vaughan Gilmore, Santa Maria CEO



# Faith Partners Spotlight

#### **GOOD HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**







he historic Good Hope Missionary
Baptist Church was founded
in 1872 in Houston's 4th Ward,
providing over 150 years of
service to the greater Houston
area. Led by pastor Dr. DZ Cofield, Good
Hope Missionary Baptist Church has
more than 2,500 active members and is
committed to each member engaging in
service to their church and community.
Good Hope has partnered with Santa

Maria for several years providing quality mother and child bonding opportunities for our participants and their children. With warmth, energy and compassion, volunteers have conducted events from creating vision boards, to painting pumpkins and even throwing baby showers for expectant mothers. Santa Maria is grateful for the members of Good Hope and their commitment to serving others, including the women and children residing at Santa Maria.



2025 Luncheon Benefiting Santa Maria

TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2025

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON 11:30 AM — 1:00 PM

We are honored to celebrate the thousands of women and families whose lives have been transformed by the recovery treatment and supportive services they receive through Santa Maria.

THE RISE LUNCHEON FOR RECOVERY RAISES ESSENTIAL FUNDS FOR FULFILLING OUR LIFE CHANGING MISSION.

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For sponsorship or donation information please contact RACHAEL WRIGHT rwright@santamariahostel.org or 832-207-2038



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