



*Jane's baby was born  
just under 5 lbs.*



*Jane's baby girl, a tiny miracle  
from God.*

**Joyce, our director, interviewed a homeless female** living in a shelter outside the city who wanted to be in a maternity home near a hospital in St. Paul. So, into our home came "Jane" who was six months pregnant. She previously had been homeless and living in a car in Colorado.

The spring weather was warm. Jane left the house every day with a backpack containing snack food and a blanket. It takes a while for homeless persons to shake the homeless self-image. Jane never went anywhere without lots of snack food. There was a reason for that. Jane and her sisters were abandoned by their mother. They lived with a "cruel" aunt, as she revealed. Her aunt and uncle denied them food if they disobeyed.

To cope, young Jane got a part-time job and with the money, she bought snack food to hide in her basement bedroom to keep from starving. Another time she said with heartfelt sincerity: "I will never slap my daughter." Again she was remembering her childhood.

After settling into the routine at Philomena House, Jane felt secure enough to look for a job. A bakery offered her a position to work the pre-dawn shift. But before she could start, she went into labor – 6 weeks early.

Her baby girl was born, perfect in shape, and immediately went into the neonatal department. Jane stayed at her side, feeding her every two to three hours around the clock because of the need to get her weight up.

Fast-forwarding to eight months later, the baby is doing well and Jane is living with her daughter's grandmother. Jane has a job as a certified nursing assistant and is working 60 hours a week. As she reported with much spirit: "I am earning money for my girl." Thank you for making this happy ending possible. We could not do this work without your financial support and prayers.

Blessings,  
Judy Lagowski, House Mother