Maternity home making difference in the lives of women and their babies

Iron Range Expansion being proposed

DULUTH — Pregnant, homeless, and afraid with limited options, Krista found the help she needed at Star of the North Maternity Home in Duluth and the experience changed her life.

The 38-year-old (who only gave her first name) said she was in the hospital being checked over after a domestic violence incident when she learned she was three months pregnant and that she was grateful to be accepted into the program at a facility created just for such situations.

With multiple locks, security cameras, and someone around at all times, Krista said she felt safe there. Her basic needs of security, food, shelter and clothing were met allowing her to focus on her pregnancy, and eventually deliver her healthy baby girl.

"It gave me a solid foundation to bond with my newborn and give her a good start in life and gain confidence and love to do the same for myself," Krista said.

After graduating from the program Krista accepted an overnight staff position at Star of the North, and has since then completed an internship as part of the requirements to obtain an Associate of Arts degree.

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Mark Parenteau has a lot of faith in the Iron Range.

"I think I've had a lot of success in the area," Parenteau, of Zim Range.

Among the reasons is a "good" diet and hard work are two of the attributes that Gladys Groshel credits to longevity.

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