

Vincentian Spotlight



Vincentian, Mary Ann Malizia, President of St. Agnes Conference in Rockville Centre recently completed a home makeover for Kathy, a single mother of three. Kathy's parents were drug addicts and as a result, she experienced a tragic childhood. Kathy was passed around from house to house and lived in foster care for many years. She often slept on couches and never knew what it meant to have her own room. Her

home reflected the disparity she felt. "It was unnerving to see the conditions of her living environment and that of the children. You could feel the absence of life and spirit in the home. There were no pictures on the walls, no curtains on the windows, no furnishings that make up a home", said Mary Ann.

With the help of a few friends, Mary Ann painted Kathy's house and the children's furniture, they purchased new mattresses, pillows, and comforters for the family and stocked the shelves with dishes and food. A former interior designer and friend of Mary Ann's provided Kathy with new decorative curtains. Afterward, they said you could see a difference in her. They finalized the evening with a celebratory dinner. Although a home makeover cannot solve all of Kathy's problems, it's one step toward improving her self-esteem and her quality of life. Sometimes the Vincentian ministry is letting people know that someone cares and showing them a little bit of love.