

## Ellen Klaus, Mary's Room Bio

I am a retired elementary school teacher and have always enjoyed volunteering, even when I had a young family. I have been a volunteer with Mary's Room for many years, but just recently became the team coordinator for the program. This has brought me a deep appreciation for the wonderful volunteers who keep Mary's Room healthy and happy. They are special people.

I am grateful to have met so many parents and children. My hope is to build a community among the mothers and children who come to Mary's Room. We held a food prep class in the Fall of 2022, complete with babysitting. This Fall we will be holding classes in pie-making with a pie for home! I plan to make a soap-making class. And our first Latina play group for mothers and children will start this Fall. We are a community of parents, children, volunteers, and donors.

