

Learn About...

HEART House Program

What is the Program?

The HEART House Program is a transitional housing program intended to serve homeless single mothers and their children. The program's purpose is to provide Housing and Case Management services to the families for a maximum of 24 months and connect them to services that will assist in their transition to permanent housing and eventual self-sufficiency.

Who Does the Program Serve?

To be eligible for the program, the applicant must be homeless, have children under the age of 13, and be 13 months "clean/sober" and active in the recovery process among those having a drug and alcohol history. Applicants are self-referred or referred through a number of community agencies including emergency shelters and other housing programs. Goodwill HEART House program is able to accommodate 5 families at a point-in-time.



How Does the Program Benefit Participants and the Community?

Each family is educated in life skill areas (i.e. budgeting, maintaining an apartment, responsibilities of renting or owning, childcare issues, time management, education and training), and are encouraged to network within the community to build a system of resources post-program. In turn, the program's practice instills a priority of self-sufficiency and ultimate contribution back to the community.

A Personal Story:

Asia Jackson entered the HEART House Program with her 1 year old son and pregnant with her 2nd child. She came from an abusive situation, and was determined to make a better life for herself and her children. She enrolled in the Keys program, began attending CCAC's accounting program and has maintained a high grade average. She has also accepted responsibility of her 14-year-old stepsister who lost her father. In December Asia will graduate with an Associates degree in accounting, and has begun the process of accessing affordable housing for her family.

Special Program Accomplishments

In 2008, 100% of the families completing the program completed some type of training and or education, became employed, moved into permanent housing and were able to independently access information about the community in which they planned to reside.