

Our Mission

Our House provides the working homeless - families and individuals - with safe, clean, comfortable housing; food; free child care; education; and job training in order that they may return to independence and lead productive lives.

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OUR HOUSE

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Return to *Independence*

By providing shelter and other necessities, Our House helps Arkansas' working homeless successfully reenter the community as independent and productive citizens. *Arkansas Business* recently selected Our House as a finalist for the 2007 Nonprofit of the Year. The many success stories of our former residents are a testament to how well our program works. Our House is a multifaceted organization, but most importantly, we're a home.



What Makes Our House *Different?*

Not only does Our House provide homeless families with a secure environment, but we also offer them the tools and resources needed to help them ease back into society as working, self-sufficient individuals. We offer people the opportunity to better themselves by providing a support system with services ranging from free child care to computer literacy classes.



Why *help?*

With your help, Our House is able to serve the community by helping people that are otherwise hopeless. Families in our program aspire to be a valuable part of this community, but because of their circumstances, they are unable to do so without the aid of an organization like Our House. Your support provides housing, food, clothing and education for the homeless men, women and children staying in our shelters.



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*Our House doesn't just provide **shelter**, we provide a **means** for **families and individuals** to get their **lives in order** and become a **successful** part of this **community**.*



The Shelter

Our House provides residents with the following necessities as well as a pleasant environment to make their transition out of homelessness as comfortable as possible.

- Dormitories
- Free laundry facilities
- Dining area and common room
- Full-service kitchen
- Large playground and family area
- Hygiene items
- Clothing
- Linens
- School supplies (for resident's children)

All adult residents are required to:

- Find a full-time job within 14 days of entry into the shelter
- Save 75% of earnings

Our House's job search support program provides leads and resources to residents during their job hunt.



Family Housing

Our House is the only program in Central Arkansas that provides transitional housing to homeless families. The family housing program consists of two buildings with 14 units. Three-quarters of the residents at Our House are families. These families stay in private family rooms and share a common living room and kitchen. The program is unique in that it enables married couples to stay together rather than being split up, and it also allows parents to stay with their children. Residents are in charge of keeping up with their own chores and shared responsibilities.



The Family Housing Program provides residents with the opportunity to transition out of homelessness and into permanent housing. The Family Housing is a long-term, comprehensive program. Residents may stay in the program for up to two years and are required to work and participate in education and training activities during their stay. Each year Our House moves over 400 people out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

Help Make Our House a *Happy Home*

Through the generosity of many volunteers and donors, Our House is able to successfully combat the problems faced by displaced families. There are many ways you can help at Our House. Volunteers can . . .

- Adopt a room in the shelter to paint, decorate, furnish and repair
- Provide gardening and landscaping assistance to give families a beautiful place to enjoy the outdoors.
- Serve a meal
- Teach or tutor
- Provide transportation
- Host a fundraising event

The Learning Center

The Learning Center at Our House offers over 20 different courses that provide students with resources needed to be successful in the workplace, the community and their own families.

The Learning Center offers a variety of courses ranging from computer training and parenting to basic literacy, as well as an after-school program for teenagers.

The center focuses on training adults in fields that will most likely benefit them in finding a full-time job. Classes such as computer skills, workforce development, introduction to Internet and email, financial literacy and Microsoft Office training help participants gain the skills they will need the most.

The Learning Center is equipped with:

- Computer labs with up-to-date technology
- Individual and group study rooms
- Classrooms
- Student union
- Dining area

The Learning Center is a licensed provider of adult and workforce education and is recognized by the Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education.



Little Learners

Little Learners Child Development Center is a licensed childcare provider that serves the children of Our House and the community-at-large. The child development center features:

- Nursery
- Pre-School
- Children's computers
- Large playground
- Early childhood education stations
- Free breakfast and lunch



Children's Programs

Our House staff and volunteers make sure that children living in the shelter have the best childhood possible. Our House gives families the opportunity to celebrate holidays and birthdays by giving gifts to parents to give to their children. Each summer, Our House enrolls children in summer camps so they can have the same experiences other children have. Our House gives children a happy place to live while their parents are getting back on their feet.

Other Services

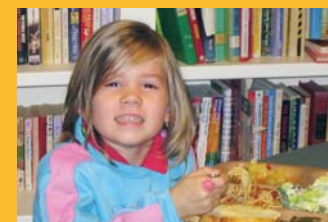
Our House also offers additional free services that help people transform their lives.

- Addiction recovery groups
- After school programs
- Parenting classes
- Case management

And if volunteering isn't for you, Our House gladly accepts monetary donations.

Because the computer skills, job training and literacy programs are all provided free of charge, Our House relies completely on grants and individual donations to provide scholarships. Even a small donation can make a big difference in a family's life.

To make a donation, simply call (501) 374-7383 or go online to www.ourhouseshelter.org.



Last year, 95% of adults entering Our House did not have a job, but with the help of our programs, 76% of those adults were able to find and sustain jobs, bringing them closer to ending their struggle with homelessness for good.

- Our House serves nearly **1,000** people each year
- Our House serves **55,000** free meals per year
- Our house serves **110** residents per day on average