

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A SUPPORT CONGREGATION?

Summary of Program Benefits

FOR GUESTS

- ◆ Safe, homelike shelter where families can stay together.
- ◆ Guests cite the caring of volunteers as one of the most important benefits; "I never knew so many people cared."
- ◆ Intensive case management by network director to assist in finding housing, jobs, and meeting other needs.
- ◆ Guest families secure long-term housing.

FOR VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ Opportunity to help homeless families directly; to make a difference.
- ◆ Opportunity to do outreach within their own congregation or a nearby location.
- ◆ Wide range of volunteer activities to vary schedules and levels of commitment.
- ◆ Opportunity for families to volunteer together.

FOR CONGREGATIONS

- ◆ Opportunity for outreach (within the congregation's own facilities) focusing on the needs of people in the community.
- ◆ Opportunity for participation in the community interfaith project.
- ◆ Increased sense of community among members as they share the effort.

FOR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Cost-efficient mobilization of community resources.
 - ◆ Does not duplicate services already in the community; works with social service agencies to provide counseling, job training, help with housing search, etc.
 - ◆ Does not institutionalize shelter as a solution to homelessness.
 - ◆ Becomes a catalyst for other community initiatives, such as job counseling, parenting workshops, transitional housing, etc.
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How Can Your Church Help?

- ◆ Join Club 180 – Members can sign up for monthly donation.
- ◆ Supply Drive – Collect items like toiletries, clothes, or food.
- ◆ Love Offering – Take a special collection to support the shelter.
- ◆ Join Email List – Get updates on urgent shelter needs.
- ◆ Group Volunteering – Men/Women's group projects.
- ◆ Car Donation – Donate a vehicle to bless a family in need.