



Soroptimist House



"The U.S. Dept. of Justice reports that one in four homeless women is homeless because of violence committed against her. The harsh reality for many dv survivors is that having consistent, stable housing means staying in an abusive relationship or face homelessness." -National Center on Homelessness

"Soroptimist House"

is the next safe step for survivors and their children...a 'home base' where safety, stability and support can pave the way to peace...

Why Soroptimist House?



A Community for Peace & Soroptimist International Citrus Heights have joined hearts and hands to provide a safe alternative for women and children by opening the first *Second Stage Transitional housing* for women and children in this region of our county called Soroptimist House. Here's why:

**Women often flee their abusers to live in cars or motels, enter shelter, or double-up with family or friends.*

**The impact of violence against mothers is staggering-suffering from PTSD at rates three times that of the general female population. Mothers experience becoming homeless as another major stressor amid many adverse circumstances, just experienced.*

**Survivors are more likely to have problems finding housing because of their unique and urgent circumstances caused by the abuse, i.e. poor credit, rental and employment histories; limited income due; lack of high school diplomas; language barriers; or have limited work opportunities that pay a livable wage.*

**83% of homeless children, by age 12, have been exposed to at least one serious violent event; nearly 25% have witnessed acts of violence within their families. An estimated three to ten million children are exposed to dv annually.*

What is Soroptimist House?



Soroptimist house is a 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home that provides 6-18 months of safety and stability for dv and trafficking survivors and their children.

"A survivor's needs are complex, sometimes requiring a period of time to get them resolved or to find alternatives and resources needed to support herself or her children. Time is one thing a survivor does not have a lot of when trying to flee, especially with children. Helping us give her the time, safety and path towards empowerment and healing will ensure that she can eliminate the only other alternative she has...return to the abuse or homelessness. Our partnership is a prayer answered and will help us to help her build a permanent path to peace for herself and her children.

We are deeply grateful to you all and to this community for investing in peace for our families"

Elaine Whitefeather, Executive Director, A Community for Peace

"I CAN DO THINGS YOU CANNOT, YOU CAN DO THINGS I CANNOT; TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS."
-MOTHER TERESA

How you can help...

"Adopt a Room Community Campaign"

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...

Your organization or group adopts one room to keep furnished for the year. When permanent housing is secured, she will leave with a "Starter Kit" of household items, pots and pans, dishes, bedroom furnishings, bedding, enough to get settled with the healing and confidence to begin a new life without fear or trauma. Your organization will then replenish that room for the next family. It is estimated that you will refurnish once or twice a year.

The room will carry a plaque and will have this message affixed to the adopted room entrance:

*"Offered to you by the women and men of
XXXXXXX"*

This will help our families know that an entire community has helped her and her children create a chance for peace...

Here's what's available for adoption

Master bedroom: full bed or three twins; plus one set of bunkbeds (mattresses, bedding included); 2-3 small 4 drawer dressers, reading chair, clock, wall decorations

Master Bathroom; shower curtains, towels for family of 4-6; toilet covers, rugs, trash can, clock, wall decorations, etc.

Bedroom #1: 3 twins or 1 twin and one set of bunkbeds; bedding, 2 dressers; set of towels for family of 3; clock, trash can, lamps, wall decorations

Bedroom #2; 1 full or 2 twins; bedding; 1 dresser; set of towels for 1-2; clock, trash can, lamps, decorations

Main Bathroom: toilet set coverings, rugs, trash cans

Dining Room; table and chairs for 6-8; hutch for dishes

Backyard patio: patio furniture, BBQ, gardening equipment,

Garage: storage shelves, 2 storage sheds, washer and dryer

Living room: Sectional or couch and loveseat; flat screen TV, DVD player, easy chair, cd player, coffee table, end tables, lamps, decorations, silk trees

Kitchen: 2 Sets of pots and pans; dishware for 8-12 people; silverware, microwave, refrigerator, cooking utensils, all items for kitchen set up

Thank you for partnering for peace in our community!



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Opening Summer 2016!