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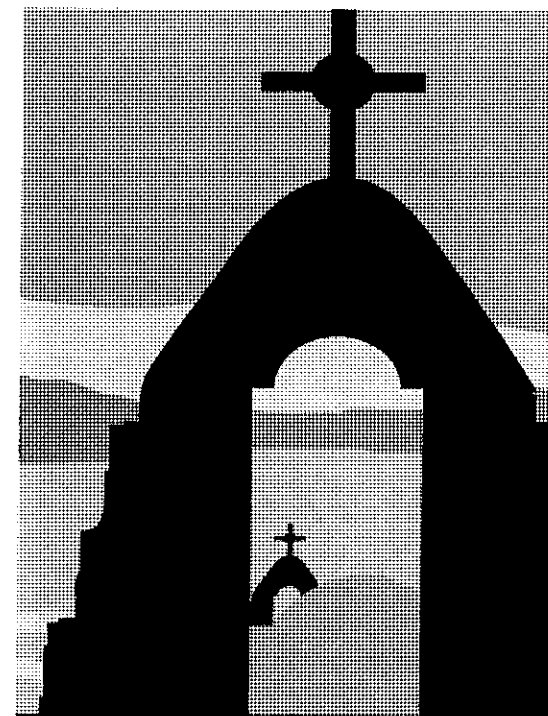
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Room at the Inn

*A community-based
program providing
emergency shelter
for women and families*

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Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn is a 24-hour emergency shelter for women and families dealing with the complex issues of homelessness.

Since 1993, the Sisters of Divine Providence, in partnership with more than 50 interfaith congregations and organizations, has provided a comprehensive program of support to women and families struggling with homelessness. Room at the Inn is integrated in the St. Louis County community through thousands of volunteers who focus on meeting the needs of the homeless with compassion and dignity.

Room at the Inn's goals are to provide safe, clean shelter and meals for women and families, and to help them regain self-sufficiency and prevent future episodes of homelessness.

Room at the Inn serves up to 20 people daily, about half of whom are children. Room at the Inn has a unique model, operating with a single day site and more than 50 night sites. At the shelter during the day, clients work to identify and correct the root causes of their homelessness. In the evenings, two hosting congregations create a welcoming night-site environment where clients and hosts share meals, fellowship and a safe place to sleep. Our partner congregations represent numerous different faith traditions and a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds.



Meeting a Need

Homelessness is a real and growing problem in St. Louis County. Room at the Inn is one of only three emergency shelter providers in St. Louis County, accounting for 15% of the beds for homeless women and families. We shelter more than 200 people each year, half of whom are children.

In addition to filling a need for safe shelter, Room at the Inn is the catalyst for engaging congregations and other organizations to become more directly involved with the homeless in a meaningful and manageable way.

Room at the Inn is a non-sectarian, non-discriminatory, 501(c)(3) agency, a member of the St. Louis County Homeless Services Providers Network, and an entry point to the St. Louis County Continuum of Care.

Please join our efforts to help our neighbors find housing and become self-sufficient.

The Shelter Provides ...

- Safe, clean, immediate housing
- Lunch and snacks
- Case management, to help clients identify and correct the root-cause issues for their homelessness
- Physical and mental health evaluations
- Substance abuse evaluations and counseling
- Domestic abuse counseling
- Goal-setting assistance and follow-up
- Referrals to more than 35 outside agencies
- Life-skills classes, including financial management, parenting, job skills
- Showers, laundry and kitchen facilities
- Telephone, computer and Internet access
- Transportation to and from appropriate agencies/services
- Housing placement assistance



Night Sites Provide ...

- Transportation
- Hospitality and fellowship
- Sleeping arrangements
- Dinner and breakfast

Help From Our Neighbors

Room at the Inn is always seeking new congregations as night-shelter sites. Our 50+ partner congregations provide their space and volunteers on the same night each month, once a month. Congregation volunteers are trained, directed and assisted by the Room at the Inn volunteer coordinator. We welcome your call to volunteer your facilities and caring members.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an essential component of Room at the Inn and help to meet our clients' physical and emotional needs.

Volunteer opportunities at the Bridgeton day site include:

- Office and data entry work
- Fundraising tasks
- Transportation of clients to appointments
- On-site child care
- Assistance with recreational and educational activities

Volunteer opportunities at the night sites include:

- Driving
- Cooking
- Providing hospitality and fellowship
- Serving as nighttime hosts

Donations

Individuals, congregations, corporations, private foundations and local, state and federal government agencies assist the Sisters of Divine Providence in financial sponsorship of Room at the Inn.

In addition to cash donations, the following items are always needed:

- Gas cards
- Bus and MetroLink passes
- Laundry detergent
- Diapers
- Paper products
- Personal hygiene products
- All-purpose cleaners
- School supplies, including new shoes
- Women's socks and undergarments

Mission Statement

Sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, Room at the Inn provides emergency shelter and a stabilizing support system to women and families in need in St. Louis County, using a collaborative, interfaith effort of congregations and organizations throughout the St. Louis region.

"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it, some have unknowingly entertained angels." —Hebrews 13:2