Our Guests

Most frequently, the women that join us are young, 18-24 yrs old, although some have been in their early 30's. Many have not completed their High School education having struggled for various reasons with schooling. Many have experienced trauma of some sort, either from their family situation or through the experience of sexual abuse. Often they come to us unaccustomed to living a disciplined or purposeful life, unable to move forward with dreams and goals for their future as women and mothers-to-be. They need our love, our guidance and support, our thoughtful mentoring along with our prayerful accompaniment and friendship. Some of the women come having had some experience of faith in Christ while others have not. We desire to see them have an encounter with Jesus Christ, to come to see themselves as Beloved Daughters of the Father and to experience new life through the gentle work of the Holy Spirit in them. Some come to us resisting guidance or faith, while others have a deep hunger for life in Christ. It is both a challenge and a joy to be part of these women's lives.

Our Role As House Moms Falls Across Three Domains

a) Spiritual Motherhood or Sisterhood

- Leading evening devotion
- Participating in weekly Bible Study (if held on your shift, or you are invited to participate if you so choose, even if not on your shift!)
- Sharing in the faith formation of our guests, (always sensitive to their degree of openness or reticence, or even in some cases, resistance) through sharing your own experiences in faith and scripture, your love for Our Lord and his faithfulness throughout your life, whether in times of joy or despair.
- Maintaining our own friendship with Christ as Lord through frequent conversations with him (prayer) receiving his Word (scripture) sharing in friendship with other sisters and brothers (our community and your own faith community).
- Informal teaching of skills related to homemaking, childcare, self care or communication, all from the standpoint of seeking the grace of Christ in our lives and in our home.

b) Caseworking

- Assisting guests in applying for social services
- Maintaining daily written records on your shift regarding the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of our guests
- Assisting guests in applying for section 8 housing
- Seeking out additional resources as necessary to support the needs of a guest (i.e. vehicle assistance, bus schedules, security deposit, doula, professional counseling, childcare options, etc.)
- Assisting with considering Educational opportunities, Employment opportunities, Apprenticeship or Trade School opportunities, Helping them to take the next step.

c) Managing a Home

- Overseeing and participating in homemaking responsibilities with the women (assigned tasks – aka chores!), maintaining beauty and order in the home, planning and preparing meals
- Ensuring guests abide by house guidelines and when necessary engaging in conversation about expectations of the house.
- Applying discipline in the form of "write-ups" or loss of privileges for intentional defiance or resistance to cooperating with house expectations
- Other tasks as needed to create and maintain a home environment of respect, and enjoyment together, of the good, the true and the beautiful

Compensation

The compensation for this work is modest. Your commitment would involve a "live-in" shift of either 24 or 48 hours. Compensation, however, does not include hourly pay for the eight hours of sleep each night. The current compensation for 24 or 48 hours is $15.00/hour for 16-32 hours.

You would receive the joy of participating with Our Lord in bringing his truth, goodness and beauty to a group of women in need and learn to delight in the women who come to us by seeing them through the Father's eyes.