

Door
of
Hope





a program of restoration
for homeless families

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Who we are

Door of Hope is a non-profit faith based organization whose mission is *to equip homeless families to rebuild their lives*. Since 1985 we have been providing transitional housing and a restoration program especially designed for homeless families with children. Our 8 unit facility is located in North West Pasadena and includes a historic Victorian house as well as apartments.

We are one of the few places which will accept both single moms as well as two parent families. Our goal is to help families with children go *from homelessness to self-sufficiency to permanent housing*. We provide a safe nurturing home environment for homeless families who are serious about getting their lives back on track.

What we provide

During their yearlong stay in our eight unit housing facility, we work daily to help families prepare to transition out of temporary housing and into their own independent living residence. Along with free housing and meals, we provide clothing, laundry facilities, access to job training and placement programs, a computer lab, individual, marriage, and family counseling, training in money management skills, Bible studies, mentoring, after school tutoring for children, and classes in life skills in parenting, nutrition, and marriage. The program is *goal orientated with individualized plans* which address each family's unique needs to help them overcome homelessness. It is our desire to empower homeless families to *break the cycle of homelessness permanently*.



Our successes and vision for the future

In the first 22 years we have seen over 200 families successfully complete our program and return to the community as productive and self-sufficient residents. Three out of four families maintain long term stability after graduating, never returning to homelessness again.

It is our desire to expand our highly effective program to reach even more homeless families by having multiple transitional housing program sights. We also have a vision to be able to provide permanent affordable housing for our graduates who need a place to live.

How you can help

There are many ways you can make a difference in a homeless family's life. We need people to help in our after school program, sponsor a room or a family, bring meals, provide professional services, do volunteer work projects, underwrite an event or project, and donate financially whether it be a one time or monthly donation. Please visit our web site for more information or to make a donation online. www.doorofhope.us

Our phases of development and goals

Four Phases of Development

Once a family is accepted into the Door of Hope they begin the program with a probationary period and then work through the four phases of development. As families work through each of these phases, their privileges and independence gradually increase until they are ready to leave within a year.

1 PHASE ONE: Stability

Goals:

- Provision of a safe home environment
- Provision of all meals and clothing
- Development of a daily routine and schedule for parents and children
- Enroll children in school and/or child care
- Setting personal, financial, job and family goals
- Begin individual and marriage therapy
- Begin attending life-skills classes
- Prepare for and begin searching for a job

2 PHASE TWO: Employment

Goals:

- Acquire a full-time job and start working
- Begin saving money and paying off debt
- Learn to budget finances
- Meet weekly with case manager and program director
- Evaluate financial, job and family goals
- Participate fully in therapy and life-skills classes

3 PHASE THREE: Moving Towards Independence

Goals:

- Move from the front house into an apartment in a back unit
- Begin to budget independently

- Buy food and cook for their own family
- Do chores in and maintain their own apartment
- Continue therapy and life-skills classes
- Increase savings
- Begin to look for permanent housing
- Prepare/plan for move to their own apartment

4 PHASE FOUR: Permanent Housing

Goals:

- Move into permanent housing
- Assistance in finding a new home
- Assistance with furnishing the new home
- Assistance in moving into the new home
- Follow-up by case management, counseling and other supportive services
- After school program still available for children



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